

# Special Education Technology Center

inclusive insights & access tips

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## Wrapping Up Augmentative Alternative Communication Awareness Month

As we conclude AAC Awareness month, we are reminded of the pivotal role AAC plays in fostering inclusivity within the realm of education. By using AAC, individuals with speech or communication challenges are empowered to express themselves effectively, breaking down barriers to participation in inclusive educational settings. AAC not only supports students with disabilities, but also enhances the overall classroom experience by promoting empathy, understanding, and acceptance among peers. It emphasizes the idea that everyone, regardless of their communication modality, has the right to engage actively in their educational journey, pursuit of knowledge, and social interactions.



## Getting Started with AAC

If you are just getting started with AAC, Dr. Joy Zabala's [\*\*SETT framework\*\*](#) can be helpful for guiding your team through collaborative decision making. [\*\*PrAACtical AAC\*\*](#) has a ton of searchable resources and blogs. And finally, we have many supports at SETC such as our [\*\*free 30-minute Tech Assist\*\*](#) and [\*\*AAC Q&A sessions!\*\*](#)

## Amplifying AAC in General Ed

Successful use of AAC in the gen ed environment may take some practice and thoughtful planning. Check out [\*\*this short video\*\*](#) explaining three tips to successful implementation including: consistent access to AAC, asking your student how they want to answer questions and participate, and facilitating and encouraging peer partnership.

## Teacher Spotlight

In [\*\*Series 1, Episode 4\*\*](#) of the [\*\*SETC Awe and Wonder Podcast\*\*](#), life skills teacher Kaylee Hull describes her pursuit of AAC for a new kindergarten student. After hearing a specialist recommend that they start with Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), Kaylee's skepticism took her on a quest to find access to more robust AAC.

## new and notable

[Inclusion in Action: Practical Strategies to Modify Your Curriculum - Book Study](#)  
[SETC Literacy Retreat: Learn, Collaborate, & Create](#)  
[AAC Q & A: Assessment & Implementation](#)  
[Awe and Wonder: AAC & AT Podcast - Series 3 - Literacy](#)

Checkout tips & webinar recordings on the [SETC YouTube Channel](#), including the [Augmentative Alternative Communication Playlist](#)

