



AAC Communication Supports

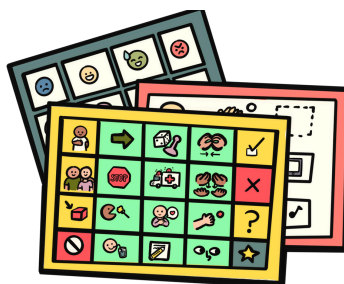
No-Tech

- Sign language
- Facial expressions
- Vocalizations
- Gestures



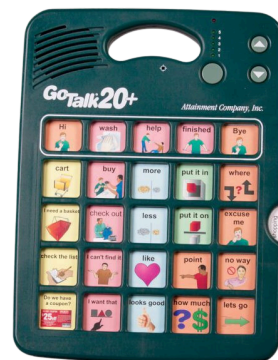
Paper-Based

- Alphabet board
- Communication book
- Picture cards



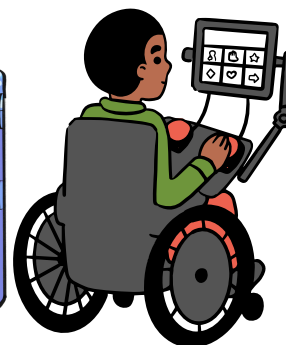
Battery Operated

- Message buttons
- Recordable simple devices
- Multi-Cell Devices



High-Tech

- Tablets or phones with communication apps
- Speech-generating devices





Getting Started with Communication Supports

① Fill out the Communication Section on the Tech Solutions Plan

Include 'Current Solutions' and 'Future Needs and Ideas.'
Consider referring to a Speech Language Pathologist.

② Get to Know the Person

Learn about what they want to communicate. Don't start with a communication tool and try to make it fit the person.

③ Questions to Consider

How and what are they able to communicate now?

- How do they answer yes/no questions?
- Who understands them best and why?

④ What is Hard to Communicate?

Think about the "reasons we communicate" from the video.

How do they tell you when they:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Feel sad, happy, worried, bored (emotions) | <input type="checkbox"/> Have a question |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Need something (request) | <input type="checkbox"/> Greet someone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Want something to stop (refuse) | <input type="checkbox"/> Make a comment or complain |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Share news or information |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> and more! |

⑤ Ideas to Try!

After finding missing parts of their communication, come up with a plan to build supports.

- Include them in conversations. Talk IO them, not ABOUT them.
- Find ways for them to make decisions and choices.
- Start with ideas for participation and fun.
- Think about how you could be a better communication partner.

