Get to Know _____

How My Child Communicates:

My child communicates in many different ways. (Circle any that apply):

Speech · Gestures · Body Language/Facial Expressions · AAC Device · Sign Language

Other: _____

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Important Words or Phrases to Know:

When my child wants something ...

When my child is ...

Upset: _____

Tired: _____

Happy: _____

How You Can Help:

Model: When you speak, model 1-2 words on the AAC device. It is okay if it feels awkward or if you make mistakes because you're learning together!

Wait: After speaking, pause and wait for my child to respond. This can be 10-15 seconds or even up to a minute. The extra time gives them time to understand, process what you said, and respond.

Listen and Problem Solve: If it is unclear what my child was trying to communicate, let them know you are listening by saying, *"I hear that you want something, let's figure it out together."*

Try Out These Strategies to Help:

Offer Choices | Ask a Follow up Question | Model on the AAC Device

Other: _____

If you have more questions about how my child communicates or the AAC device, contact _____ .

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