



**AAC BOOT CAMP. Getting AAC users communicating.**



**Do this...**

**MODEL, MODEL, MODEL**

Model expected communication behaviours BEFORE expecting to see those behaviours from the user



**PRESUME COMPETENCE**



**FOLLOW** a prompt hierarchy



**TEACH** language functions including directing, commenting, requesting assistance, etc...



**Wait** 10-20 sec. (W/an expectant look) before re-prompting!!



**TEACH** me to direct action, comment, reject & more



**PROVIDE CORE WORDS** including verbs, describing words (in addition to nouns)



**COLOUR CODE** parts of speech for me



**KEEP icon placement constant** keep repeated icons in the same location on each page/screen



**ALLOW** user time to explore and learn the system



**MAKE AAC** available at ALL TIMES.



**PROVIDE** aided language input. **USE SYMBOLS** when talking to me!



**ASK** open-ended questions



**Don't do this...**

**DON'T** expect a user to know how to communicate without directing models and instruction **SHOWING ME HOW.**



**DON'T** do ALL the talking



**DON'T** overprompt



**DON'T** teach ONLY requesting



**DON'T** provide ONLY nouns



**DON'T** focus on vocabulary that won't be functional/used tomorrow



**DON'T** remove the device



**DON'T** move symbols



**DON'T** stop all "babbling" (exploring, button pressing)



**DON'T** keep the AAC device in their bag



**DON'T** expect sentences right away.