



# Stakeholders and advocacy

**Aspect Australia**



**Easy English**

## Blue words



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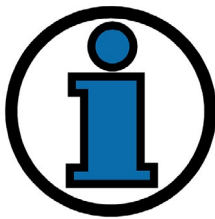
We write what the blue words mean.

## Help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- understand this book
- find more information.



Contact information is at the end of this book.

## About this book



This book is from Aspect Australia.



This book is about our **advocacy** for autistic people.



Advocacy is when a person or organisation

- speaks up about something that is important to them



- writes about something that is important to them.



This book is also about how we will tell our **stakeholders** what we do.

Stakeholders are people who care about our work.



For example

- autistic people



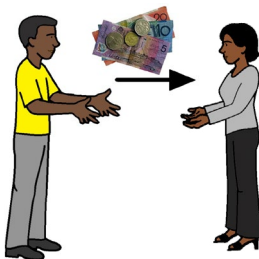
- family and carers of autistic people



- our staff



- the government.



Our stakeholders are also people and organisations who give us money.

## Why we work with stakeholders



We want to work with autistic people when we

- make decisions about our work

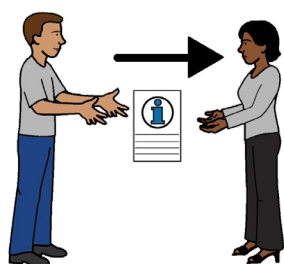


- start new programs.

We also want to work with autistic people when we do **research**.

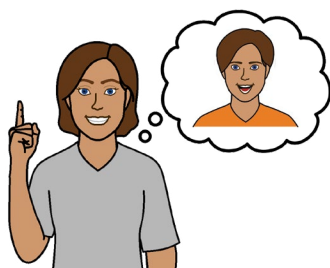


Research is when we look for information to learn more about autism.



We want to work with family and carers of autistic people so we can

- share information



- make sure we understand the people we support.



We will help our staff to

- feel happy at work



- get the information they need to do their work.



We work with the government to

- help them understand autism



- tell them how their work can help autistic people.



We will show people and organisations who give us money how we use their money.

## How we talk to stakeholders

We will include all our stakeholders.

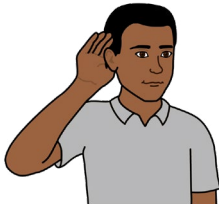


For example we will include people who

- are from different cultures



- do **not** speak English.



We will listen to what our stakeholders tell us.



We will always support autistic people.

We will tell our stakeholders when we want to talk to them.



Every year we will

- tell people about our work



- write a report about our work.

## We speak up about autism



We help the people we support to

- get the services they need



- meet new people



- get a job if they want.



We give advice to people and organisations about how they can include autistic people.



We also help teach the community about autism.



## How we speak up about autism



We work with autistic people to speak up about autism.



When we help an autistic person speak up we

- make sure we know what the person wants
- ask family members or other people for help if we need to.



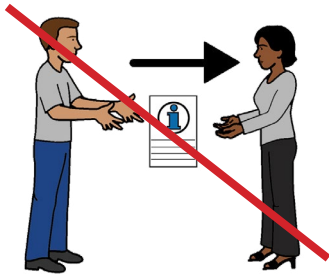
We **respect** the people we support.



Respect means we understand that

- everyone is important
- we should be kind to everyone
- we should **not** hurt other people.





When we help someone to speak up we will **not** share their information with anyone else.



We will make sure that our work helps the autistic community.



## More information



For more information contact  
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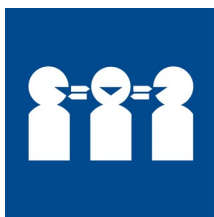


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You can call the TIS in your language.



Call            131 450

Give the TIS officer the phone number you want to call.

## If you need help to speak or listen



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