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Its Opening A New Door To Communication

What Is AAC?

AAC stands for Augmentative and Alternative Communication. It includes any method of communication other than speech used to express thoughts, wants, needs, and ideas.

AAC Can Be:

- Low-tech: Picture cards, communication books, signs, gestures
- Mid-tech: Devices with recorded messages (e.g., Big Mack button)
- High-tech: Speech-generating devices or tablet apps like Proloquo2Go or LAMP

AAC can actually encourage speech:

- AAC provides a model for language, just like spoken words.
- It builds understanding and connection between ideas and language.
- AAC reduces pressure to speak and frustration from not being understood

“Using AAC means we’re giving up on speech.” Is a Myth:

Introducing AAC might delay or stop speech development.



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Research Shows:

That Children using AAC often make faster gains in spoken language than those who don't.

Why AAC Matters:

Every child has the right to communicate, and AAC gives them a way to

- Make choices
- Say no
- Ask questions
- Connect with others
- Express emotions

Even a few symbols or buttons can open doors to real conversations with family, friends, teachers, and therapists.

Speech + AAC = Powerful Together:

"Using AAC is like giving your child a bridge to words. They may walk across to speech, or they may keep using the bridge, either way, they're not stuck anymore."

