



# The World of A.T. Assistive Technology



Educational Equity For All

June 2018



## AbleNet University Live Webinars

June 05, 2018, 11:00 am CST - 60-minutes

TITLE: **All That and a Bag of Chips**

June 13, 2018, 02:00 pm CST - 60-minutes

TITLE: **Speech Dude Tells Even More: Innovative Assistive Technology to Help Your Moderate to Severe Students Flourish**

June 19, 2018, 02:00 pm CST - 60-minutes

TITLE: **Why is the Student Having Difficulty With Direct Access?**

June 26, 2018, 12:00 pm CST - 60-minutes

TITLE: **Feature Match... What's That?**

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## Switch Games, Activities and Resources by iron



Papunet  
Switch activated dominos, memory games, precision, colouring and reveal activities



Hiyah  
switch touch screen or single key (spacebar) activated High interest subjects



**AAC and Autism**  
Giving a Voice to Non-Verbal Children with Autism

## AAC and Autism: Using Communication Devices for Non-Verbal Children

Every child has the right to communicate and the fact that these children cannot speak should not take that right away from them.

The term Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC) describes any means of communication, aside from traditional speech, that allows someone to use language. This can include using pictures, gestures, sign language, visual aids, or speech-output devices like computers. This article will show you exactly how to try some of these techniques to help a child with autism learn to communicate and possibly even to speak.

The use of AAC for children with autism does not prevent a child from speaking. In fact, these studies reported that AAC may actually increase speech instead.

<https://goo.gl/tWkgLf>  
**Parents' and Teachers' Guide to Getting Started with AAC**

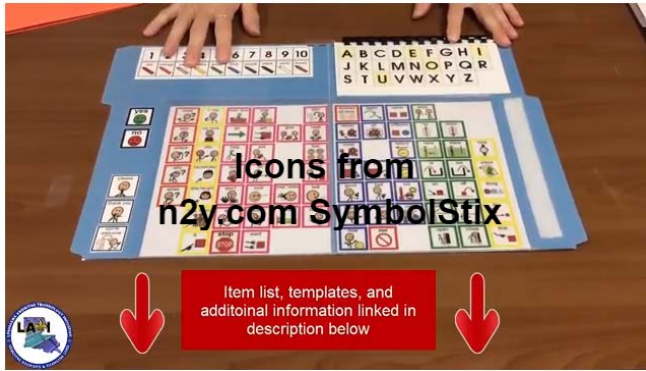
Includes information about encouraging the child to use the device

## 7 WAYS TO USE A SEQUENTIAL MESSAGE DEVICE IN THE INCLUSIVE CLASSROOM

<https://www.thinkinclusive.us/7-ways-to-use-a-sequential-message-aac-device-in-the-inclusive-classroom/>

## FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH

### Cool Tools: DIY Core Vocab AAC Board



<https://goo.gl/vnx8A5>

## WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://goo.gl/fo75yn>

<http://gws.ala.org/>

<https://goo.gl/kbcSrU>



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### I Can Read That! AT Supports for Struggling Readers-Webinar

In this session with Diana Ree-Reeder, participants learned how to use the built-in accessibility supports in their mobile devices to support struggling readers, a free screen reader, as well as how to adjust settings in three library apps: Google Play Books, Kindle App, and Libby/Overdrive so that readers can confidently say, "I can read that!" - <https://goo.gl/CMW5Kv>



### Assistive Technology: Teaching Functional Skills to Disabled Students using Software Technology



Videos offer a great way to teach life skills students daily functional skills.

Basic Life Skills Series- <https://goo.gl/pQwkD8>

Life Skills for Success Video Series-

<https://goo.gl/9w5dDK>

## Practical Application of Assistive Technology in Schools

NCSE Research Conference 2017

Tuesday 21st November 2017

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<http://ncse.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/PAUL-NISBET-PPT.pdf>

### Assistive Technology Strategy-A-Day Calendar

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We Lead Learning



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[http://www.kisd.org/uploads/7/3/3/6/73360125/strategy-a-day\\_calendar\\_kent\\_isd\\_2018.pdf](http://www.kisd.org/uploads/7/3/3/6/73360125/strategy-a-day_calendar_kent_isd_2018.pdf)



## CoughDrop Blog

Every voice should be heard. Let's talk about how to make that happen.

What is coughdrop? Communication App.

<https://www.mycoughdrop.com/?ref=blog>



## Quick Create AAC Core Flip-Book

[Printing a copy of your CoughDrop board set](#) and arranging it into a simple flip book is one way to make that happen. CoughDrop has an in-app printing option which allows you to create and then print a pdf file of your speech boards (this pdf can also be saved for quick access any time if needed).

<https://blog.mycoughdrop.com/quick-create-aac-core-flip-book/>



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