

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.

Four workshops in the series include:

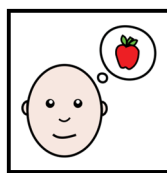
1. **Let's Talk Low Tech: AAC Basics** includes a thorough explanation of Augmentative and Alternative Communication, types of AAC (i.e. communication cards and books, single and multiple button communicators), an explanation of various communication symbols. Examples of low and mid tech AAC will be shown including hands-on trials.

2. **Thinking Outside the AAC Box**, includes next steps, implementation strategies, ideas, tips and tricks and key terms. 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. Core and fringe vocabulary, PECS and Aided Language Support will also be discussed. Hands on activities and practice with different AAC systems will be included.

3. **AAC Make and Take** in which participants will be guided through creating two different low-tech AAC systems in this fun, hands on workshop. We will review what to include when creating a low tech AAC system. We will also share other low-tech "do-it-yourself" assistive technology and communication options as well as some great FREE AAC resources.

4. **The Benefits of Low Tech Assistive Technology** is a new workshop in which we will show different types of low tech items. Subjects include sensory items, behavior supports, reading and writing supports, adapted toys and games as well as aids for daily living. Do it Yourself items will be shown and there will be a hands on portion where participants will "make and take" an item.

All Four 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 to make arrangements.



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