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Justice and Community Safety



Working with women who did crime

ACT Corrective Services



Easy English



Hard words

This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**

- we write what the hard word means.

You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book

- know what this book is about

- find more information.



About this book



This book is written by
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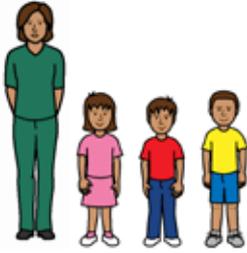
- helps to keep the community safe.

We look after prisons and run programs for
people who do crime.



This book is about how we work with women
who did crime.

Some things might be hard for women who did crime



Women who did crime might find it hard to

- get care for their children



- be the mother they want to be

- see their children when they want.



Women who did crime might

- find it hard to stay happy because of bad things that happened in the past



- find it hard to join a helpful community



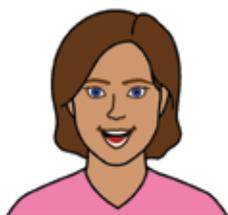
- connect with people or services that might help them.

How do we help?



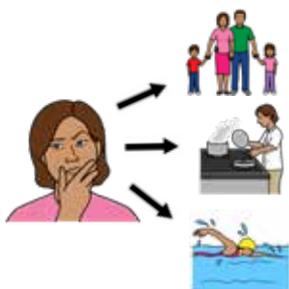
We follow steps to help women

- stop doing crime when they leave prison



- join the community in a safe way

- live a happy life.



We will think about the needs of each woman.

For example

- what their life looks like now and what they want in the future



- what problems might happen
 - for example, not enough money



- how we can help the problem
 - for example, help to find a job.

Good relationships

We aim to help women who did crime make good relationships with



- other women who did crime



- friends and family



- support services.



Support services should be right for the woman's culture.



Good relationships might help with

- parenting



- health and disability.

Rehabilitate



Rehabilitate means make better.



When we choose services to help rehabilitate a woman we will think about

- her strengths



- any very bad events that affected her mental health

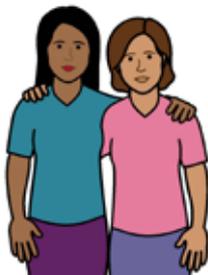


- her safety

- her **dignity**.

Dignity means we will treat her like she

- is important



- deserves kindness.



We also think about whether the rehabilitation service will help the woman

- do things on her own



- believe in her abilities.

Reintegrate



Reintegrate is when someone wants to be part of the community again.

The best support will help stop women from doing more crimes when they leave prison.



The best support might include

- ongoing care from a person or service
- community support.

What else will we do?



We will make sure the people who work for us

- understand their jobs



- are good at their jobs.



We will also

- monitor how our programs are going



- improve our programs when they can be better



- work together with other groups who can help in different ways.



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