
Communication method

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD
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Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
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Definition: The method of communication, including sign language, most effectively used by the person.
The communication must be effective of itself, that is the person must be able to communicate more than just basic needs, to unfamiliar people using the method.
Context: Client support needs:
Method of communication is an important indicator of potential barriers to social integration, particularly in conjunction with country of birth data and information on language spoken at home.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: N
Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 1
Data Domain: 0 Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)
1 Little, or no effective communication
2 Sign language
3 Other effective non-spoken communication (e.g. e-mail)
4 Spoken language (effective)
8 Other method of communication
9 Not stated/ inadequately described
Guide For Use: This item is considered 'not applicable' to children under 5 because of the difficulty in assessing communication at early developmental stages. The ABS in the Survey of Disability,

