

AAC & Portability

How to make AAC Practical and Portable for Everyday Use

It is important to consider how a child or a family will be able to transport an AAC system. If the system is a burden to the family or hinders family routines, it may not be used. Children are in many different environments (home, preschool, playground, bedroom, kitchen, etc.). The AAC system chosen for a child should be able to accommodate to a variety of settings. Listed below are some low-tech strategies for organizing and transporting an AAC system.

PHOTOS/SYMBOLS

1. Photo albums
2. Communication Notebooks / Binders
3. Magnetic picture frames
4. Picture Rings
5. Wrist bands
6. Iron – on Communication Boards



3-D OBJECT SYSTEMS

1. Clear plastic containers
2. Add magnets to representative objects
3. Velcro
4. Cards with symbol and real object paired



VOICE OUTPUT DEVICES

There are many voice output devices that are easy for a child to transport independently available on the market. Everyday new devices are being developed. Below are just some options to consider when looking for a portable AAC device for a young child.

1. Talking photo albums
2. Hip Talk
3. Track Talk
4. Wrist Talker
5. Talking Symbols Notepads
6. Carrying cases that are made for specific devices

