



October is AAC Awareness Month!

What is AAC?



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What age should we start using AAC?

Any age! You are never too young or too old to have access to communication.

What are the prerequisites for AAC?

There are no prerequisites! You do not need to prove you are ready. No one is too anything to use AAC.

Does AAC stop the development of Speech?

No. Research shows that AAC can actually promote speech development and improve a child's potential for communication and language development through increased social interaction and initiation. Children who are able to use speech and AAC will always choose the easiest and quickest way to get their message across. If speech is possible it will usually be the preferred mode of communication.



How to be a partner in AAC

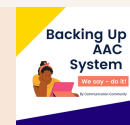
Want to Be a Good Communication Partner for Your AAC Learner? Do these things!

- Talk to and with them using their AAC
- Respond to any attempt by your learner to communicate (i.e., any initiation)
- Respect and respond to all forms of communication
- Be willing to put their communication first (i.e., recognize it as more important than the activity and what you have to say)
- Give them plenty of time to communicate. It might feel awkward in the beginning. Get comfortable not immediately filling the silence.



Here's How You Can Support AAC access! Click the picture for more information!

Make sure the device is charged.
Have a paper back up
Back up your vocabulary regularly



OCTOBER ACTIVITY

click on the picture for more information!

October			Set 1 Words	another, change, every, for, idea, pretty, say, start, thank you, think, try, under		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October is AAC Awareness month!	Get ready to START an amazing month!	Look for opportunities to show gratitude today. "Thank you!"	Play the START of a popular song. See if others can tell what song it is!	Share a picture of something that CHANGES. Trees, leaves, caterpillars all CHANGE.	I CHANGED my socks.	What is something fun we can do today? Share your IDEA!
Tell ANOTHER person about AAC!	Go on a scavenger hunt and look for THINGS that are PRETTY.	When you find THINGS, take a picture. Can you read to write a book about what is PRETTY?	Collect some CHANGES and count it.	Try asking someone's opinion. "What do you think?"	TRY something new today!	Make a list UNDER a table.
Do you like to TRY on clothes?	Read a story and tell the main IDEA.	This is FOR you. Make or find something to give away.	Name something you do EVERY day. (EVERYBODY!)	Go shopping! Look UNDER things to find something hidden.	Do you know someone who is PRETTY fast?	Sometimes we START over. "I can TRY again!"
Do you like to ask someone to CHANGE the channel?	Find a song with the word SAY. Say something. Say my Name, You Say.	What does a for say?	Find a book about living UNDER the sea.	Having a reporter ask someone "What one food or sport would you like to TRY?"	another.	Instead of saying "no", sometimes we could say ANOTHER. Another... cookie... book... shoe.
Find a new author and START reading a book.	Try the phrase "I have no IDEA."	Ask friends to go FOR a walk.	Share an opinion. I THINK...	Write a THANK YOU note to someone. "Thank you for..."	Explore EVERY words. Everything. Everybody.	AAC awareness doesn't end in October! Keep talking about AAC.

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AAC Awareness Month in the Classroom



Look on the low incidence team SharePoint for links to the activities! A link will posted in the inclusive spotlight



Halloween AAC Bracelets



AAC Scavenger Hunt



AAC

Buddy Reading



Announcements



Spooky Hallway



Thankful

Fun with AAC for Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving is all about togetherness, and everyone, no matter their mode of communication, can join in the celebration, contribute to conversations, play games, share stories, and enjoy time with loved ones. By being inclusive and ensuring everyone has a voice, Thanksgiving becomes a truly meaningful experience for all.

AAC Fall LITERACY ACTIVITY

CLICK ON THE PICTURE FOR MORE INFORMATION

Leaf Man



focus on describing words using the AAC device:

- Happy
- Sad
- Tall/Short
- Silly
- Messy
- Fun
- Pretty

