

Working together- what do policies say?

This paper is a part of a bigger project called '[Relationships and Recognition](#)'.

We want to know what helps young people and support workers work well together. First we looked at what policies say. This is what we found.

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Policies



Policies are like rules.



They tell people who work in government and organisations how to work well with people with disability.



They tell people with disability what government and organisations will do.



Policies are important in relationships between young people with disability and their support workers.

What have we done



We read lots of policies from governments and organisations.



We asked if policies help to make a good relationship between people with disability and their support workers.



We wrote a report about what we found.

What we found



Not many policies talk about what it is like for people with disability and support workers to work together.



The policies are about human rights for people with disability.



It is the job of governments and organisations make sure these policies happen in people's lives.



But not many policies talk about people working together. They only talk about the person with disability or the worker.



Good relationships are a way for people to feel respected.



The policies that do talk about working together are about how support workers help people with disability to get their rights. For example, to make choices.



Other policies say what should not happen in relationships so that people with disability are safe.



This is a good time to think about how young people and workers work together. Because of the new National Disability Insurance Scheme, the way that people work together is changing.

Who did this research?

Southern Cross University have partnered with UNSW, NDS, Northcott, NSW Family and Community Services and Dundee University to do this research . It is funded by the Australian Research Council.

For more information about the project, please go to the project [website](#).

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