International AAC Awareness Month

Read-a-Thon:

Fourth Annual 24-Hour AAC Chat October 17, 2012

On Skype, Facebook, Twitter around the World

"Highest Performance Communication – Best Life Experience"

People in countries all around the world celebrate AAC (augmentative and alternative communication) during October. This year, the AAC Month Task Force invites people around the world to participate in the 4th Annual 24-Hour Global AAC Chat (also called "Read-a-Thon"). The AAC Chat will start at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time (USA) and continue nonstop for 24 hours on Skype, Facebook, and Twitter, as people around the globe join in to chat/text/post/tweet to share information, resources, advocacy and news. Everyone with an interest in AAC is welcome: people who use AAC, parents, families, friends, siblings, professionals, and supporters.

Our Dream: Everyone can use a method they choose and prefer to talk to anyone anywhere anytime about anything!

The purpose of the AAC Chat / Read-a-Thon is to get as many people as possible around the world talking and sharing about AAC and the power of communication and figuring out ways to bring effective communication to all who need it.

To join the chat on Skype, download the Skype program (free version at www.skype.com), send us your Skype address (to info@aacawareness.org), and confirm contact with one of the organizers via Skype.

Post your comments, news, favorite links and resources, and AAC event photos on the International AAC Month page on Facebook on October 17 – or anytime in October!

Alternative formats: If you prefer a small chat group or one in a language other than English or a video chat, you may participate by setting up your own Skype or instant messaging chat and inviting your friends and others to participate. Be creative. Let us know about your plans, too, so we may count you in the number of people participating.

We hope you will join in and work to bring communication access to all!

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International AAC Month on Facebook
Twitter hashtag: #AACchat