

# FACT SHEET



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## Parents with Intellectual Disability Project

Parents with Intellectual Disability is a project of the Intellectual Disability Rights Service (IDRS.) The aim of the project is to improve justice for parents with intellectual disability by addressing the disadvantage they experience in the Care and Protection system.

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### How can we assist legal representatives?

Refer parents to lawyers with an interest in representing parents with intellectual disability

Support lawyers representing parents with intellectual disability by:

- Drafting affidavits for clients who require additional support
- Problem solving around challenges in communicating with clients
- Understanding issues about parenting with intellectual disability
- Providing research data about parents with intellectual disability and their children
- Advising on clinical assessment issues
- Advising on appropriate support and intervention and developing support plans
- Liaising with Family and Community Service Caseworkers

### About the Project

Project is funded through the Public Purpose Fund of the Law Society of NSW, and has commenced its second cycle of three year funding.

This is a state-wide service.

### Activities in Brief

- Free Legal advice
- Limited legal representation (Public Interest Cases)
- Social Work advice and referral
- Education

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## How can we help parents with intellectual disability?

- Support at court
- Support in meetings particularly with Family and Community Services
- Assist with reading documents
- Provide accessible information
- Assist in giving instructions
- Explain what Family and Community Services and others are expecting of them
- Advocacy and Referral to services

## How can we assist support persons?

(E.g. Disability workers, Care and Protection caseworkers, Family Support workers, clinicians, family members)

- Understanding care proceedings
- Understanding how to support parents with intellectual disability in Care and Protection Matters
- Providing information about parenting with intellectual disability
- Developing appropriate support plans that meet best practice guidelines for working with parents with intellectual disability
- Understanding and communicating with parents with intellectual disability
- In-service education sessions

### Advice and Referrals

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