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Below are things to consider!

Information on being a good communication partner

Allow Me!: A Guide to Promoting Communication Skills in Adults with Developmental Delays

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This guidebook is offered as one way in which we can connect with people who have developmental delays - in a way in which language can be nourished. It will help stop the communication barriers which are frequently misunderstood.

Allow Me! Offers guidelines using the SLOW acronym.

S Share Activities – Do something together as a framework to communicate

L Listen – Interpret tone of voice, gestures, sounds made

O Observe what she does – eye gaze, alertness, gestures, reactions

W Wait – allow her to surprise you. She may be more capable than you think!

<http://www.hanen.org>

Ten AAC Rules of Commitment

These rules lay the foundation for the resources, services and advocacy efforts of the AAC Institute and ICAN™ Talk Clinic.

<https://aacinstitute.org/10-aac-rules-of-commitment/>

Exploring communication assistants as an option for increasing communication access to communities for people who use augmentative communication, Collier, B., McGhie-Richmond, D., & Self, H. (2010). Augmentative and Alternative Communication, 26, 48-59.



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The findings suggest that the majority of participants experienced a range of communication barriers when communicating with people in their communities, and that the provision of trained communication assistants significantly increased (a) their ability to communicate and participate in their communities; (b) their feelings of dignity, empowerment, autonomy, and privacy, and (d) the quality of their community services.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/20196704>