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AAC Methodology introduction

WHY THE AAC?

- ▶ Give voice to those who apparently do not have it
- ▶ Offer communication partner interacting for real with those not able to speak and facilitating communication
- ▶ Communicate allows the person to influence his life environment with the consequence to improve self-esteem and mental picture of oneself
- ▶ Increase the areas of AAC application, mainly at school, allows AAC to become a best practice to be used with the aim of offering opportunities to communicate actively and to feel welcome.

WHAT IS AAC?

Augmentative and Alternative Communication

Definition:

Every communication that replace or augment the verbal language.

Augmentative Communication represents an area of clinical practice, trying to compensate a temporary or permanent disability of individuals with complex educational needs through the use of special and standard communication components.

AAC uses all communication competences of the individual, including vocalisations or residual verbal language, gestures, signs and communication with aids..

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WHAT IS AAC?

We all use AAC in our everyday life, to communicate with other people and we see others using it while they communicate with us. AAC is nothing more than the way in which people communicate without words: gestures, face expressions, purchase lists, tasks agenda, sms, e-mail ...

AAC is not a technic, but and approach to be used in every moment and place of a person's life: communication in fact must happen every time needed.

Following the “Chart for the communication rights”:

“EVERY PERSON, INDIPENDENTLY FROM THE DEGREE OF HIS/HER DISABILITY, HAS THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO INFLUENCE, THROUGH COMMUNICATION, THE CONDITIONS OF HIS/HER LIFE.”

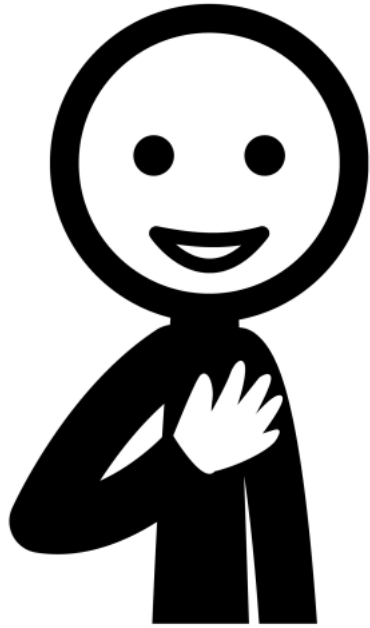
COMMUNICATE IS A BILATERAL ACTIVITY

COMMUNICATION PARTNER

Communication is a two way process.

The person listening, intended as communication partner, is important as the person speaking.

When takes place a communication system with a person with lot of disabilities, the communication partner has a very important role, because he/she gives interpretation to the reactions of the disabled person facing different experiences. Every movement, gesture and vocalisation has a meaning. Understand them requires time, patience and a positive attitude towards communication abilities of the person.



Thank you!