



## Providing Solutions and Strategies for Communication Success if Your Child Has an AAC Device

### Use Natural Contexts and Follow the Child's Lead

Teaching language in daily routines and play increases the frequency of learning and communication opportunities.

### Model Language on the Device

Point to the picture symbols and words on the device as you talk to your child. Model without expectation to imitate or respond.

### Use Wait Time

Pause when communicating with your child using the AAC device to give them time to respond. Honor all communication the child uses when they respond to you.

### Provide Opportunity to Use the AAC Device

Always have the AAC device available for your child. Keep the device charged and help your child remember to bring the device with them wherever they go.

## Pursue Speech-Language Therapy Services That Develop Your Child's AAC Skills and Competencies.

At TLC, our therapists provide AAC assessments, assist the family with AAC device programming and implementation, and are knowledgeable about AAC intervention with gestalt language processors.