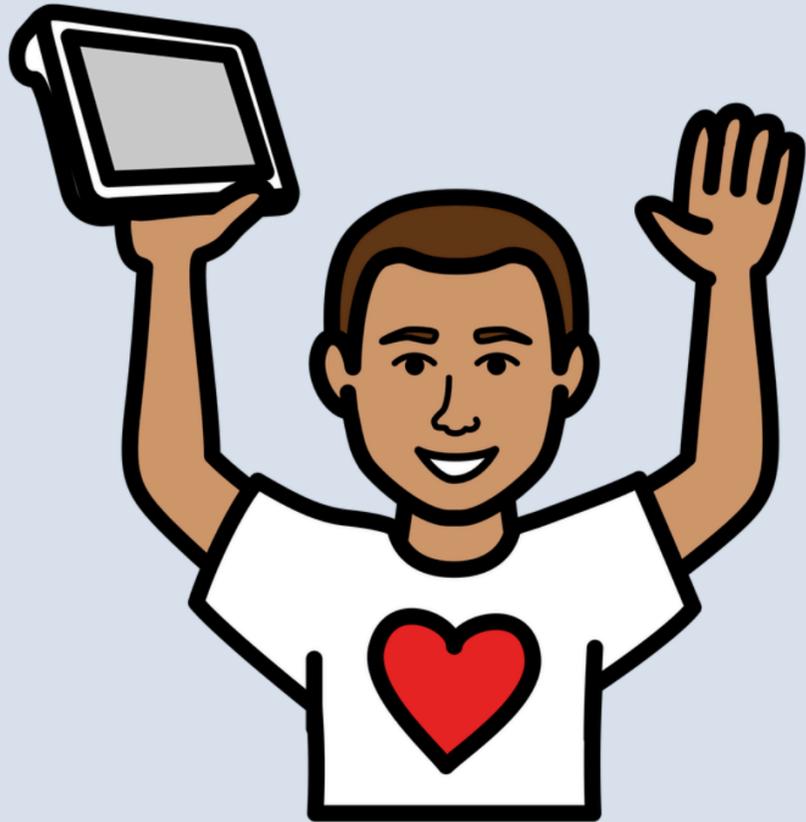


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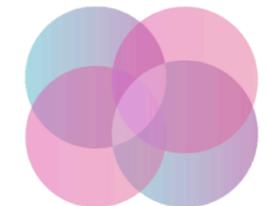
Communication Board Service

Making communication accessible



About us

Embrace Access is a training and resource centre that helps organisations welcome people with communication disability.



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Our team



Emma



Chloe



Satria



Jonno



Sundara



Neville



Josie



Ruby



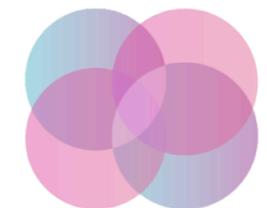
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Mark



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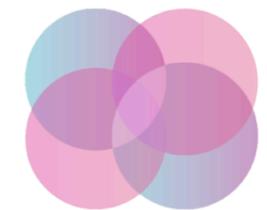


Introductions

- Ruby Yee
- Senior Speech Pathologist
- AAC Specialist
- Trainer & Facilitator
- Lived Experience of Autism



Communication Boards



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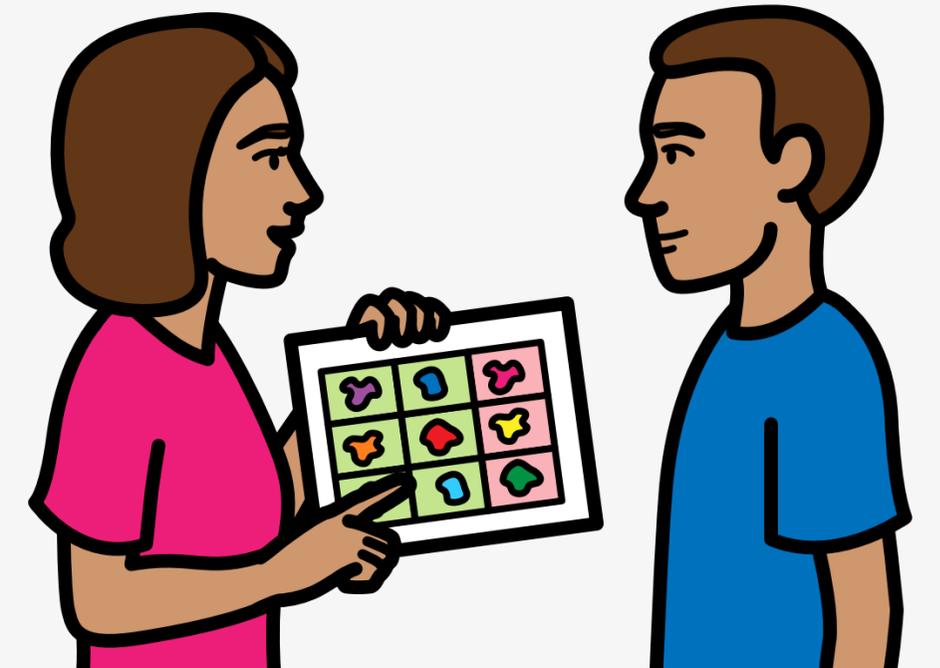
What is a communication board?

A type of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) using **simple words** and/or **visuals** to support communication.



What is it used for?

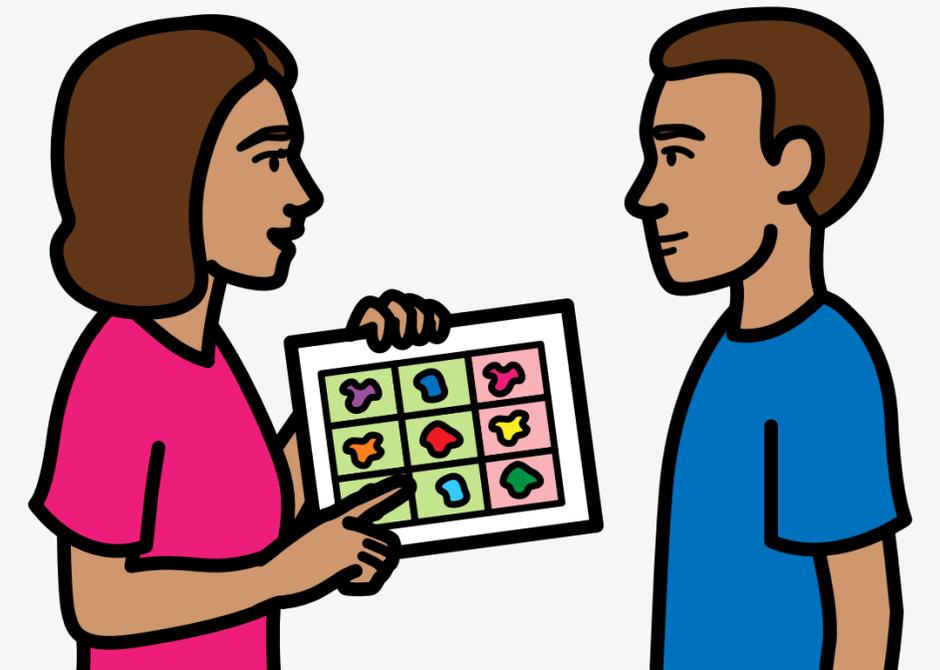
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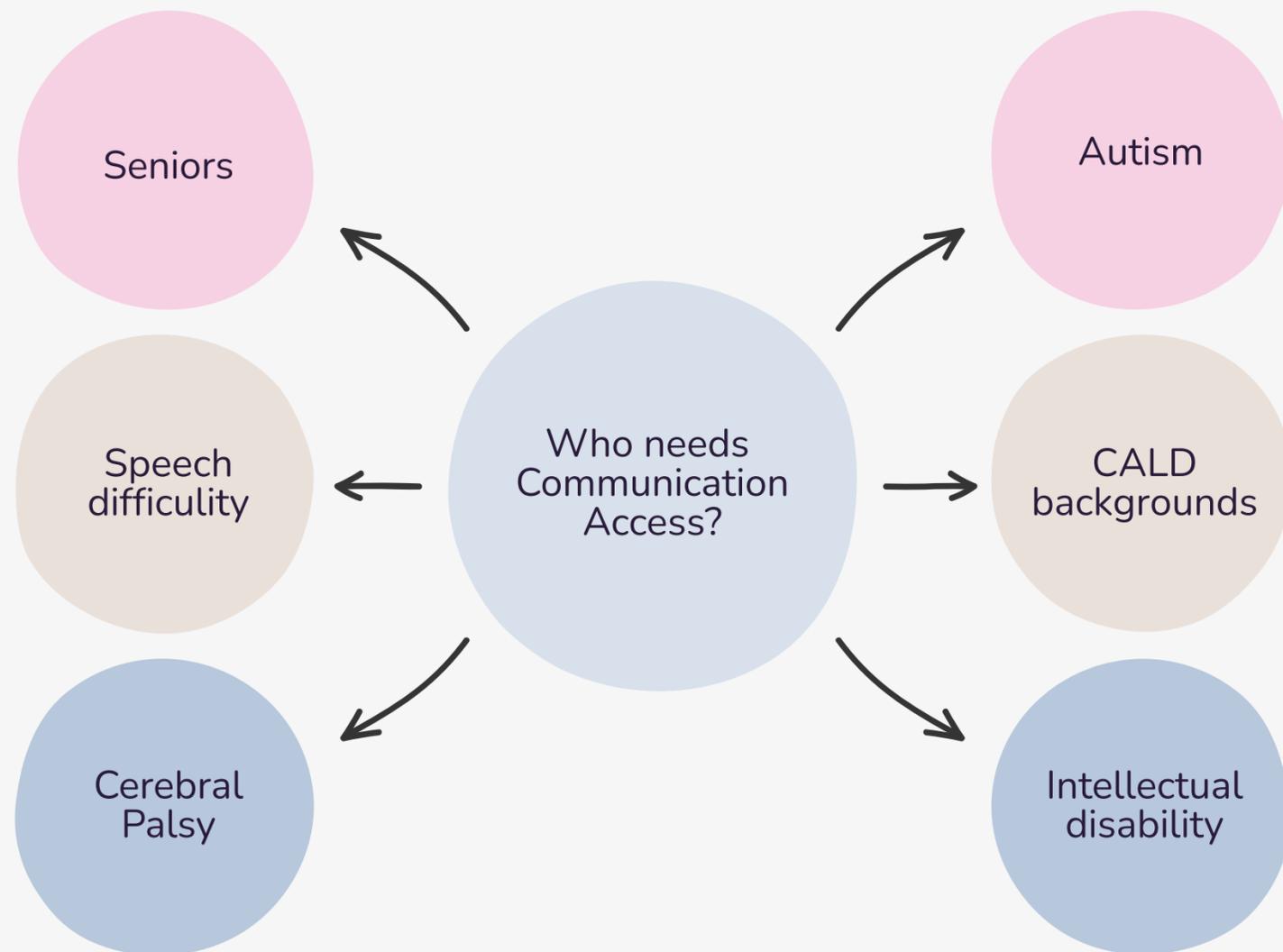
They can assist with:

- increasing understanding of information and daily activities
 - expressing needs, preferences and decisions
 - participating in appointments, services and community settings
 - building memory and routine skills
 - strengthening social connection and inclusion
 - developing and maintaining relationships



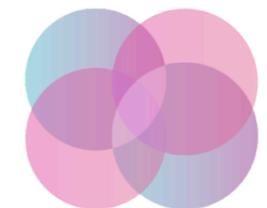
Who benefits?

Communication Boards help many people in the community.



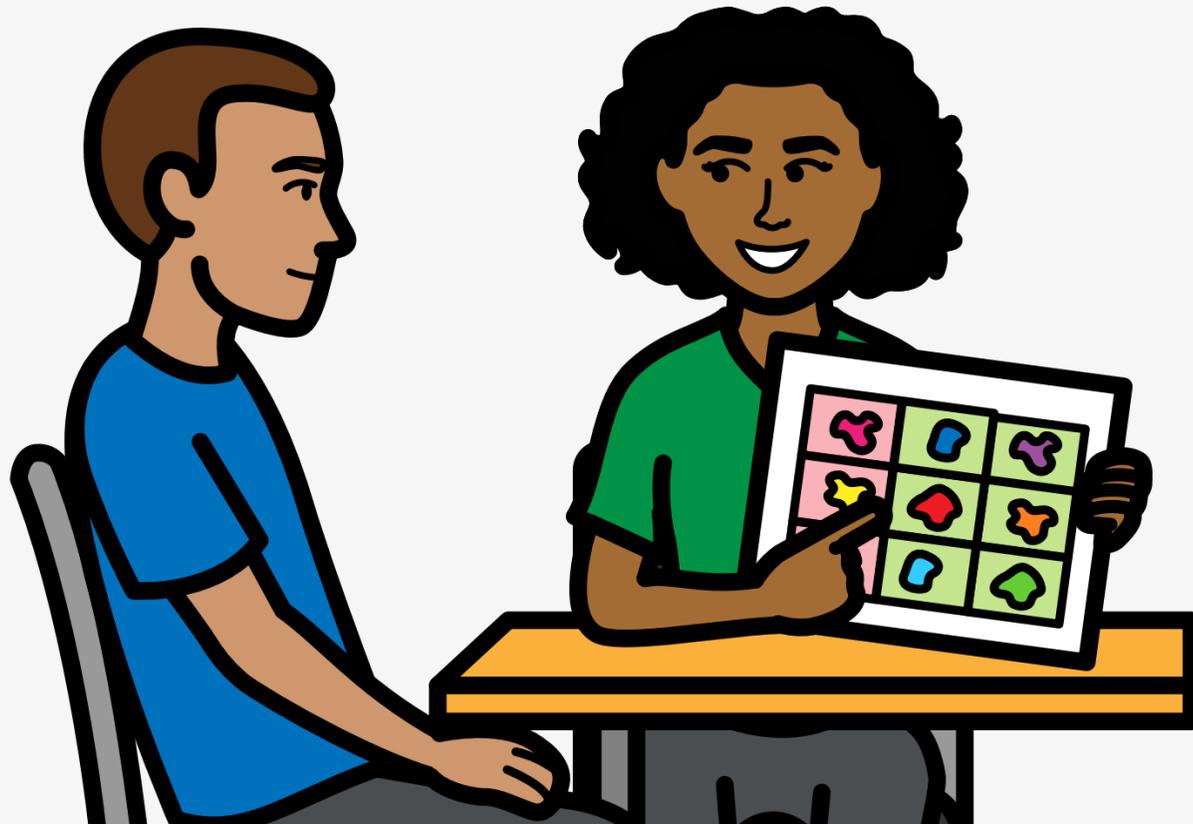
Who benefits?

- 1 in 7 people in Australia experience communication disability at some stage in their lives.
- 1 in 4 people speak a first language that is not English.



Who benefits?

Support workers, family and the allied health team all benefit when tools are available to help them understand a participant's needs.

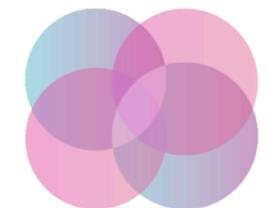


How can our boards help?

- Resolve communication breakdowns before they escalate
- Reduce confusion, anxiety and frustration
- Support participants to express needs, choices and boundaries
- Increase meaningful participation in daily activities
- Build staff consistency in communication approaches
- Demonstrate respect for the participant's voice



Board design process



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Designing your boards

Allow 2 to 4 weeks for us to create your communication board.



Send us your messages

- Prepare a list of 3 to 20 messages per board
- Speech Pathologists will refine and incorporate into your boards.



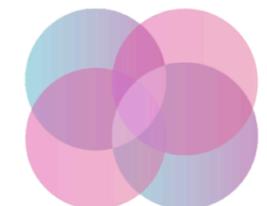
We'll co-design your board

- Co-design with Lived Experience Advisors
- User testing with Lived Experience Advisors
- 2 review cycles for you to edit and update the drafts.



Receive your digital files

- Receive your Communication Boards
- PDF format
- Files can be printed
- Files can be used on a tablet or mobile device.



Examples

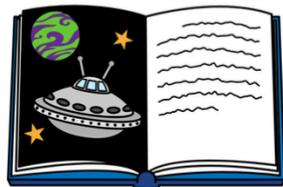
Where is?

		
Toilets 	Computers 	Games 

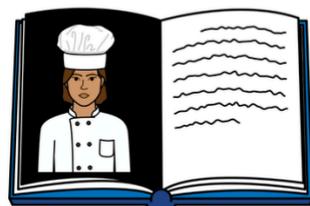
Examples



I am looking for...



Science Fiction



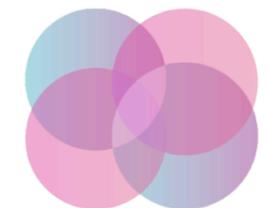
Cook Books



Newspapers

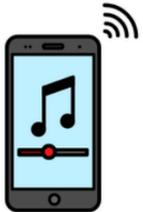


Something else



Examples

 **Help me to relax** 

 Weighted Blanket	 Headphones	 Fidget
 Music	 Cup of tea	 Something else

Examples

	How can we help?		
<p>More time</p> 	<p>Simple language</p> 	<p>Short sentences</p> 	<p>Talk to you normally</p> 
<p>Do not interrupt you</p> 	<p>Find a quiet place</p> 	<p>Smile</p> 	<p>Repeat back to check we understood</p> 
<p>Write it down for you</p> 	<p>Ask you to spell</p> 	<p>Ask you to say it in a different way</p> 	<p>Show you pictures</p> 

Indicative pricing*

We offer bundle pricing for participants requiring multiple boards.

- 1 board \$1,300
- 2 boards \$2,500 (**\$1,250 per item**)
- 3 boards \$3,600 (**\$1,200 per item**)
- 4 boards \$4,600 (**\$1,150 per item**)
- 5 boards \$5,500 (**\$1,100 per item**)

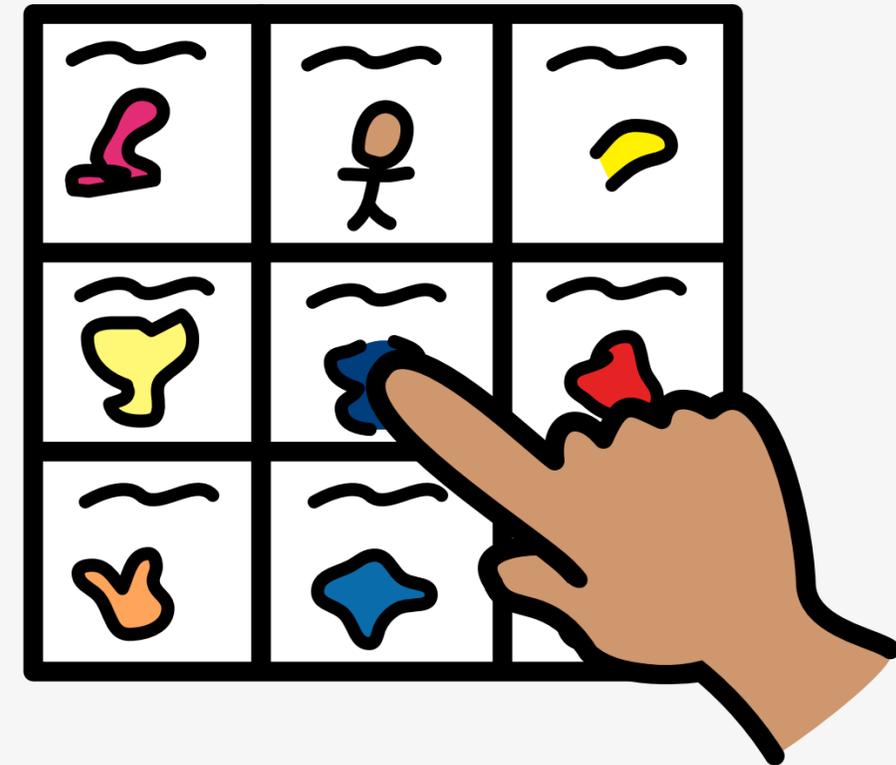
*ex GST pricing



Low Cost Assistive Technology (Low Cost AT)

They can usually be funded when:

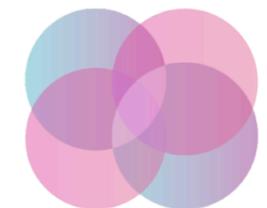
- The item is under \$1,500 (ex GST)
- It supports participant goals
- It increases independence and participation
- It reduces communication-related distress



Which budget?

Depending on the plan, boards may be funded through:

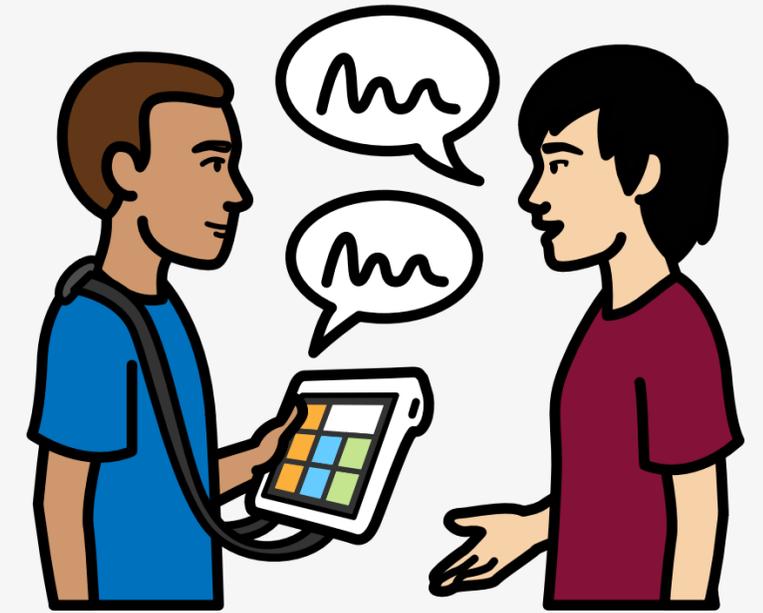
- Core Supports – Consumables
- Capacity Building – Improved Daily Living
- Capacity Building – Improved Relationships (Behaviour Support)



Reasonable and necessary supports

Communication boards:

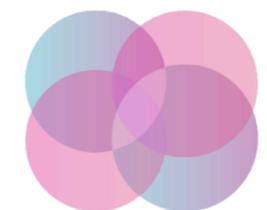
- Build participant capacity
- Reduce behaviours of concern linked to communication breakdown
- Support choice and control
- Improve community participation



Who can use the service?

- ✓ Plan-managed
- ✓ Self-managed
- ✗ NDIA-managed (requires an NDIS registered provider)

Communication Board Training

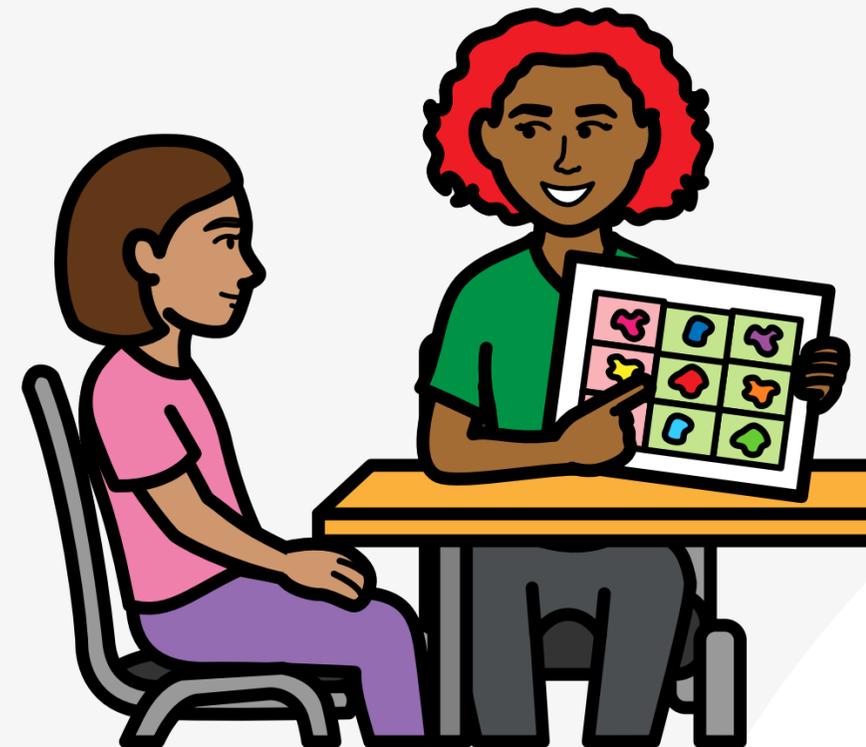


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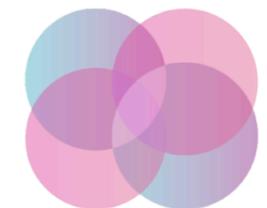
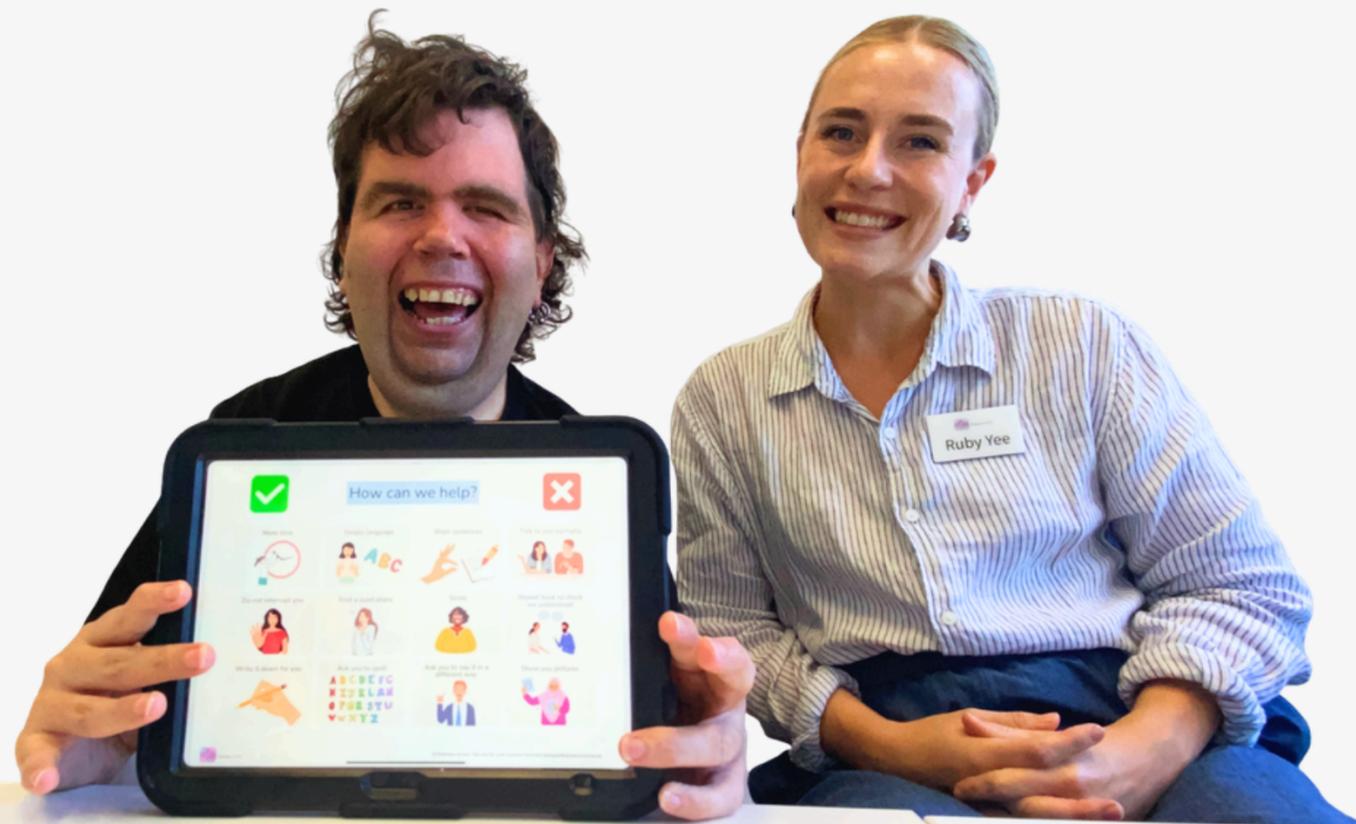
Training will help you to:

- understand communication disabilities
- offer communication boards to people who need it
- use communication boards in practice.



Communication Board Training

- 2 hours
- Online or in-person
- Delivered by a Certified Practising Speech Pathologist



More help

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