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## **Jo Baker Private Speech Pathologist**

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Registered for Private Health funds: Yes  
HIC Registered: Yes

**Age of Clients Seen: 9 months – 13 years**

**Areas of special interest: Literacy, CAPD, articulation, dyspraxia, stuttering. No waiting list.**

**Referrals accepted for clients with the following communication disorders:** articulation, dyspraxia, cleft palate, early language [delay or disorder], Central Auditory Processing Disorder, foreign accent modification, intellectual disability, learning difficulty, school age language and literacy, stuttering and phonological awareness.

### **About Jo**

Jo has worked across a broad range of services for over 25 years, more recently specializing in novel approaches to boost children's abilities in literacy, speech and language. She is a strong advocate for rural and school services and pioneered the use of Telehealth [2-way TV] to improve access to speech therapy for country clients. She has implemented regular school visits as the standard when working within the government health system and remains keen to see more use of school-based services in the metro area so children do not miss valuable class time. Jo has also been contracted to provide direct services by hospital health services, to consult for Schools GP Plus, to supervise Curtin speech therapy students in schools and now works exclusively as a private speech pathologist from her practice in Forrestfield. Jo created two new and unique programs to enhance pre-literacy [**Soundstart**] and literacy [**Speak to Spell**] to use with individuals or with entire classrooms. WALNA scores at one school increased in triple figures as measured by independent Education Department Assessors. Jo has also developed a unique **Noisy Book & Jumping Jack** approach in her work with children with



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dyspraxic speech. She shares her work place with her two high school aged daughters [“part-time receptionists” and coffee makers **extraordinaire**] and **Casie the Wonderdog**, who really can talk!