



## Student support services and allied health professionals

The Department of Education and Training



Easy English



## Hard words

This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**
- we write what the hard word means.

## You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book
- know what this book is about



- find more information.

## About this book



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This book is written by the Department of Education and Training.

This book is about **student support services**.

Student support services are health professionals who work with schools to help



- students



- parents



- principals



- teachers.

## Who gives student support services?



### Psychologists

A psychologist is a health expert who can help your child

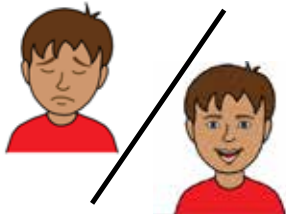
- learn at school



- get along with others



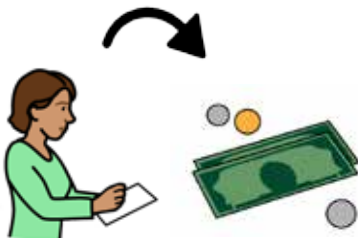
- manage their disability



- manage their feelings.

A psychologist can

- help teachers work well with your child



- write reports about your child to get **funding** for more supports.

Funding is money to help the school pay for disability supports.

## Speech pathologists



A speech pathologist is a health expert who can help your child

- speak



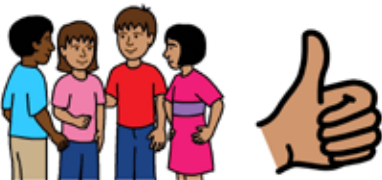
- read



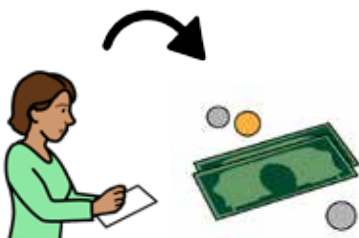
- write



- understand what other people say



- get along with others.



A speech pathologist can write reports about your child to get funding for supports.

## Social workers

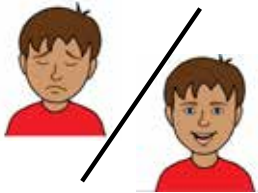
A social worker can help your child



- learn



- manage stress



- manage their feelings.



Social workers can give support to

- your child



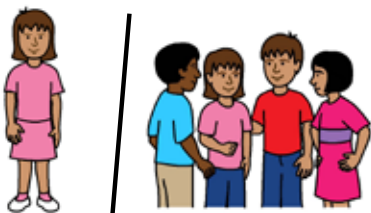
- your family



- teachers.

A social worker might work

- only with your child



or

- with your child in a group.

## Other experts

There are other experts

- who are **not** part of the student support services



- who can still help your child at school.

### Behaviour analysts

A behaviour analyst has special skills to understand your child's behaviour.



A behaviour analyst

- can help your child learn



- can help teachers work with your child.



## Visiting teachers

A visiting teacher comes to the school to work with your child and your child's teacher.

A visiting teacher can help a student who has problems with

- vision



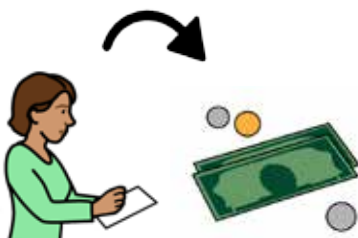
- hearing

- movement.

Visiting teachers can

- help teachers work with your child

- make a plan to help your child learn



- write reports to get funding



- help your child with **assistive equipment**.



Assistive equipment helps students do things at school.

For example



- a wheelchair ramp to get into the building



- a screen reader to help children with low vision to hear the text on a computer.

## How to get student support services

There are 3 people who might ask for student support services for your child including



- you



- your child's teacher



- the principal.

You need to say **yes** before your child gets student support services.



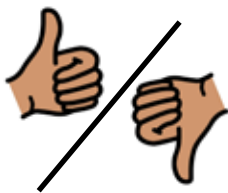
When you get support the school will

- ask you what supports your child needs
- read information about your child in reports



- make a plan to help your child in school
- think about other services your child needs

- send a form to student support services to ask for more services.



If you ask for help student support services will say **yes** or **no**.

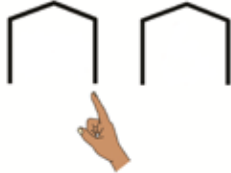


If student support services say **yes**, you can start student support services for your child.



Student support services may say **no** because

- other students have waited for help longer



- there may be better ways to help your child.

If student support services say **no**, the school will help you in other ways.



For example, the school might

- give you more information



- support your child's teacher to work with your child



- tell you other places to get help.



## More information

For more information contact the Department of Education and Training.



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