

Talking About Your Child's AAC System

Helping family, friends, and your community understand AAC.

Remember: You are your child's best advocate!

No one knows your child, or their communication style, better than you. Here are some tips on how you can explain AAC to others.

Keep it Simple

You don't need to give a full therapy lesson. Try:

"This is how [your child] talks right now. Just like we use our voices, they use this to tell us what they're thinking."

Invite Curiosity

If someone seems unsure, try:

"You can ask them a question and wait while they answer on their device!"

Emphasize Ability

Shift the focus to what your child CAN do:

"They have a lot to say - we just use a different way to hear it"

Advocate Gently

If someone dismisses or ignores the AAC system, say:

"They understand everything you're saying- they just use this to respond."

