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What is…	
AAC	• Augmentative and alternative communication • Methods of communication that we use to supplement or replace spoken or written language • Can vary with language systems that include words, phrases, sentences, keyboards, or a combination of all of these • Can range from writing, drawing, symbols, all the way up to a speech generating device with voice output
language	• Represents words, either spoken or written • Using single words or combining them in a structured, rule-governed way • These rules are primarily learned through exposure and practice over time • Used to help us communicate more effectively
communication	• About the social interaction and the message it represents • Is sending and receiving information • It expresses thoughts and ideas • It helps us learn new things • Is helps us build relationships
Key Take Away	•

Myths & Beliefs about AAC	
Myths:	• AAC will reduce the motivation to improve natural speech. • Children are not ready for AAC until they are in school. • There are pre-requisite skills needed before starting AAC.
Key Take Aways	•
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Communicative Competencies	
Linguistic competence	•
Operational competence	•
Strategic competence	•
Social competence	•
Psychosocial/Emotional competence	•
Key Take Away	•

Connect with a Consultant	
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	Look at device and software information Find your regional PRC consultant and Saltillo consultant: PRC- Satillo-

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Additional Notes: