## **ASKING THE COURTS FOR** MY KIDS BACK SUPPO

## **PARENT** PROJECT





If you have made changes or if the Department thinks the children might be better off at home, you or the Department can apply to the Children's Court to have the children returned to your care. This is called a Section 90 application.

Speak to a lawyer or contact Legal Aid if you want to find out how to make a Section 90 application to the Court and what you will need to do this.

## Things that the Court will consider include:

- The changes you have made to be a better parent
- Whether the issues that brought the kids into care, have improved
- How old the child is and how long they have been in care
- · Your child's wishes
- Your child's relationship with you and other important people
- · Your ability to look after your child
- The impact that moving might have on the child



"Its not just about ticking the boxes - you have to be ready..'



"We kept the Department informed politely and carefully, letting them know we had met all the challenges, we made the changes and staved on track. We kept talking to FACS about wanting our kids back"

"We worked hard to make changes. We went to rehab, counselling and parenting groups. We had to change our social setting - we had to make new friends and live a different kind of life"



## IDRS provides support to parents with a disability:

https://idrs.org.au/what-we-do/parents-with-disability/disability-advocates-and-workers/



The Department website also has information: https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/families/out-ofhome-care/parents-with-kids-in-oohc/bringingvour-child-home





FISH is a group of parents supporting other parents contact us by email:

contact@finclusionh.org



Legal Aid website has more information: https://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/publications/fact sheets-and-resources/kids-in-care/3.-things-havechanged-and-i-want-my-kids-back-what-can-i-do





