



MAC Parent and Caregiver Trainings

The Something To Say team invites parents, siblings, and caregivers to join us for monthly workshops to learn about ways to grow communication and connection with your child at home. All sessions will be offered on Wednesdays from 12 - 1pm on the dates listed below:

September

9/13/23 12 - 1pm

Getting Started with AAC - A review of best practices for using high and low-tech augmentative and alternative communication and practical tips for parents and caregivers. Please join us if you are new to AAC, would like a refresher, or can share your stories and inspiration with families new to their AAC journey.

October

10/11/23 12 - 1pm

Modeling and Prompting with AAC at Home - How can parents, siblings, and caregivers support and grow communication at home? We will explore strategies for respectful, joyful connection with your AAC communicator.

November

11/15/23 12 - 1pm

Communication and the Holidays - Join us for a hands-on session to support your holiday season with low-tech and visual supports, AAC personalization, and ideas for some fun holiday activities with your family.

December No training

January

1/10/23 12 - 1pm

Fun and Games - Bring communication to the fore by finding joy and connection in all kinds of games. From traditional table top games to ways to turn your child's interests into playful routines, we will share ideas and encourage you to bring your family's favorites to share with others.

February

2/14/23 12 - 1pm

Love to Eat - Mealtimes and food preparation can be a great time to talk! Join us to share some simple recipes to enjoy with your child with communication supports, and ways to incorporate AAC into meal and snack times at home..

March**3/13/23 12 - 1pm**

AAC Out and About - We take our voices everywhere - How can we maintain access to AAC systems at the store, Grandma's house, the park, and more? We share ways to adapt systems and approaches to support communication wherever we are.

April**4/10/23 12 - 1pm**

Culturally Diverse Communication Supports - Join us in getting hands on to personalize images/icons, voices, pronouns, and different languages in your child's AAC system. Find out how to ensure your child's AAC truly represents them.

May**5 /8/23 12 - 1pm**

Parent Choice/Q and A - Bring your best ideas, questions, or issues related to communication.