



## Info Rx

# Complex Communication

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) includes all forms of communication (other than oral speech) that are used to express thoughts, needs, wants, and ideas. This includes a range of communication such as signing, the use of pictures or communication boards, and speech-generating devices.

Check out these resources! Use your phone to scan the QR codes to open the links!

### Books

These books have been recommended by Alberta Children's Hospital staff and community partners. Books can be borrowed from the FCRC Family Library or you can check with your local library to see if they are available.

<https://collections.follettsoftware.com/collection/5f2ae8710845eb0013ebc430>



### FCRC Information Prescription

Check out all these AAC resources and more on our website.

<http://fcrc.ahs.ca/rx/communication/>



### Alberta Assistive Technology for Learning (ATL)

ATL is technology that assists a child's learning. This page provides information about the use of ATL in Alberta and has information for developing an Individual Program Plan (IPP) for a student

<https://www.learningforallab.ca/transition-planning/assistive-technologies/>



### AADL Approved Products List—Speech Generating Communication Devices

This page includes the AADL Policy and Procedures document for speech generating communication devices, and a list of approved products.

<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/aadl-program-manual-as>



### PrAACtical AAC

PrAACtical AAC includes a blog that shares information about implementing AAC strategies, provides resources, and discusses news of interest to the AAC community. Additionally, this site includes an AAC e-tool box.

<https://practicalaac.org/>



### Dynamic Learning Maps

This site offers assessment tools so parents and teachers can see if a child meets grade level expectations.

<https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/>



## SET-BC

Working in partnership with BC schools, SET-BC builds technology capacity to support and aid the diverse needs of K-12 students. Both the curriculumSET and pictureSET databases are full of resources.

<https://www.setbc.org/>



## International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication

This website shares information and promotes innovative approaches to research, technology, and literacy through AAC.

<https://isaac-online.org/english/home/>

## AAC Strategies and Communication Tools

With a focus on pre-kindergarten aged children, this website includes downloadable AAC resources for teachers and families.

<https://prekese.dadeschools.net/>



## AAC in Early Childhood

This webinar is about AAC in early childhood research and intervention strategies presented by Rae Sonnenmeier

<https://vimeo.com/91725812>

## Don't Wait to Communicate: Why Your Child Needs AAC

This webinar provides a parent's perspective about the importance of presuming competence in a child's communicative abilities as well as tips for how to plan and build a rich vocabulary for a child using AAC.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/C6JIPP725KM?rel=0>



## A Right to Communicate

This eight minute video highlights the experiences of AAC technology users.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/fx338vnATIA?rel=0>

*Need more information?*

## Contact the Family Librarian

☎ 403-955-7745 ✉ [ChildHealthInfo@ahs.ca](mailto:ChildHealthInfo@ahs.ca) 🌐 <http://fcrc.albertahealthservices.ca/>

## Family & Community Resource Centre

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