

Working
with a
student
therapist





You might be working with a therapist. This could be a:



Speech Pathologist

Occupational Therapist

Physiotherapist Dietitian

Psychologist

Your therapist might have a student with them.



A student is a person who is learning to become a therapist.

Working with you will help the student learn.

Your therapist will make sure that the student does the right thing if they work with you.



Your therapist will ask if you want to work with a student.



You can say 'yes' or 'no' to working with the student.

You can ask these questions to help you decide:



Where will the student work with me?

How will the student work with me?

Will my therapist always be with the student when they are working with me?

Who can I talk to if I like or don't like working with the student?



How much it will cost to work with the student?

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Your therapist should give you this information in a way that you want.
You might want the therapist to:



Tell you this information.

Write down the information.



Use pictures to help you understand the information.

Use sign language or another language to tell you the information.



Give you the information in a way that you want.

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You do not need to tell the therapist straight away if you want to work with the student.

You might want to:



Take more time to think about working with a student.

Talk to different people to help you make a decision.



Try working with the student to see if you like it.



It is OK to change your mind about working with a student.



If you want to know more about working with a student you can:



Ask your therapist.



Talk to people who have worked with a student before.



Talk to or email the university that the student studies at.

To find out more about making decisions:

My Choice Matters - www.mychoicematters.org.au

Practical video on making decisions – www.youtube.com then search for 'Decisions Decisions Decisions' by SpeakOutAdvocacy

Website to support people to make decisions – support-my-decision.org.au/

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