



Using AAC to Enhance Communication

A common misconception is that AAC users can become dependent on a speech device and lose motivation to talk. However, according to recent research, speech devices have been shown to be great supplements to spoken language and enhance an AAC users communication methods. Current research suggests:

- Introducing AAC early, before communication breakdowns occur, has positive effects on speech and language development
- The earlier AAC is incorporated into the life of someone with a communication disorder, the greater the potential for improving their outcomes
- Utilizing AAC does not inhibit the AAC user from learning to speak
- AAC devices and strategies can be key to development of language, literacy, and communication and cognitive skills

The QuickTalker Freestyle is an iPad-based speech device that allows individuals with a speech impairment to communicate with others. Individuals with Autism, physical or cognitive impairments that prevent clear speech, and individuals who are non-verbal have all benefited from using a QuickTalker Freestyle speech device.

The QuickTalker Freestyle enhances the development of communication and provides a lasting impact on their future. The QuickTalker freestyle provides many individuals a way to communicate how they feel, what they want, or a specific need, and in turn, enhances communication and provides more opportunity to reach their fullest potential.

