

"Why does my child need an AAC assessment and intervention?"



We should rather have a "try and see" approach than a "wait and see" approach because...

Every move counts...

Every move matters...

So plan from the beginning and know what you want to do.

The earlier we start with AAC
The better the outcome...
The AAC assessment will help us know
what their strengths are, so that we can
expand on that.... (Juan)



AAC can enhance participation and help improve language development.

So why not give it a try because if you don't you will never know.

-Azania-

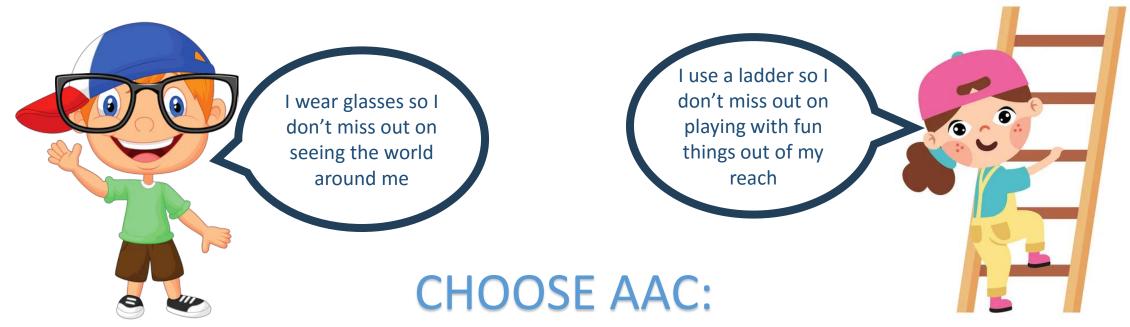
# AAC is the handle that opens the door to communication and participation.



Not being able to speak creates a barrier to communication and participation.

Think of that barrier as a door between you and your child.

The AAC assessment will help us find ways to open that door so that your child can interact freely with others.



#### So your child does not miss out!

I use my communication device so I don't miss out on participating in family fun!



Hannah

### AAC *supports* speech and language development!

Many people wonder if using AAC will stop someone from talking or slow down language development...

This is not true- AAC can actually *help* with these concerns!

Children who use AAC can also learn how to read, write, speak and develop language!
~Aalia



#### AAC IS THE MISSING PIECE

**B**ridging

**R**esources for

**I**nclusive

**D**iverse

**G**enuine

**E**xpression

Like puzzle pieces complete a picture, AAC bridges communication gaps. Without AAC, it's like missing pieces of the puzzle, making participation difficult. AAC empowers individuals to connect and share information, ensuring no piece is left out. It's the missing link to a complete and meaningful participation.



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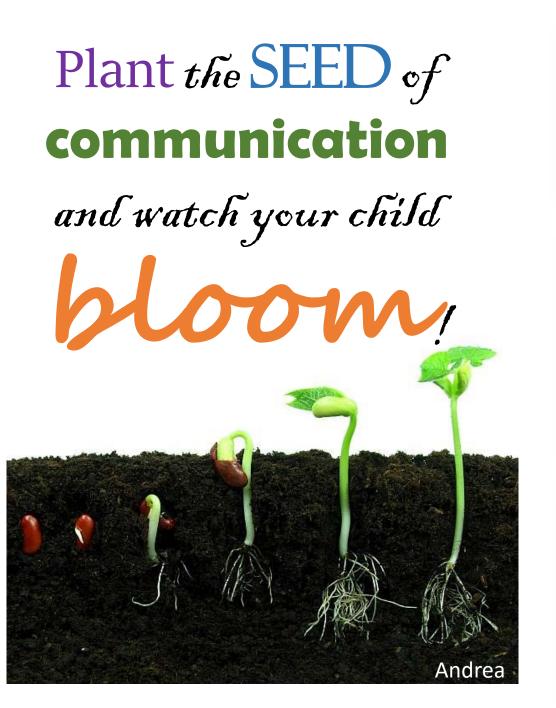
## AAC can <u>enhance</u> your child's communication and participation



Like salt brings out the flavours of a dish- AAC can enhance your child's communication potential and participation

Let AAC assessment build on and highlight your child's existing communication strengths

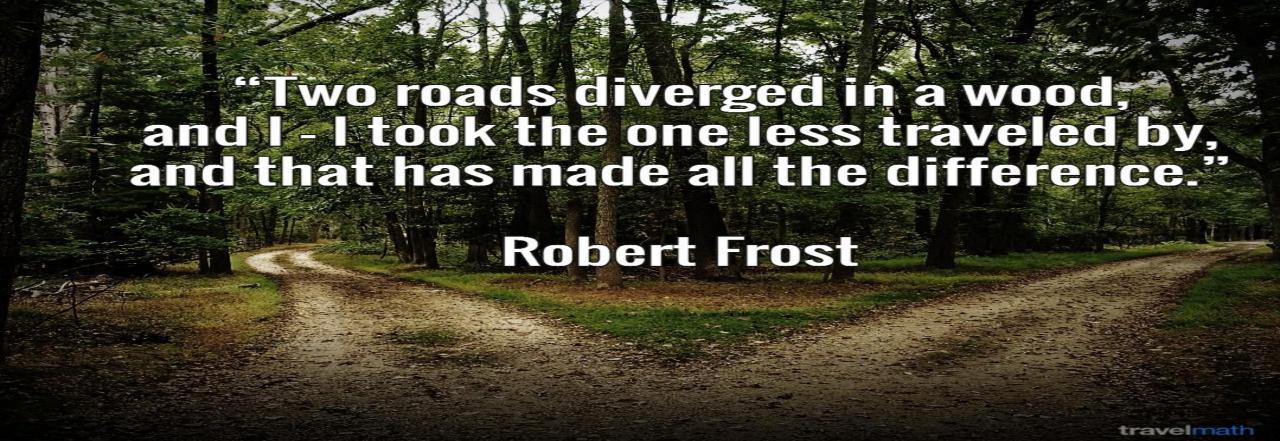
Starting your AAC journey is like having a garden without flowers. You can see the potential, however the task might just feel too daunting to start. I like to compare AAC assessment to preparing the soil and planting your first seed. With patience, love and determination, you will see your child's communication and participation grow into a vibrant flower garden.











You may think AAC is the road less travelled by but it is a road that can lead to meaningful communication right now- and that can make all the difference for your child. Empowering your child with AAC does not replace his potential to speak. Think about it as giving him a voice today while nurturing his speech for tomorrow. Every child's voice deserves to be heard, no matter the path it takes.

### These tips were compiled by the second year Masters in AAC students of 2023.

