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Below are things for you to consider!

### **Long time AAC users and Mentors explain what is important to them:**

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[http://www.augcominc.com/newsletters/index.cfm/newsletter\\_22.pdf](http://www.augcominc.com/newsletters/index.cfm/newsletter_22.pdf)

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[http://www.augcominc.com/newsletters/index.cfm/newsletter\\_94.pdf](http://www.augcominc.com/newsletters/index.cfm/newsletter_94.pdf)

### **Five good communication standards**

The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists.

London: RCSLT, 2013. www

Reasonable adjustments to communication that individuals with learning disability and/or autism should expect in specialist hospital and residential settings

[https://www.rcslt.org/news/docs/good\\_comm\\_standards](https://www.rcslt.org/news/docs/good_comm_standards)

### **Inability to communicate can lead to challenging behaviors:**

Challenging behaviors can be one of the most significant associated issues for individuals who have severe communication disorders. Individuals with severe communication disorders do not have efficient or effective means to communicate. As a result, they often utilize atypical behaviors to communicate. Individuals who are frustrated by their inability to effectively communicate may demonstrate aggressive behaviors (e.g., kicking, screaming, biting, hitting) or passive behaviors (e.g., non-responsiveness). Unfortunately, these behaviors may not be recognized as forms of communication. The behaviors are not recognized as meaningful so they are not acknowledged, and the person may be punished because the behavior is deemed inappropriate.

<https://www.speechpathology.com/ask-the-experts/communication-disorders-and-behavioral-intervention-872>

Behavior is Communication Webinar from Michigan Alliance for Families, April 14, 2013

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=2068&v=IP0SQIIErMg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2068&v=IP0SQIIErMg)



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### **Information on the concept of learned helplessness:**

Definition: The belief that one's own behavior does not control outcomes or results.

Martin Seligman, 2006

Since the original learned helplessness experiments [in the 1960s], the phenomenon has been applied to several areas of human behavior, including (1) Depression (Seligman, 1975; Seligman, 1976); (2) elderly adults and old-age homes (Langer & Rodin, 1976); (3) domestic violence and abusive relationships; and (4) drug abuse and addiction.

[https://allpsych.com/personalitysynopsis/learned\\_helplessness/](https://allpsych.com/personalitysynopsis/learned_helplessness/)

It has also been applied to students with disabilities, as described in a presentation by Amanda Leibovitz, April 24, 2014.

<https://prezi.com/2k3n5--nr-bz/overcoming-learned-helplessness-in-people-with-disabilities/?webgl=0>

Learned Helplessness - an Overview

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/neuroscience/learned-helplessness>