

Policy and Law Reform

IDRS works towards policy and law reform to advance the legal and human rights of people with intellectual disability.

Please visit our website for publications, ongoing campaigns and further information.

 www.idrs.org.au

Getting Involved...

You can help by:

- Becoming a trained volunteer support person
- Joining the CJSN volunteer solicitor programme to provide free legal advice to people with intellectual disability in police custody

Please contact us to find out about upcoming volunteer opportunities.

IDRS receives funding from:

- * Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC), NSW Department of Family and Community Services
- * The Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)
- * Public Purpose Fund of the Law Society of New South Wales

Contact us...

Sydney (Head Office, All Services)

PO Box 3347, Redfern, NSW 2016

Tel (02) 9318 0144 Fax (02) 9318 2887

Free call 1800 666 611 (outside Sydney)

Criminal Justice Support Network (CJSN)

Newcastle, Hunter

PO Box 458, Newcastle, NSW 2300

Tel (02) 4926 5643 Fax (02) 4927 8147

Wollongong, Illawarra/ Shoalhaven

PO Box 5460, Wollongong, NSW 2520

Tel (02) 4228 4040 Fax (02) 4228 4640

Regional NSW

Free call 1800 666 611



1300 665 908

This number is available 24/7 to get a support person or legal advice for people with intellectual disability in police custody



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Legal Advice

Education

Information

Support at Court

and Police Stations

for People with

Intellectual Disability

Legal Help for People with Intellectual Disability in New South Wales

Who do we help?

- people with intellectual disability
- people calling on behalf of someone with intellectual disability

What do we help with?

- care and protection matters
(for parents with intellectual disability)
- consumer rights
- fines
- complaints about services
- employment
- criminal matters
- AVOs (Apprehended Violence Orders)
- discrimination
- victims' compensation or restitution
- guardianship and financial management
- wills, estates and future planning
- credit and debt

Free legal advice provided over the phone or in person. Please call (02) 9318 0144 or 1800 666 611 (outside Sydney) to make an appointment for legal advice.

Criminal Justice Support Network (CJSN) for People with Intellectual Disability

Support is provided at:

- police stations
- court, mediation, conferencing and similar places
- legal appointments

Areas we provide support:

- Sydney
- Newcastle / Hunter
- Mid North Coast
- Gosford / Central Coast
- Illawarra, Shoalhaven and South Coast
- Riverina

We will do our best to find someone to provide support in other areas of NSW, call 1800 666 611.

Support will help to:

- understand and exercise rights
- obtain and understand legal advice
- raise individual needs
- understand outcomes, conditions and consequences

Support and legal advice for people with intellectual disability in police custody is provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call 1300 665 908

Supporting Parents with Intellectual Disability

Support is provided to:

- professionals working with parents with intellectual disability
- a person with intellectual disability who is becoming a parent or who is already a parent and
 - has been reported to Community Services or
 - has to go the Children's Court for a care and protection matter

What we can do:

- provide support and advocacy
- provide advice and information to professionals on parenting with intellectual disability
- raise awareness around systemic issues facing parents with intellectual disability

Training

IDRS provides training to:

- people with intellectual disability
- community workers and volunteers
- carers, advocates and family
- solicitors and barristers
- public sector workers and police officers

Please contact IDRS on (02) 9318 0144 to discuss training and education options.