




Using Communication Functionally... Everyday in Everyday

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- 17 years of Augmentative Communication Experience
- Clients are age 15 months to 101 years
- Four evaluations a week
- Eleven trainings a week

- Speech Pathologists that specialize in Augmentative Communication




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*"... if all my possessions were taken
from me with one exception, I
would choose to keep the power of
communication, for by it I would
soon regain all the rest."*


Daniel Webster



Augmentative/Alternative Communication

- Augment what they currently are able to do.

- Provide an alternative communication system.



How to Assess for the Right Assistive Technology



Object/Photo/Picture Symbols

Choice Making

- Between how many items?
- Where do the items need to be placed?
- What cues do they need?

Voice Output

- Digitized
- Synthesized

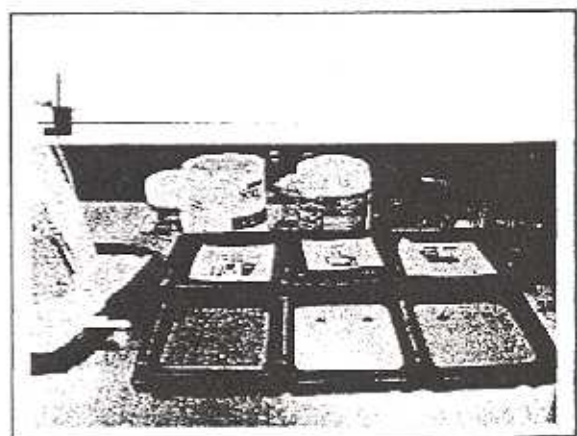
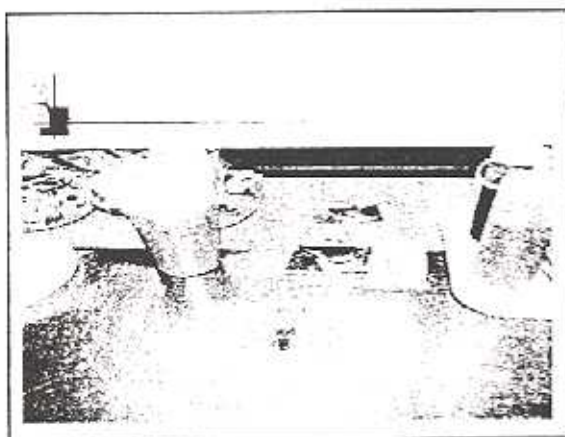
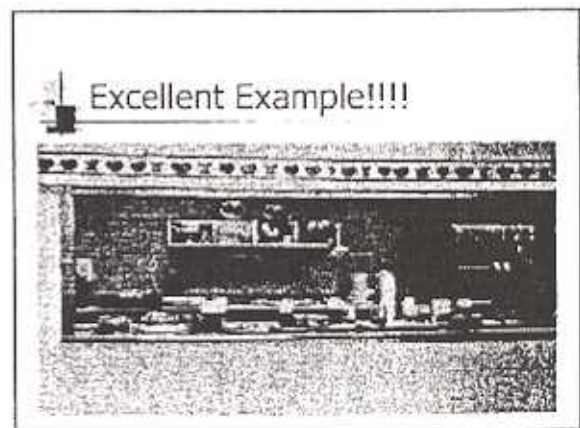
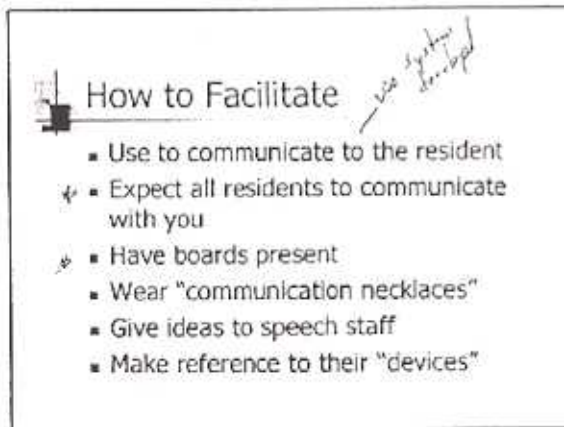
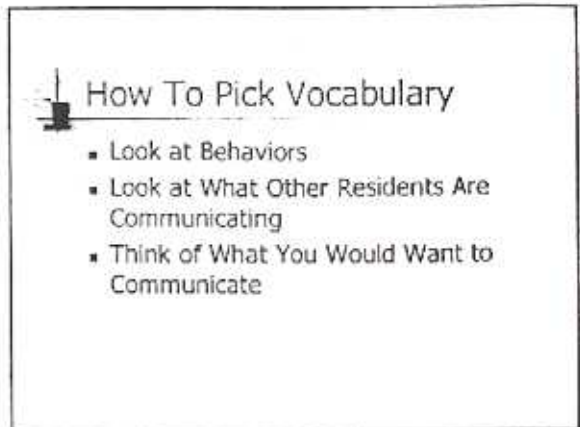
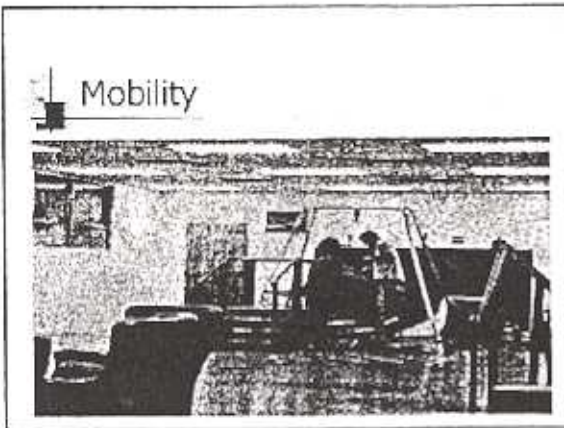
Recommendations

How The Goals Were Established

- Must be measurable
- Must be for all environments
- It is based on their current communication abilities---Plus 1 level!

What To Do To Meet The Goals

- Identify the vocabulary
- Develop the system
- Train the staff within the environment
- Follow up

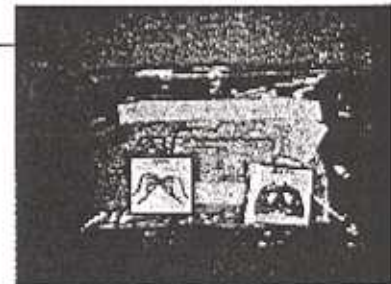
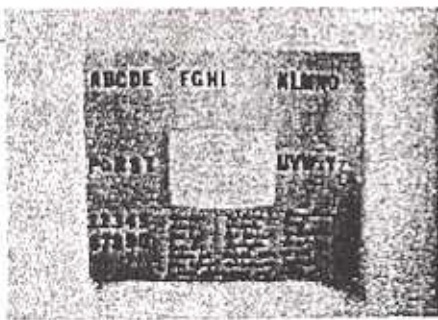
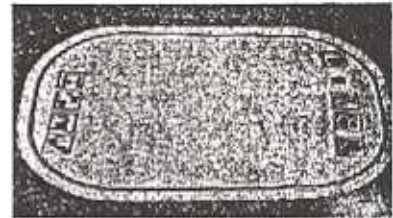


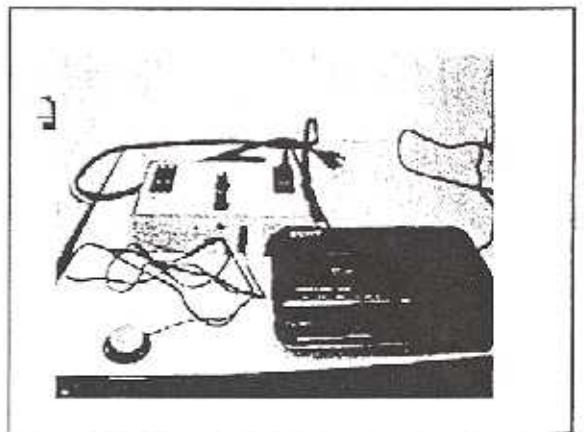
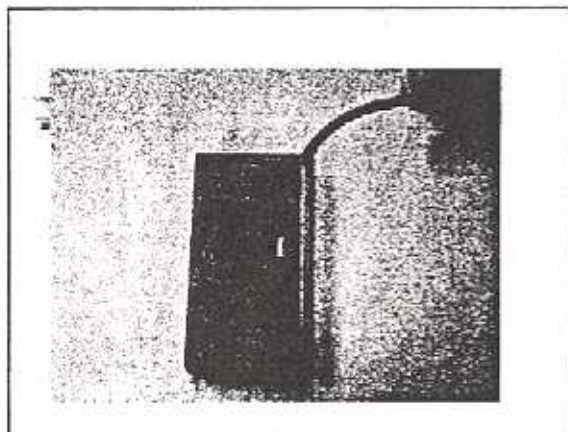
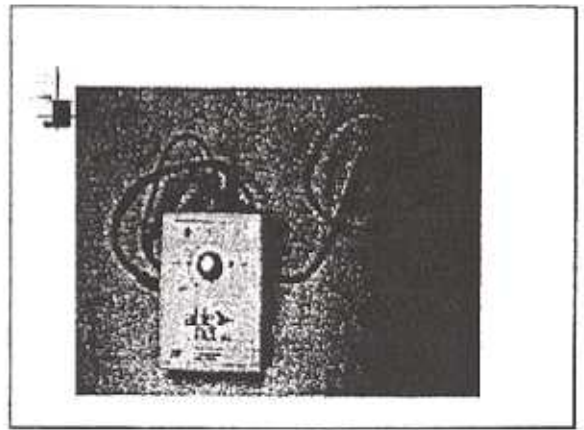
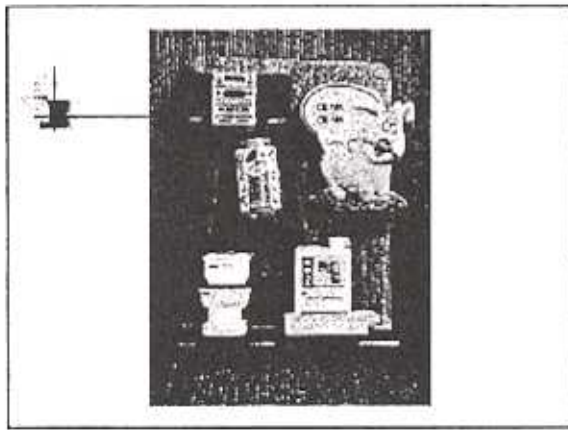
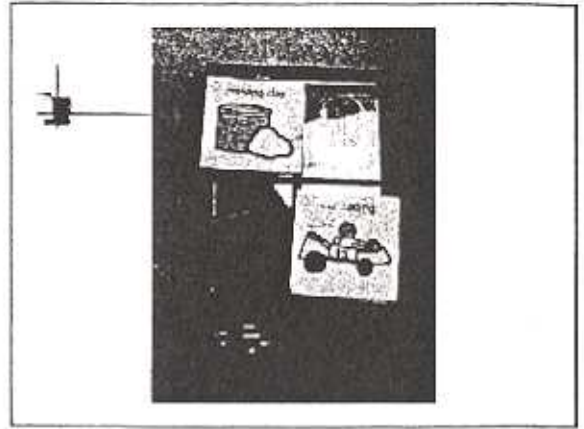
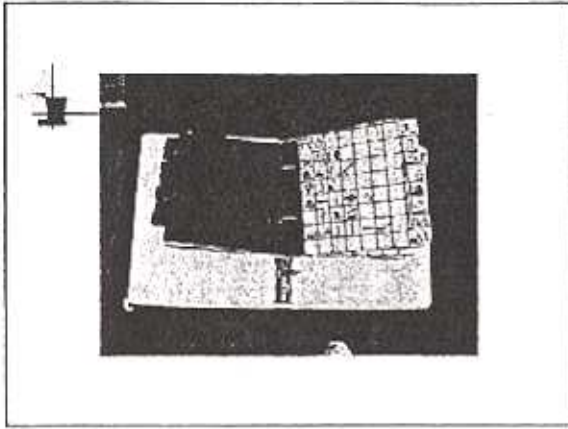
Frontline Staff Role

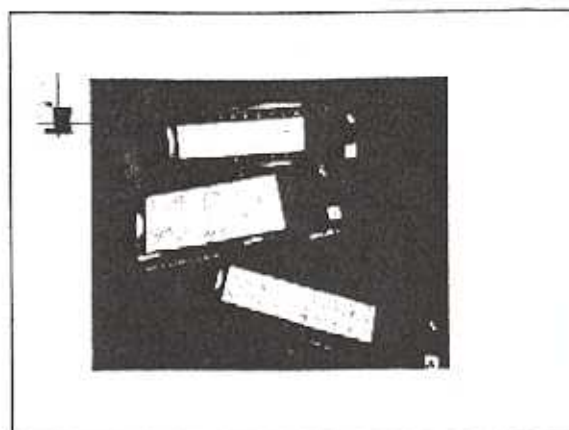
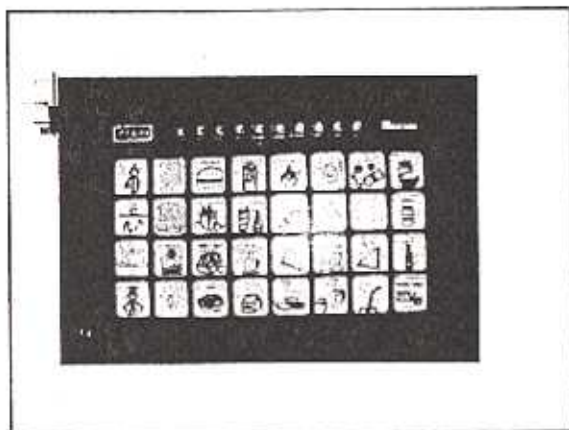
- You are the most important!!!!
- You are with the residents 99% of the time
- You are with them when they are communicating
- You must have the system there

Assistive Technology

- 1. Light Tech Items


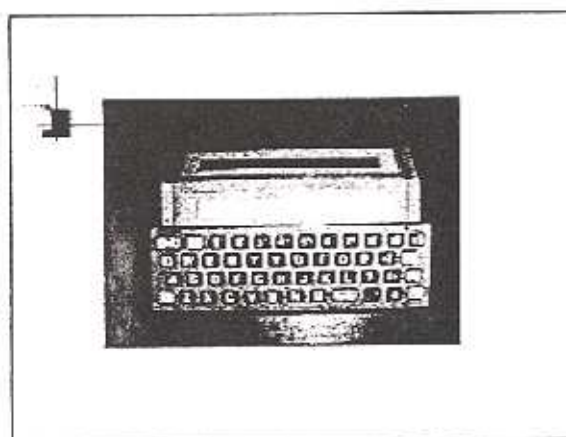
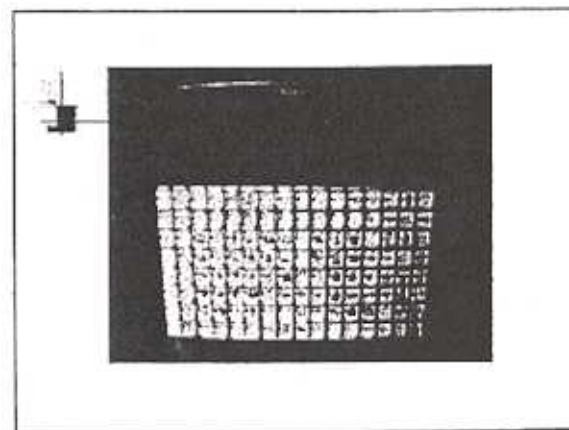






Assistive Technology

- High Tech Items

A photograph showing a tablet computer and a smartphone. The tablet is open and displaying a grid of icons, while the smartphone is positioned in front of it, also displaying a similar interface. This represents high-tech assistive technology.

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AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION TEAM

FEBRUARY 10, 2003

AGENDA

10:30-11:30: Using Communication Functionally... Everyday in Everyway

11:30-12:00: Communication Devices and Their Features

12:00-12:30: Hands on with Communication Devices

12:30-1:30: LUNCH

1:30-2:00: Which Switch is the Right Switch

2:00-2:30: Practical Application of Switch Use

2:30-3:00: Goal Writing

3:00-3:30: Make it Take it with Boardmaker