AUGMENTATIVE & ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION (AAC) INTENSIVE



WHAT IS AN AAC INTENSIVE?

The purpose of an AAC intensive is to support caregivers in learning how their child with complex communication needs communicates and in helping their child become confident in using an AAC device.

WHO CAN THIS PROGRAM HELP?

This program is for children who have recently received an AAC device and their parents. It aims to increase the family's understanding of how to incorporate the device into the child's daily life and to promote independent, functional communication.



SUPPORTED EQUIPMENT

- Speech-generating devices
- Switches, mounts and other means of alternative access
- Mid tech recorded speech devices

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TREATMENT STRUCTURE:

- 12-week program
  - » Each week, the speech-language pathologist guides parents in how to implement research-supported strategies to help their child confidently communicate through their AAC device.
- Two sessions per week
  - » Sessions are either teaching or caregiver-child practice
  - » During each session, the team will focus on reviewing the previous week's homework, teaching and/or observing parents with their child.
  - » Therapists will develop plans for home practice between sessions
- Parents must be available for each session with their child
- Speech-language pathologists will work with families prior to the intensive to establish goals that are meaningful to the family and tailor sessions to meet the family's needs.



OUR TEAM

Child*Serve*'s augmentative communication services are provided by a team of speech-language pathologists. We partner with families and school personnel.

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