

Cognitive Impairment

Cognitive impairment includes (without limitation) any of the following:

- Intellectual disability
- Borderline intellectual functioning
- Dementia
- Acquired brain injury
- Drug & alcohol related brain damage
- Foetal alcohol spectrum disorder

For more information on cognitive impairment you can download one of our facts sheets at www.idrs.org.au/jas/jas-resources

Our Volunteers

Many supports are conducted by trained & experienced volunteers. Volunteers are supported by Justice Advocates. The generosity of volunteers enables our team to reach far more people across much more of NSW than we otherwise could. Their impact in supporting justice for people with cognitive impairment in NSW is enormous.

If you would like to become a volunteer visit www.idrs.org.au/volunteers. We provide comprehensive training, induction, and ongoing support to successful applicants.

Our Training

We are available to deliver training to organisations working with people with cognitive impairment who are involved in the criminal justice system.

Our training outcomes will position your workforce to:

- better understand cognitive impairment
- recognise the indicators of cognitive impairment
- better support people with cognitive impairment

For further information about our training courses email JAStraining@idrs.org.au.



JAS is available across NSW



JAS is delivered by the Intellectual Disability Rights Service (IDRS).



IDRS also accepts charitable donations.
To donate visit: www.givenow.com.au/idrs



IDRS acknowledges JAS funding from the New South Wales Government









We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live and work. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future, and recognise their continuing connection and contribution to the land and waters.



9265 6300 | 1300 665 908 [Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm]



1300 665 908 24 hours/7 days for people in police custody

justiceadvocacy@idrs.org.au www.justiceadvocacy.org.au











Do you need support talking to Police, the Court or a Lawyer? We will support you if you are a Victim of crime, a Witness, a Suspect or a Defendant in a criminal related matter.

We are a free disability service for young people and adults. If you have trouble communicating with and understanding the criminal justice system call us for a yarn and see if JAS is the right service for you.





Our Support

Our support people will do their best to link you with other services you may need, such as:

- Drug & alcohol
- Medical
- Mental health
- Parenting courses
- Cultural
- NDIS pathways
- Domestic violence support
- Youth
- Employment
- Housing

JAS will make sure you understand what is going on in your matter. We can:

- Support you report a crime to Police
- Help you get legal advice & meet with your lawyer
- Attend the Police station if you are under arrest
- Support you to apply for an AVO
- **Matternal** Court with you
- Support you if you are in jail or youth detention
- Help you talk with solicitors & make sure you understand what is going on through the court process & the outcome





Artist: Miss Donna Gayford McLaren a Gamilaraay woman, Family; Cain's & Leslie's from Burra Bee Dee Coonabarabran

Making a Referral

If you think that someone going through the criminal justice system may have a cognitive impairment.

You can make a referral to JAS by calling:

**** 1300 665 908

Eligibility

A potential client does not need to provide evidence of cognitive impairment to be referred or use their NDIS funding for this service.