

1. MODEL, MODEL, MODEL

Speak to your child using their AAC system. Children learn language from models. We need to provide models in natural environments to assist in learning; how to communicate, what the words mean, and when to use the AAC system.

2. RESPOND

When your child is using their communication system, respond to them, even if you're uncertain of their intent. Responding makes communication meaningful.



3. PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES

Give your child a reason to communicate. Avoid the anticipation of wants and needs, and asking yes/no questions. Use the AAC system to direct, comment, request, ask questions, give an opinion and social nuances.



4. USE CORE WORDS