



SPEECH PATHOLOGY · FOR REFERRERS AND SUPPORT COORDINATORS

Speech Pathology at The Centered Space

WHY YOU'RE HERE

You are referring someone for speech pathology and want to know what we actually do, who we work with, and how we work.

So you can refer with confidence, and the person you send lands somewhere that holds the whole picture.

IF YOU ONLY READ ONE THING

We support communication and swallowing across a whole life, children and adults, and we stabilise the ecosystem around a person before we start therapy.

We are a neurodivergence-affirming allied health practice on the Gold Coast, working across the community, the clinic and Australia-wide by telehealth. Our speech pathology supports communication and swallowing across the whole lifespan, from a child's first words to an adult relearning their voice after a stroke.

Who we work with

We work with children and adults. Speech pathology is not just for little ones learning to talk.

- **Children:** early communication and language, speech sounds, fluency, literacy, and AAC from the start.

- **Adults:** aphasia and cognitive-communication after stroke or brain injury, progressive conditions such as Parkinson's, MND, MS and dementia, and voice therapy.
- **Across ages:** AAC as a full communication system, and community dysphagia (swallowing and mealtime management, with IDDSI plans and support-worker training).

| How we work: the ecosystem comes before the therapy

We do not just do therapy. Before a single session, we look at the whole system around the person. If a key worker, a transdisciplinary plan, or help with NDIS supports is needed, we sort that first. Once the foundation is steady, the therapy works.

1

Understand the whole life

What is happening day to day, and what the person actually wants



2

Stabilise the ecosystem

Coordinate supports, the team, and the NDIS where needed



3

Build goals with the person

Functional, first person, tied to real life



4

Therapy where life happens

Home, school, the community, the workplace, or telehealth



5

Review and adjust

We train the people around them, and we adapt as things change

| What makes us different

- AAC is available from the start, never withheld until a child proves enough speech.

- No masking goals. We never write goals for eye contact, less stimming, or looking more normal.
- We hold the relationship for the long haul, including maintenance therapy for progressive conditions.
- We train the people around the person, so communication keeps working when we are not in the room.

| NDIS funding

NDIS funding may cover speech pathology where it aligns with the participant's goals and approved plan. Not all NDIS plans include speech pathology supports. We help families understand their plan in plain language, and we never bill anyone to navigate the NDIS.

| How to refer

Send an enquiry at speech.thecenteredspace.au, or email admin@thecenteredspace.au. Tell us who it is for and what is going on, and we will reply with next steps, usually within one business day.

Your single next step

Send an enquiry, or book a free conversation →

The Centered Space · Defensible, not loud. We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

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