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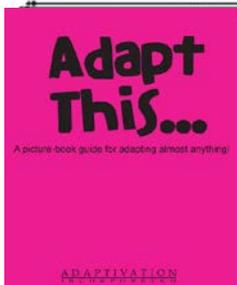October 09, 2019, 02:00 pm CST - 60-minutes
TITLE:
Working with Students Using Switches: Collaboration is Key – Part 1

October 16, 2019, 02:00 pm CST - 60-minutes
TITLE:
Working with Students Using Switches: Collaboration is Key – Part 2

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Adapt This..."Adapt This..." is a picture-book guide for adapting almost anything! Includes over 140 pages of photos and useful information about adapting activities using everyday materials.

The application ideas in this book are referenced by features (i.e. direct select, sequential messaging, random messaging, etc.), not just products. Includes ideas on visual cues, organization, literacy, visual schedules and real life!

The CD version of "Adapt This..." will be sent to you in the mail. Shipping charges will apply.
The ebook version is in PDF format. It is recommended that you download a sample of the book from HERE to make sure it works as expected with your tablet or computer. Use the password "1234". https://goo.gl/K9a1TN

Each October is International **AAC Awareness Month**. The goal is to raise **awareness** of augmentative and alternative communication (**AAC**) and to inform the public about the many different ways in which people communicate using **AAC**.

Let the celebrations begin! October is more than pumpkins and Halloween. It's internationally recognized as AAC Awareness Month and it offers a wonderful opportunity for spreading the word as to how we can support people with complex communication needs.

https://praacticalaac.org/praactical/praactically-october-a-month-of-aac-ideas/

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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH

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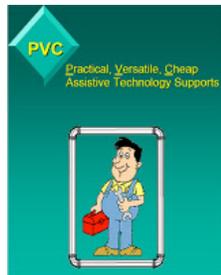
Practical, Versatile and Cheap (PVC): Assistive Technology Supports
Free booklet on using PVC to make a variety of adaptations for your students. This booklet developed by the Assistive Technology Education Network in Florida provides direction for making adapted writing aids, various stands for switches and communication devices, number lines, easels, and even a locker organizer. https://goo.gl/1BiSiy

CONNECT Modules
CONNECT: The Center to Mobilize Early Childhood Knowledge

Module 5: Assistive Technology
Learn about the purpose, use and potential benefits of assistive technology interventions when working with young children. https://goo.gl/B4qxou

Assistive Technology for Struggling Readers
From apps to software to cloud-based cross-platform supports, this webinar explored tools that can aid struggling readers in the following areas:
- phonemic awareness
- vocabulary
- comprehension
- fluency

https://goo.gl/HsmeR4

Communicator Matters
Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) is a range of strategies and tools to help people who struggle with speech. These may be simple letter or picture boards or sophisticated computer-based systems. AAC helps someone to communicate as effectively as possible, in as many situations as possible. https://t.ly/E9Dvj

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Ability Tools
A Program of the California Foundation for Independent Living Centers

AT Training Library
Welcome to the Ability Tools (formerly AT Network) training library. Many of the trainings were recorded live. All trainings are open captioned and available for you to view on YouTube at your leisure: AT Basics, AT Professional Development, Communication Devices & Apps, Disability Specific, Funding, Learning & Literacy, Reuse, Walk, Marathon, Activity, AT Product Demonstrations, Children & Youth to 18, Computers, Tablets, Software & Apps, Evaluation & Assessment, Law & Advocacy, Professional Development, Transition & Community Living. https://t.ly/PXGZ7

Plan for AAC throughout the day
Look at routines and make a plan for where, when and how AAC can be integrated into the day.

Communication is always happening. This means there are always opportunities for modeling AAC, interacting and building language. When we start out, making a plan for how AAC can be incorporated into the day can be beneficial. Without a plan, AAC may feel overwhelming. Often the absence of a place to start or finish can lead to people not starting at all! Or worse, starting in one place and never moving on!

This article will help us to look at where and when AAC can happen in a day. It will also consider how AAC is incorporated within routines, as well as adapting to unplanned activities and making changes as needed.

Links & References
- Dos and Donts article on access to AAC in a day.
- AssistiveWare Core Word Classroom: Planning for core words in activities.
- Video from AAC in the Cloud: AAC all day.
- From PrAACtical AAC: Tools for AAC planning.
- Video about Embedding AAC throughout the day.

https://www.assistiveware.com/learn-aac/plan-for-aac-throughout-the-day