

# Myth Busting

## AAC in Early Intervention



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**Myth:** “My child will become dependent on their AAC device and lose their voice”

**FACT:** Research shows AAC supports and often enhances spoken language by giving children a reliable way to communicate.



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**Myth:** “AAC devices are too high-tech for young children”

**FACT:** Devices can be customized to start simple and grow with your child’s communication skills.



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**Myth:** “You have to be a certain age to get started with AAC”

**FACT:** Early use leads to better outcomes. AAC can support in developing language, literacy, and cognitive skills.



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**Myth:** “Children this young shouldn’t be engaging in screen time”

**FACT:** AAC devices are not the same as passive screen time. A speech-generating device should be treated as the child’s voice, not for entertainment.



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**Myth:** “There are prerequisites children need prior to using AAC”

**FACT:** Children do not need specific skills to begin AAC. Introducing AAC early supports language and cognitive development through early intervention.



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