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AT for your Child with Complex Cognitive Needs:
Communication Supports
February 11, 2020 | 12:00 PM CST | 60 minutes
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Special Education Legislation

[AB 605 Special education: assistive technology devices](#)

A local educational agency must provide the use of school-purchased assistive technology devices in the home or community if the student needs access in order to receive a free appropriate public education, known as a FAPE. A local agency must also make the assistive technology devices available to a student for up to 2 months when the student moves out of district into a new LEA or until the new LEA secures access to the assistive technology devices.



How Assistive Technology Enables Dreams



From voice-activated software to customized laptops, tech is changing the way disabled

students communicate, learn, and play. t.ly/8JYgP

Assistive Technology Podcasts

Best Assistive Technology podcasts we could find
(updated January 2020)

[Inclusive Technology 4 All](#)

[Assistive Technology FAQ \(ATFAQ\) Podcast](#)

[Assistive Technology at Easter Seals Crossroads](#)

[Assistive Technology Update - A fast-paced weekly update for AT professionals and](#)

[Assistive Technology Update with Josh Anderson](#)

[Accessibility Minute with Laura Medcalf](#)



5 Smart Ways to Use iPad Technology in the Classroom

By: [Danny Mareco](#)

Here's a list of 5 smart ways to use this fabulous technology in the classroom to get you started on your iPad endeavor.

- 1) Display Work
- 2) Create Instructional Content
- 3) Interact with Students
- 4) Personalize Learning
- 5) Classroom Management

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[Communication All Day Long: AAC in the Classroom - Season 2 Episode 11](#)

For those of us in classrooms, we may find struggles with ensuring assistive technology is being used effectively to access the learning. Guest, Dr. Caroline Musselwhite, an assistive technology specialist, joins PaTTANpod to help practitioners understand how to help students utilize AT effectively.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ImcTM_gkE7k

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

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Professional development webinars. The date and time for each live webinar is listed after the webinar description. All participants registered will receive an archived recording.

[Creative Ways to Provide Professional Development When Training on Assistive Technology](#)

Tools and Supports

Presented by Kelly Key, AT Coordinator, Barrington 220

February 25th- 3:30 to 4:30

Click on the link to register for 'Creative Ways to Provide Professional Development When Training on Assistive Technology Tools and Supports' -

<https://tinyurl.com/vg62f7q5>



Tangible Object Communication Activities

When beginning communication instruction with use of tangible objects paired with activities and literacy...

When initiating communication activities for any child with significant disabilities, we must first look at their receptive skills to see what is understood with regards to people, places, objects and specific core vocabulary words. Using activities that incorporate words that are familiar to the student helps reinforce attention and engagement. Core vocabulary are the 250+ words that form the basis of about 80% of everything we say, allowing us to engage within multiple contexts about an infinite number of topics.

To help get this process started, I have attached a core word skills checklist that contains the first 50 words learned by children by 24-36 months of age. It is not a standardized form, but rather a means of identifying the target words the child may already comprehend. Observations made throughout the day as the child engages with different activities will provide the greatest insight. Mark each word according to the support required and make notes to guide the use of each. t.ly/3XN5w