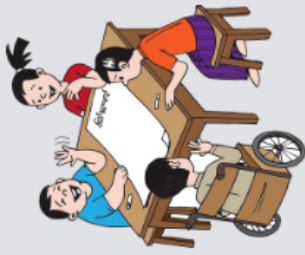


# 5 HIDDEN BARRIERS



## MAKING FRIENDS

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE WITH CEREBRAL PALSY/PHYSICAL DISABILITIES CAN OFTEN FIND IT DIFFICULT TO MAKE FRIENDS DUE TO BEING SEEN AS 'DIFFERENT' BY OTHER CHILDREN AS WELL AS PROBLEMS WITH COMMUNICATION



## BEING INCLUDED

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE WITH CEREBRAL PALSY/PHYSICAL DISABILITIES ARE OFTEN LEFT OUT BY THEIR ABLE-BODIED PEERS. OVER A QUARTER OF YOUNG PEOPLE REPORTED THAT THEY HAD NEVER BEEN INVITED TO A PARTY OR A FRIEND'S HOUSE FOR DINNER



## COMMUNICATION

1 IN 4 PEOPLE WITH CEREBRAL PALSY ARE UNABLE TO SPEAK. THIS CAN BE REALLY FRUSTRATING, ESPECIALLY AS SO MANY JUMP TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THEY CANNOT UNDERSTAND. IT CAN BE A TIMELY PROCESS TO COMMUNICATE EVEN BASIC NEEDS & QUITE OFTEN PEOPLE ARE NOT PATIENT

## INDEPENDENCE

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE WITH CEREBRAL PALSY/PHYSICAL DISABILITIES OFTEN STRUGGLE WITH A LACK OF INDEPENDENCE, ESPECIALLY IN THEIR TEENAGE YEARS. OVER THREE QUARTERS SAID THAT THEY FIND IT "INCREDIBLY" FRUSTRATING



## C:P

## teens

## OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE WITH CEREBRAL PALSY/PHYSICAL DISABILITIES OFTEN STRUGGLE TO ACCESS THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES AS THEIR ABLE-BODIED PEERS. THEY ARE OFTEN OVERLOOKED DUE TO THEIR PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS

