

1. Start with Access

- Make sure the AAC system is always available to the child - at home, school, and during play.
- Position the device so it's easy to reach and see.

2. Model Every Day

- Use the AAC system yourself while speaking to the child.
- Model short, simple phrases (e.g., "want more," "go play") alongside your speech.

3. Focus on Core Words

- Teach high-frequency words like go, want, more, stop, help.
- These words work across many activities and help build independence.

4. Create Communication Opportunities

- Embed AAC use in routines: mealtime, playtime, story time.
- Pause and wait - give the child time to respond using AAC.

5. Celebrate Small Wins

- Praise every attempt, even if it's just touching the device or selecting one word.
- Build confidence through positive reinforcement.

6. Collaborate with the Team

- Involve parents, teachers, and therapists.
- Share strategies and keep communication consistent across environments.

7. Monitor Progress

- Track new words and phrases learned.
- Adjust goals as the child becomes more confident and independent.

