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Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC): It is more than a speech generating device (SGD)

Most speech language pathologists get caught up in the bells and whistles of obtaining a speech generating device (SGD). This presentation will demonstrate strategies for augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) other than evaluating and obtaining an SGD. Strategies (applicable for individuals across the life span) such as adapting standardized tests, developing low technology options to include core and fringe vocabulary as well as integrating AAC into daily activities will be discussed. A make and take activity (developing a low-tech system) will be completed and used to write goals and objectives while integrating AAC systems into work, school and home activities. Low tech systems will be used to teach and practice intervention strategies such as aided language stimulation. Cultural and linguistic will be incorporated during the presentation.