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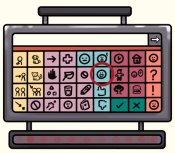

AAC AT HOME

EVERYDAY AAC TIPS FOR HOME

1 CONNECT, DON'T TEST

Commuunication is all about connection and interaction. It's not a test! Share ideas, have a conversation, and talk about feelings.

2 WAIT AND GIVE TIME

Give your child time to process(about five seconds) before giving any prompts. Some kids need time to process and think before responding.

3 MAKE THE DEVICE ACCESSIBLE

Take the talker out of the backpack! Put in on the table and somewhere accessible so it's available to use when needed.

4 ENCOURAGE ALL COMMUNICATION

Encourage multimodal communication. Speech, gestures, sign language and AAC are all important!

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USE AAC TO EXPAND!

AAC is ideal for expanding. For example, your child verbalizes "cookie", Expand using AAC such as "big cookie", "little cookie", "chocolate cookie," etc.

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MODEL, MODEL, MODEL

Model language naturally! Model 1 word more than your child is using on their talker. If they use 1 icon, model 2 icons!

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TEACH OTHERS HOW TO USE IT

Teach other family members and close friends how to use AAC and model language. It takes a village!

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MAKE IT INTEREST DRIVEN

Make it fun! Use during play and follow your child's lead. There is so much language during play and other special interests.