



# ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY NEWS

## AUGMENTATIVE-ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION



### FINDING A NEW WAY TO COMMUNICATE

Communication is one of the most important aspects of a person's life. When that ability is lost, due to injury or disease such as stroke, brain injury, or ALS, it can be devastating. Easter Seals Augmentative-Alternative Communication (AAC) Assessment service can be invaluable in regaining the ability to communicate.

When a person cannot communicate through speech, there are a range of augmentative and alternative communication devices that may help the person stay connected and convey thoughts. In order to determine what device is most appropriate, a speech language pathologist and an assistive technology specialist perform a comprehensive assessment of the person's physical, cognitive, and communication abilities. Based on the evaluation, the therapist will recommend a communication device that enables the person to communicate in an alternative way.

Easter Seals offers AAC Assessments in all three counties in Delaware and in Salisbury, Maryland. These assessments are typically covered by insurance, with a doctor's prescription. Our staff will write a comprehensive report, with recommendations and equipment justification which can be submitted to the insurance company.

We accept Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans.

For more information on Augmentative-Alternative Communication devices or to schedule an appointment, call 302-221-2087 or toll-free 1-800-677-3800.