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Researchers look into things to find out what can be better.



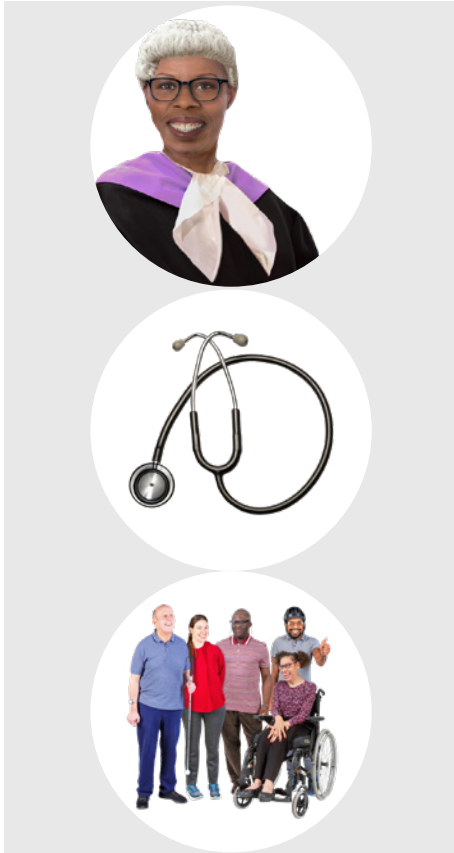
Julian did research on what can be better for people with intellectual disability in the **justice system**.



The **justice system** is things like

- The law
- Jail.

Information Julian looked at



Julian looked at information in NSW from

- The NSW justice system
- Health places
- Disability organisations.



He used this information to find out what it is like for people with intellectual disability in the justice system.



Julian wanted to find out what could help people with intellectual disability to stay out of jail.



A lot of information says people with intellectual disability go back to jail more than other people.



Julian wanted to find out why that happens.

What Julian found out

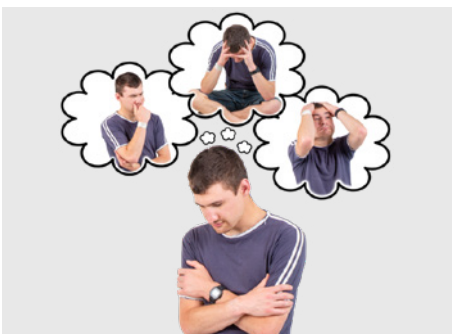


Julian found out things that help people not go back to jail after they get out.



He found out it is helpful when when people have a good mix of services like

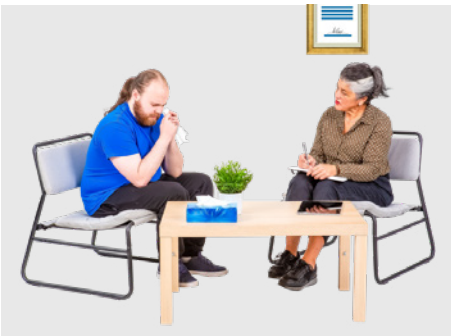
- Disability services
- Community services
- **Mental Health** services.



Mental health is about the way you think and feel.



Julian found that having a good disability service when people first get out of jail is important.



He found people with intellectual disability who got mental health support go back to jail less.



The people who did not go back to jail the most had good

- Disability support

and

- Mental health support.

What needs to happen



The research showed there are things that need to happen.



The research showed that it is important to know who has intellectual disability in jail.



If we know who has intellectual disability it is easier to support them.



There needs to be better ways to **diagnose** people with intellectual disability in jail.



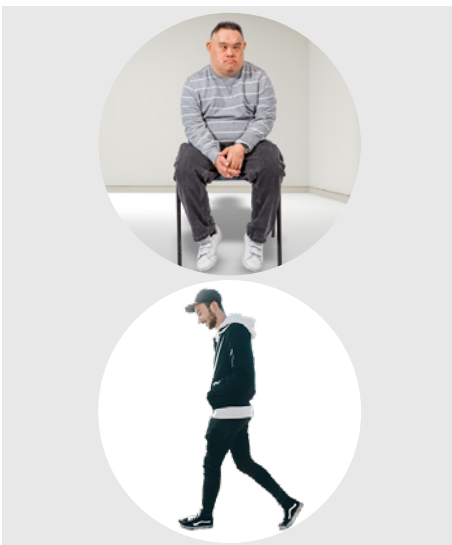
Diagnose means when doctors or health teams work out you have an intellectual disability.



Different types of support services need to work together with the justice system.



We need better ways of sharing information between all the different systems and services.



We also need to make sure people with intellectual disability get support

- Before they leave jail
- After they leave jail.

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