



AUGMENTATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION (AAC)

AAC is any method that allows your child to communicate if they can't talk, or if they can only speak a limited number of words. High tech AAC can include the use of an iPad with a voice output app, such as Proloquo2Go, or a device using a different vocabulary, such as LAMP Words for Life. Core Word boards and Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) are examples of low tech AAC. Understanding how to use and program your child's device can be challenging. If you have any questions about the device, how to use it, or what to do, contact the Speech Language Pathologist who prescribed the device for your child.

If your child uses an alternative way to communicate, the following resources and websites may be helpful to you at home.

Click this link to hear Speech and Language Pathologist, Anne Thompson, navigate parents through the following resources to support the use of AAC at home: <https://www.loom.com/share/7c595838366a484fa2f694bf30205d8e>

Getting Started

<https://www.speechandlanguagekids.com/teach-your-child-to-use-an-aac-device/>

https://www.speakforyourself.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Learning-to-Speak-AAAction-Plan.pdf?fbclid=IwAR20jKy9NQToTJGjyPINg2KqQHtBOL23u3lw7inMF_cCCchzPyaYkAHMoSY (uses a different app, not Proloquo2Go, but all the suggestions apply to any AAC app/device)

Proloquo2Go

<https://www.assistiveware.com/blog/assistiveware-core-word-classroom>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/241684205905600/> (for families of PLQ2Go users – lots of great information, ideas and connecting with others whose children use PLQ2Go to communicate)

<https://www.assistiveware.com/blog/teaching-core-words-building-blocks-communication-and-curriculum>

Communication at Home

<http://kidzlearnlanguage.blogspot.com/2020/04/communicating-made-easy-for-parents-at.html>

https://static.showit.co/file/Kh4psiNMQAot_md0Zy7WGw/103945/aac_at_home.pdf

Reading and AAC

<https://www.janefarrall.com/reading-at-home/>