

Let's Talk Low Tech AAC

A Workshop Series, FREE for Interested Professionals

Many personnel work directly with individuals but are unfamiliar with simple communication options that are available. *Let's Talk Low Tech* is a program that will train **professionals in the disabilities community** who work with persons with complex communication needs. Training will focus on the benefits of low tech Augmentative and Alternative Communication.

Three workshops in the series include:

1. **Let's Talk Low Tech: AAC Basics** includes a thorough explanation of AAC, benefits and drawbacks, types of AAC (i.e. communication cards and books, single and multiple button communicators), and an explanation of different communication symbols. This training also features examples of low and mid tech AAC including hands-on trials.
2. **Thinking Outside the AAC Box** includes implementation strategies, tips and tricks. We will briefly introduce different communication layouts like PODD (Pragmatic Organization Dynamic Display) and LAMP (Language Access through Motor Planning) as well as other options. Including AAC in different settings will be addressed. Attendees will experience using low and mid tech AAC firsthand during hands-on activities.
3. **AAC Make and Take** is a hands-on workshop in which participants will be guided through creating two different low-tech AAC systems. We will discuss things to consider when building a communication system. We will also demonstrate and pass around other low tech "do-it-yourself" assistive technology and communication ideas to help inspire attendees to come up with their own solutions.

All three workshops are **free for interested professionals**. 10 or more professionals in a group are preferred for on site trainings. If your organization is interested in any or all of these workshops, please contact Laura Martinez, Assistive Technology Program Manager @ laurasm@taskca.org or call 714)533-8275 to make arrangements.

