

Speech Pathology — Literacy Services

It is very rare for a person to not be capable of learning to read or write. Even people with intellectual and other disabilities are often able of developing a functional level of reading and writing if the time and resources are made available to facilitate this.

When a person has difficulty learning to read and write, it is typically because there is a blockage to them learning these skills. Reading and writing are actually quite simple skills, but there is a lot that can get in the way of people learning them. This is important to understand. When people have difficulty learning to read and write, they often begin believing that they are 'dumb,' or not as smart as their contemporaries who pick the skills up with greater ease. This could not be further from the truth, but unfortunately, it is a misconception that can shape the careers, confidence and self-image of many people who don't pick up reading and writing easily at school.

People who experience difficulty learning to read and write can be supported to identify and address their individual blockages to reading and writing. From here, they will typically require support to catch up to their age peers in their understanding and application of the rules of reading and spelling and to develop their ease and fluency with literacy.

Literacy Assessment & Interventions at Fabic

At Fabic we can offer assessment and therapy for people of all ages and presentations who have difficulty learning to read and write. These interventions are typically offered as a series of 1:1 sessions from our Gold Coast or Brisbane clinics, as well as in the client's home or other relevant setting via our mobile service to Beaudesert, Brisbane, Lismore, the Gold Coast, other locations and online via Zoom or Skype. We are also able to work closely with the person's school and other educational supports.

Literacy interventions require regular practice between sessions in order to be effective. We recommend that people consider when the best time will be to commence a literacy intervention, given the degree and continuity of follow up needed in between sessions for the person to develop their skills effectively and transfer these into use in their everyday life.

Medicare plans, private health insurance and, in some cases, National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding (NDIS) can be used to support access to these literacy services.

Meet Kathryn — Our Lead Speech Pathologist

Kathryn Maroney has been offering speech pathology services through Fabic since 2014 and has a wealth of experience across the scope of speech pathology practice. Kathryn has worked in private practice, schools, community health and the not for profit sector.

Further information about Kathryn is available at www.fabic.com.au/about-us/kathryn-maroney



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