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With over 18 years of experience in public schools, Sara specializes in supporting students ages 3–21 with complex communication needs. Her work focuses on coaching teams, designing scalable professional learning systems, and translating research into practical strategies that promote inclusion, accessibility, and meaningful participation for all learners.