



ISAAC “Vibes of AAC” Virtual Event 2024 Informational Webinar

August 14, 2024

12:00 Noon Toronto (Eastern) Time



Communication Access

Presenter

- Use inclusive and respectful language.
- Provide accessible handouts in advance.
- Try to get captioning for the videos you will present.
- Make image descriptions on your electronic handout
- Speak clearly and at a reasonable rate
- Describe images, graphs, videos and any other visual materials you may use.
- Ask questions in advance

Presenter who use AAC

- Notify how you want to communicate
- Program your device ahead of time
- Accompanying your speech output, by showing text on slides, using a split screen or transcription in a handout.

Participants who use AAC

- Type ROL after a message you want the chat reader or moderator to read at the appropriate time.
- Raise the hand icon to indicate you want to communicate something when possible.

Moderator

- Introduce the presenter.
- Ensure the suggestions mentioned are taking place. Intervene at appropriate times if needed
- Designate a person to monitor and read aloud any messages marked ROL in the chat box.

Zoom accessibility features

- To turn on and off captioning, click on the Live Transcript and then click on Show Subtitle

Keyboard Shortcuts for Zoom Features

Features	Windows	Mac
Open chat box	Alt and C	Cmd Shift H
Raise hand	Alt and Y	Option Y
Mute/Unmute audio	Alt and A	Cmd Shift A
Enter/Exit Full screen	Alt F	Cmd Shift F



Agenda

1. Opening Remarks and Review of Event Basics (5 minutes)
2. Spotlight on Sponsors / Presenters (5 minutes per presenter)
3. “Vibes of AAC” logistics (5 – 10 minutes)
4. Question and answer period (as required)



Opening Remarks and Review of Event Basics



Spotlight on Sponsors / Presenters



Vibes of AAC



*Sarah Wilds, M.S., CCC-SLP
COO, PRC-Salttillo*



ISAAC – Proud Sponsor



A Vibe of ... INSIGHT

For me, this conference can almost be captured in one word... Insight.

We get insight into an AAC communicator's world

We get insight into new information that has been gathered by researchers

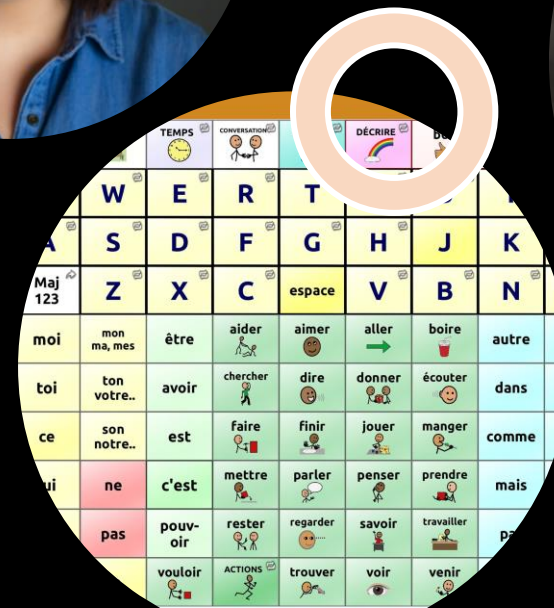
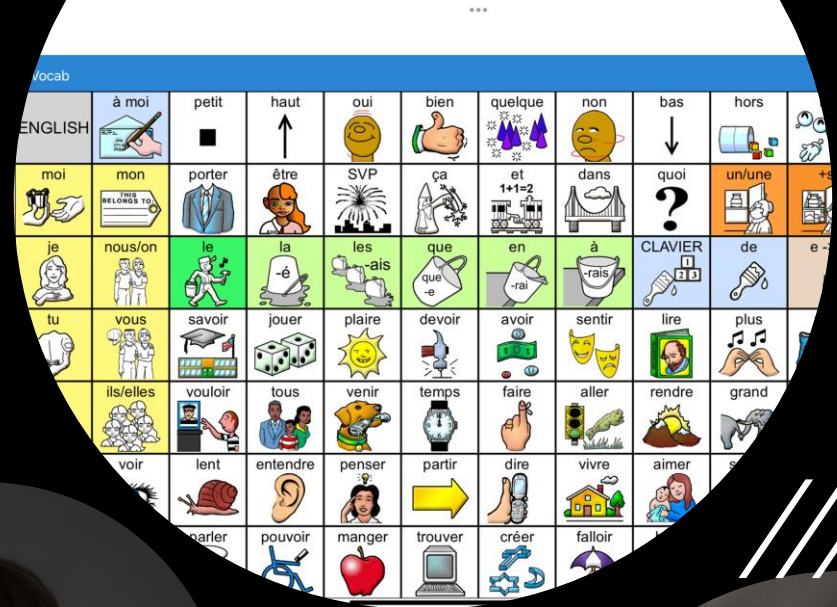
We get insight into best practices honed by world-class clinicians

We get insight into the world of developing AAC systems from AAC manufacturers.



French Vocabulary Options from PRC-Salttillo

TUES (Oct 29), 8-9 am



It's Not Just Translation: Adapting AAC Language Systems for International Use

TUES (Oct 29), 9-10 EDT

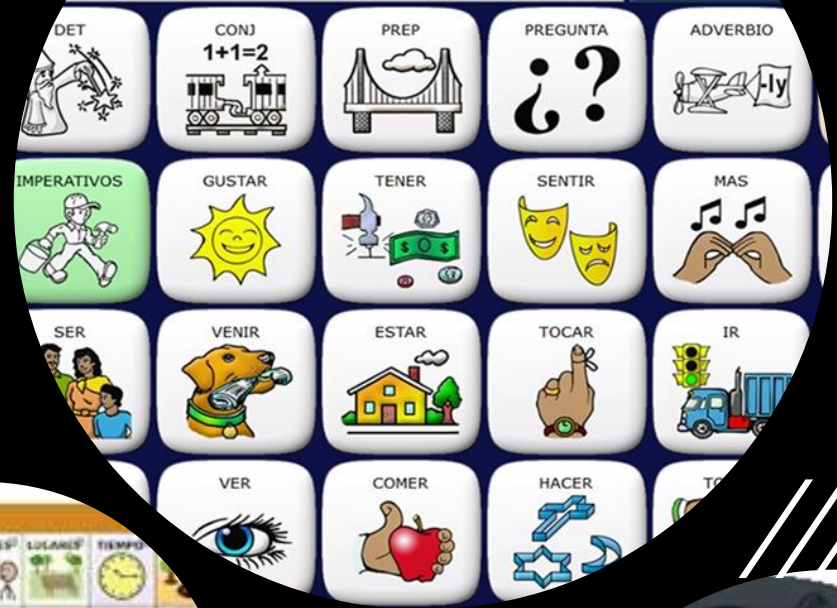


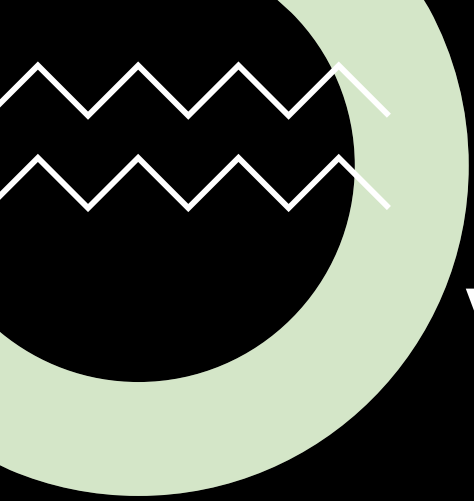
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Bilingual English/ Spanish Options from PRC-Salttillo

TUES (Oct
29), 10-11
EDT





Vibes & Values

- We are guided by our core values

Trust

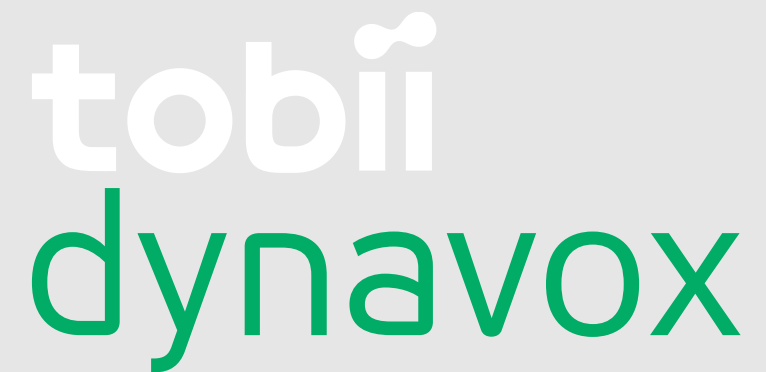
Respect

Integrity

Mission

*Enable individuals
with speech &
language impairments
to successfully
communicate and
interact in their
environment*





Enhancing Self-Expression for
Autistic Students using AAC –
30th of October 10pm

Elizabeth Bahr, MA, CCC-SLP and Erin Levy, MA, CCC-SLP
Clinical Assistive Communication Specialists

Define self-expression



Explore benefits of self-expression



Opportunities for self-expression in AT



Promoting self-expression in AT

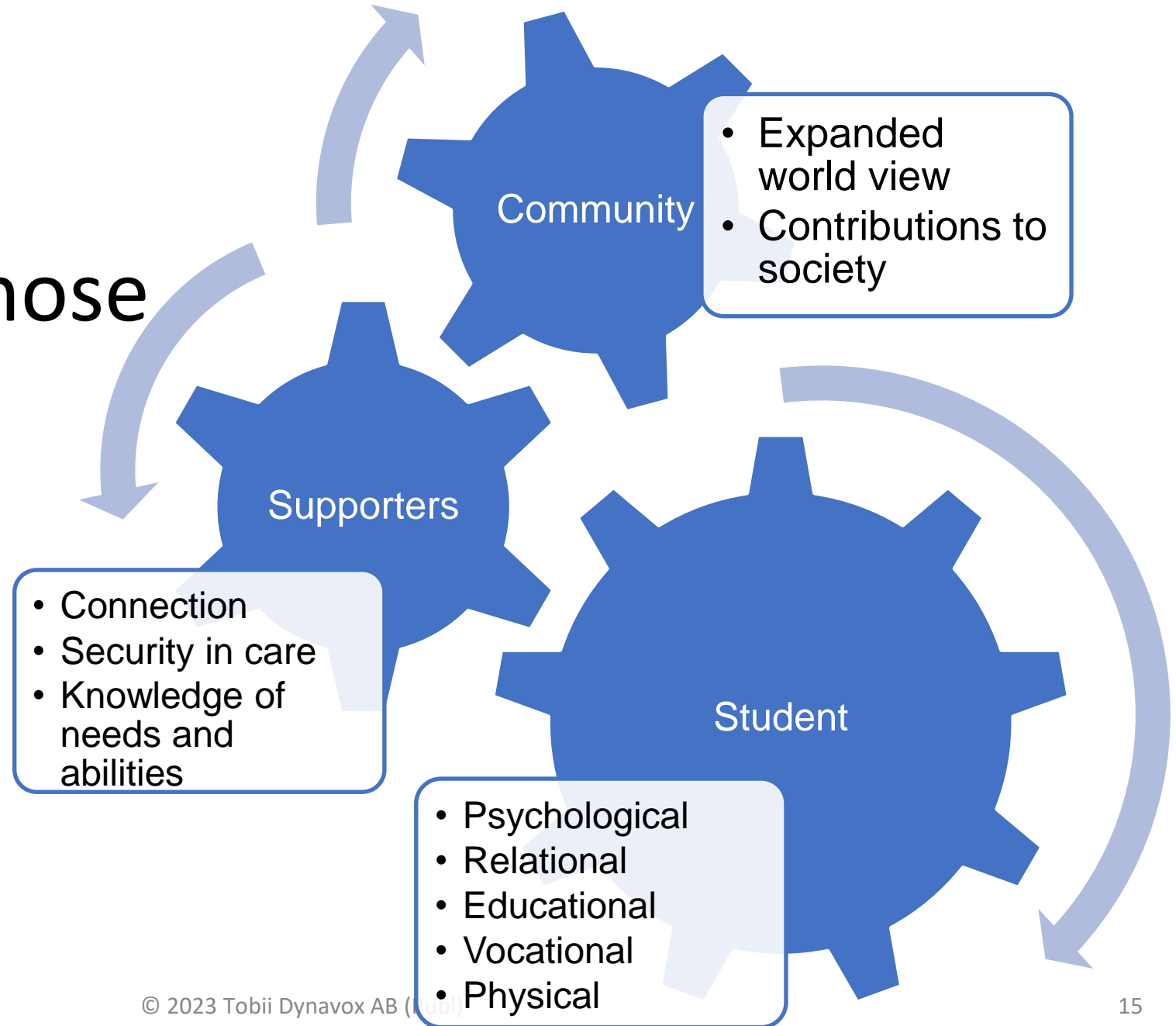
Definition



Self-expression

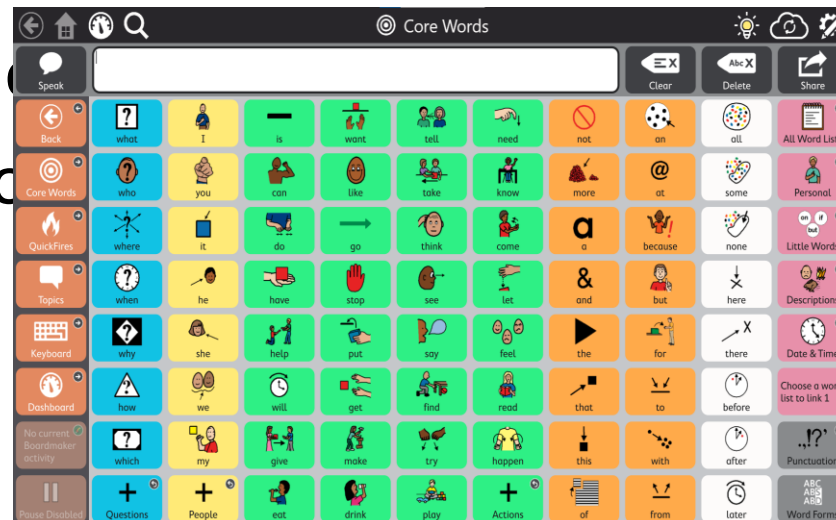
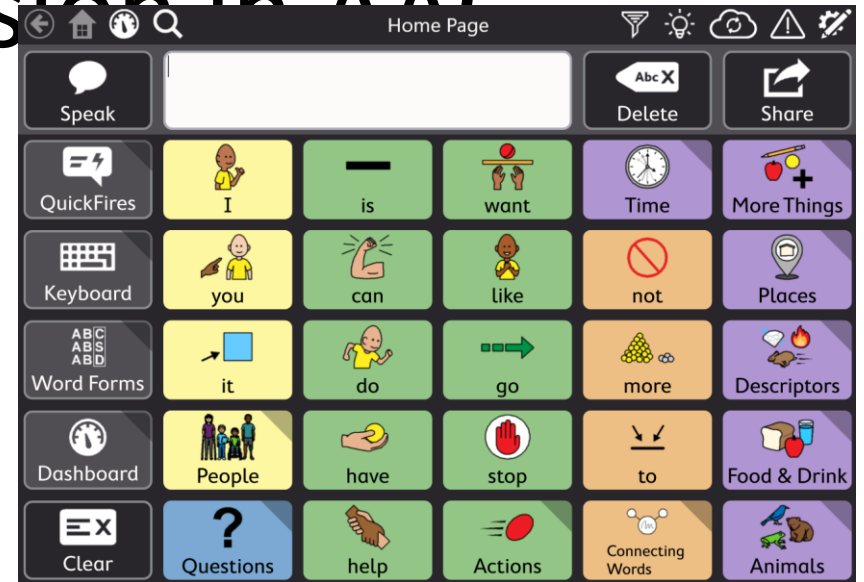
Revealing identify, personality, feelings, thoughts, and opinions

Impact of Self-Expression for Those Using AT



Opportunities for Self-Expression in AAC

- Voice
- Languages
- Symbols and photos
- Words and sentences
- Communication modalities
- More than communication



Promoting Self-Expression with Assistive Technology

- Understand current and potential needs/desires
- Obtain assistive technology for now with growth opportunities for later
- Obtain or provide training to individual and team
- Plan for ongoing and growing self-expression

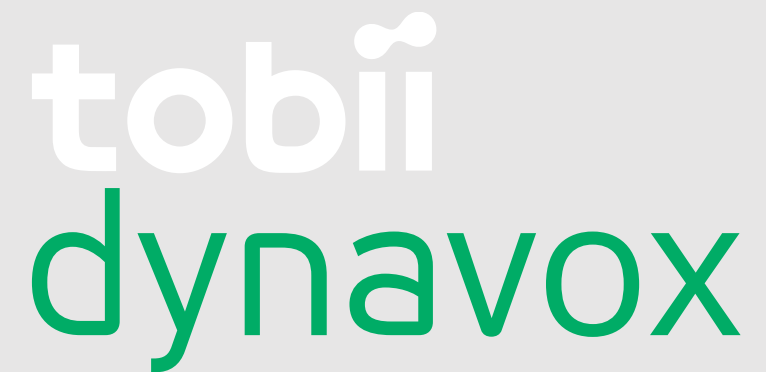


Learning Objectives

1. State the benefit of self-expression to AAC users, their immediate circle, and classroom community.
2. Explain three ways to modify AAC **visually** to support self-expression.
3. Name three features which support self-expression **auditorily** in AAC.



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Thank you!

About Me

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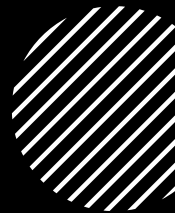
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My Thoughts



Attend the ISAAC Conference!



Committee working hard to create rich content and diverse topics



Anticipation of a valuable experience for attendees

AAC and Adult Life: New Directions for AAC Research and Educational Supports

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 29th, 8am

Presenting with: Lance McLemore and David McNaughton

Focus: Experiences and research on four key goals for adult life:

- Safe living environments

- Meaningful activities (like employment)

- Access to needed services (e.g., healthcare)

- Development of friendships and intimate relationships



Topics covered: Importance of preparing AAC users for adult life from childhood, Early development of communication and self-determination skills, insights from adult AAC users who successfully navigated life transitions, and a discussion on advancements in AAC technology and instructional approaches

Funded by NIDILRR (National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research)

Breaking Barriers: Fostering Communication Access and Awareness (Insights from ISAAC Cancún)



Date & Time: Wednesday, October 30th, 11am
Presenting with: Yoosun Chung, Jamie Gibbs, and Donna Lopez

Focus: Fostering communication access and raising awareness for AAC users

Topics covered: Insights from ISAAC Cancún experience, actionable strategies and impactful initiatives promoting accessibility, and exploration of practical approaches to breaking down barriers and fostering inclusivity in diverse settings

Based on work by North American Alliance for Communication Access (NAACA)



“Vibes of AAC” Logistics



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- Webinar platform – accessibility and ease of use/ access are top of mind for ISAAC !
- Presentations are now scheduled for October 29 and 30. Full schedule of sessions is available [here](#).
- Program will begin with Opening Ceremonies, to be scheduled for October 28.
- Opening Ceremonies program to include welcome messages, keynote speakers, awards ceremony, and prize draw !
- Webinar platform will also include translated captioning, to further attendee accessibility.
- Communication and marketing strategies to maximize attendance.



Question and Answer Period



THANK YOU!

If you have not already registered for ISAAC's "Vibes of AAC" Virtual Event, register now at <https://conference.isaac-online.org/>

See you there!