



**SOCIAL  
REINVESTMENT**  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# Justice Reinvestment Community Infosheet



Together we can create healthier families and safer communities, by using smarter justice.

# Justice Reinvestment (JR)

## ...What is it?

Justice Reinvestment aims to reduce the number of people who are in trouble with police and in prisons, by responding to the causes of crime in our communities.

There are lots of reasons people can get involved in crime, such as:



Justice reinvestment aims to **shift interactions away from the criminal justice system** - done by investing in community and leadership, and programs that support prevention, early intervention and rehabilitation.

It **empowers communities to make decisions** about the initiatives and programs that affect their lives, informed by local stories, evidence and data

## It will look different in every community, but justice reinvestment always:



Is led by local people, because they know local communities best and understand local problems and how to fix them



Needs everyone to work together, including all the local families, local services, and different parts of government



Focuses on what is already strong in a community, and uses this to help with challenges

## ...Why do we need it?

**Too many Aboriginal people are in prison.**

Aboriginal people make up 42% of the adult prison population, but only 3.3% of the total population.

Lots of the reason behind this comes back to history and colonisation. This has also caused other problems for Aboriginal people like loss of culture and language, health problems and poverty.



Aboriginal people also have to deal with racism which might make them more likely to be picked up by police.

**Prison doesn't stop people getting in trouble.**



Police and prisons are expensive, and often don't fix the problem. Many people go back to prison or get in trouble with police again.

**Justice Reinvestment is about coming up with better ways to help people so we can create safer communities and healthy, happy families.**

**This puts power into the hands of the community and makes sure that people who need help are getting culturally safe, local support on their country.**



# Social Reinvestment WA

## ...Who are we?

Social Reinvestment WA is a big group of organisations, who are working together to make the Justice System better for Aboriginal people. We are often called SRWA.

We don't deliver any services - we support people & organisations on the ground who do.

### We have staff who:



Support communities with what they need to lead justice reinvestment locally



Document and communicate the evidence and stories of JR across the state



Advocate for systems to change to support JR sites succeed

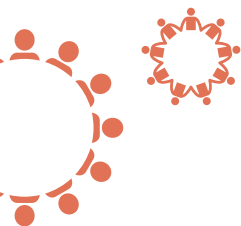


# ...How do we get started with JR?

## Learn more about justice reinvestment

Get in touch with our team!

How have other communities done JR?  
How might it work in yours?



## Bring everyone together for a yarn

Get everyone in the community involved!  
Elders, family groups, organisations, police, and more.

Consider:

What is strong in the local community?

What problems are there?

What do we need to know more about?

How can we use our strengths to fix problems

What other help will we need to make it happen?



## Make a plan for change

Get started!



Decide what to do first, gather the people and the resources you need to make it happen

## Have a yarn with our team

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