

Case study

Jay, youth mentor and registered disability worker

Jay is a 43-year-old youth mentor working with children with complex backgrounds. A large number of the children mentored by Jay have a disability.

Originally from the UK, Jay was a professional basketball player who volunteered as a mentor for children caught up in gang culture.

Since migrating to Australia, he has continued mentoring. He started his own business and works mainly with young people in correctional facilities.

Registration helps Jay as his business is now recognised as a professional disability service provider. It ensures the community knows he has the skills to work with children with disability.

He also sees the recognition registration provides as a benefit for the whole sector.

“Registration and being recognised as professional are important as an individual, and to increase confidence in the sector and the appeal of entering the sector as a worker”

Jay, registered disability worker