

## Part Time AAC Use: What Does It Mean and Why Does It Matter?

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### ABOUT THE PRESENTER:

Dr. Zisk is the AAC Research team lead at AssistiveWare. They are an Autistic part-time AAC user, using a variety of text-based tools. Alyssa does AAC research, some of which is related to their own AAC use and needs and some of which is not. They completed their PhD Interdisciplinary Neuroscience in May 2021, working on brain-computer interfaces for people with ALS. Alyssa is also one of the moderators of the Facebook group, Ask Me, I'm an AAC User.

### SEMINAR DESCRIPTION:

During this presentation, Dr. Zisk will define intermittent, unreliable, and insufficient speech, along with part-time AAC use. They will provide examples of these types of speech, including from their own experiences as a mostly speaking Autistic adult, and explain their importance in the context of autistic communication. They will share how part-time AAC use can support people with these speech experiences. Finally, Alyssa will discuss AAC research as a form of self-advocacy.

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## **PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:**

1. Define the terms intermittent, unreliable, and insufficient speech.
2. Describe examples of how intermittent, unreliable, and insufficient speech can affect communication.
3. Describe the benefits of AAC supports for people who experience any of these types of speech.

## **TIME ORDERED AGENDA:**

- 5 minutes: Introduction of Speakers, USSAAC and topic
- 5 minutes: Terms & definitions: Intermittent, unreliable & insufficient speech; part-time AAC use
- 10 minutes: Examples of these types of speech
- 10 minutes: Audience examples and discussion
- 10 minutes: How part-time AAC use helps with these communication needs
- 10 minutes: AAC research as self-advocacy
- 5 minutes: Float time
- 5 minutes: Q & A

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Alyssa Hillary Zisk is on the editorial board for Ought: The Journal of Autistic Culture, the admin team for “Ask Me, I’m an AAC User,” and the advisory council of CommunicationFIRST.

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