



**We are Prisoners Aid**



**Easy English**

## Hard Words



This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the hard word is in **blue**
- we will 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 it says
- find more information.

## About this Book



Prisoners Aid wrote this book.



This book is about

- who we are
- where we work
- what we do.

# Who we are



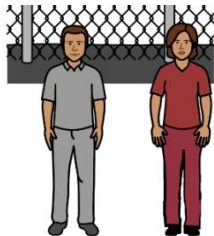
We are Prisoners Aid ACT



We are a community organisation in the Australian Capital Territory.

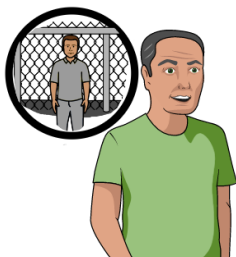


We have been helping people in prison and coming out of prison since **1963**.



We work with

- prisoners



- **former prisoners**

**Former prisoners** are people who were in prison but are **not** in prison any more.

# Who we are

We also work with



- families of prisoners and former prisoners.



- people going through **the criminal justice system** in the ACT.



**The criminal justice system is**

- the police

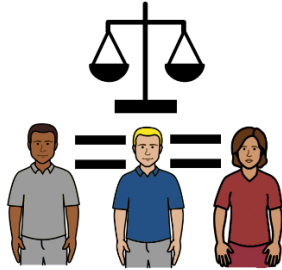


- the courts



- the prisons.

# Who we are



Our goals are to

- make sure people in the criminal justice system are treated fairly



- help people return to the community when they leave prison.

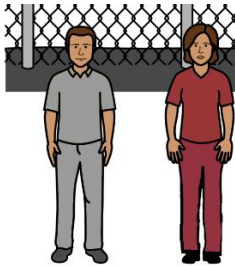
## Where we work



We work at the **Alexander Maconochie Centre**.

The **Alexander Maconochie Centre** is the adult prison in the Australian Capital Territory.

We call the Alexander Maconochie Centre the **AMC**.

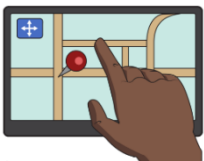


We call the people who live in the AMC **detainees**.

**Detainee** is another word for prisoner.



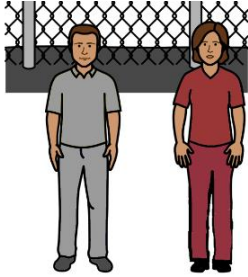
We also have an office at the **ACT Magistrates Court**.



The address and phone number of our offices are on **page 15** of this book.

# What we do

## Detainee Welfare



**Detainee Welfare** means we help detainees to live well at AMC.



We can

- help you with problems



- give you advice



- **advocate** for you

**advocate** means we speak to others for you, if you

- can **not** speak for yourself
- need support to speak for yourself.



# What we do



## Support when you leave prison

If you or your family need help paying for things after prison, we can offer



- Foodbank cards



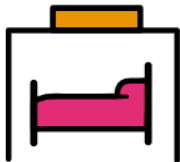
- Woolworths Essentials cards



- bus tickets



- help with gas or electricity bills



- help to find a place to stay for a short time



- clothes



- toiletry items



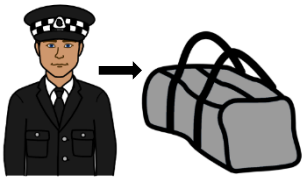
- tools for work.

# What we do

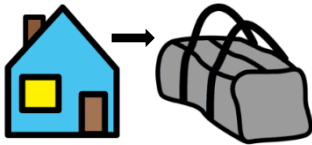


**Help to collect and store things you own**

We can get your things from



- the police



- the place you were living before.



We can keep your things in a safe place for you.

# What we do



## Emotional support



Prison can be hard and stressful for you and your family.



Our friendly staff and volunteers are here to help you.



We can

- listen, if you want to talk to someone

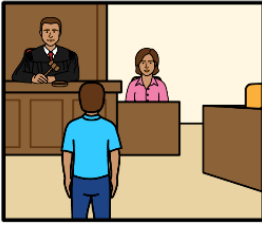


- talk to other organisations that can help you, if we can **not** help.



You are **not** alone.

# What we do



## Court support

We can help you get ready for court, like

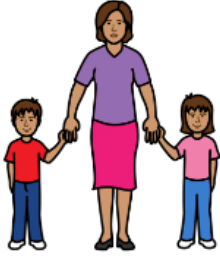


- give you clothes and shoes for court



- help you find legal advice.

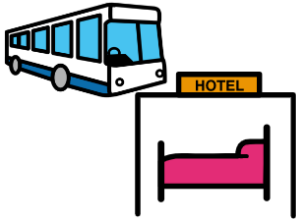
# What we do



## Support for children and families

We can help families of detainees in many ways.

We can



- help pay for travel or a place to stay when families visit a person in prison



- give clothes to wear for a prison visit



- help in an emergency.

# What we do



## Participate Program

Our **Participate Program** helps children with a parent in prison join after-school activities, like



- sports



- swimming lessons



- music



- Scouts



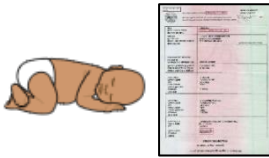
We can also help pay for extra costs of activities.

# What we do



## Document Support

We can help you get important documents, like



- your birth certificate

We can also talk to other organisations for you, like



- Housing ACT



- phone companies



- rental businesses.



You need to sign that you agree for us to talk to the organisations for you.

# Contact us

Our offices are



- the **ACT Magistrates Court**  
Knowles Place, Civic



Open

Monday to Friday

**9** am to **5** pm



Phone: **(02) 6257 4866**

Mobile: **0450 960 896**



Calls from the AMC to Prisoners Aid are free.



Email: **info@paact.org.au**



## Contact us



- the **Alexander Maconochie Centre**

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**10** am to **4** pm



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Visit the AMC website for

- up-to-date information about the AMC
- AMC forms

[Visiting a detainee | Corrective Services \(act.gov.au\)](http://act.gov.au)

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