



FACILITATING SKILL TRAINING FOR LEADERSHIP IN AAC

People Who Use AAC who are interested in leadership roles can develop these skills through a variety of proactive and supported life choices, including the following:

1. Be literate and proficient in the use of your own AAC devices.
2. Have access to the Internet.
3. Develop the ability to direct others in your personal care needs and seek appropriate academic assistance.
4. Utilize high school leadership opportunities, such as:
 - Student council (as member and/or officer)
 - Clubs (member and/or officer)
 - Classes offering leadership training
 - Classes on public speaking
 - Drama classes
 - Mentoring younger students who use AAC
5. Do volunteer work, e.g., after-school clubs, community organizations, church, programs for pre-school students, etc. Opportunities to volunteer can also be found at nursing homes; events such as blood drives and AAC conferences; and organizations that help children with various health disorders, etc.
6. Donate time by going to elementary schools to share your life story, and/or to promote AAC and organizations like ISAAC. Find opportunities to communicate with those who use AAC as well as those who do not.