

# Educational Enterprises

## Augmentative and Alternative Communication Department

**EMPOWERING COMMUNICATION: WORKSHOPS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE KNOWLEDGE AND STRATEGIES FOR SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DISABILITIES IN SCHOOLS THROUGH THE USE OF AAC TOOLS**

### WHAT IS AAC AND WHEN SHOULD IT BE RECOMMENDED?

Gain an overview of the AAC evaluation process through Bergen County Special Services, Educational Enterprises. Learn about the different AAC tools available for our students, identify students who would benefit from additional communication support, and understand the roles of each CST member during our evaluation process. We'll address common myths about AAC and equip participants with the knowledge to confidently field questions and concerns related to AAC.

### SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH AAC THROUGH THEIR SCHOOLING YEARS

Learn about the importance of AAC in the educational setting and how to effectively support students throughout their schooling years. Explore a range of AAC tools, learn how to incorporate AAC into individualized goals, discover best practices for AAC implementation, and gain ways to support students during transitions between classrooms and programs.

### UNLOCKING POTENTIAL: HOW AAC CAN SUPPORT SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Explore how AAC can promote speech and language development. Learn how AAC systems expand communication opportunities, support social interactions, foster vocabulary growth, improve understanding of grammar and sentence structure, and promote literacy skills.

### EXPLORE HIGH-TECH AAC APPLICATIONS & COMPARE THEIR KEY FEATURES

Discover several widely used, high-tech AAC applications. This session will dive into the unique features of various communication apps and how they cater to the specific communication needs of individuals with speech and language disabilities.

### SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH AAC IN THE EDUCATIONAL SETTING: ROLES OF SLPS AND EDUCATORS

Explore a variety of AAC tools, from low-tech to high-tech, practical strategies to promote language and communication growth for students using AAC and understand the roles of all members of the educational team in effective implementation of AAC devices.

***Call us to learn more or to schedule a workshop for your staff!***

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