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AAC Awareness Month

What is AAC?

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) is a set of tools that helps people communicate when they can't speak or have limited speech. "Augmentative" means adding to their speech, and "Alternative" means to be used instead of speech when it is not available. It helps people share their thoughts and feelings in different ways.

Who needs AAC?

People of all ages can use AAC if they have trouble with speech or language skills. Some people use AAC throughout their lives, while others may use it only for a short time, like when they have surgery and can't talk or while speech skills are still developing.

What is SGD?

A speech-generating device is a type of AAC. It's an electronic device, like a tablet, that lets someone tap words or phrases or use a keyboard. The device then speaks the messages out loud, allowing for more efficient and natural interactions.

Why AAC:

- ★ Increase independence
- ★ Improve language and communication skills and, in some cases, enhance speech
- ★ Foster social connections
- ★ Improve quality of life!

Bill of Rights:

All communicators have a right to:

- ★ Say what they want, when they want it, the way they want it
- ★ Access to a robust communication system
- ★ Respect and have fun!

Learn More:

- ★ Speak with your SLP
- ★ TLC Parent Training
- ★ Join AAC community on social media
- ★ praacticalaac.org
- ★ aacinstitute.org