

The augmentative communication clinic assesses and supports children with complex verbal and written communication challenges who require alternative methods to communicate.



Augmentative communication systems can:

- ❖ Enable communication of thoughts and needs
- ❖ Improve speech and language development
- ❖ Encourage social interaction
- ❖ Expand educational and vocational opportunities
- ❖ Increase independence in the home, school, and community



OUR TEAM

The augmentative communication clinic is staffed by an interdisciplinary team including:

- ❖ Speech language pathologists
- ❖ Occupational therapists
- ❖ Assistive technology specialists



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SERVICES

- ❖ Evaluate current communication skills and needs
- ❖ Assess physical capabilities and functional visual/perceptual abilities
- ❖ Identify augmentative/alternative communication aids, strategies, and techniques to meet the child's needs
- ❖ Assess computer access and environmental control needs
- ❖ Assist in system design and training for both the child and his/her family members, educational team, and other communication partners
- ❖ Monitor the child's progress
- ❖ Assist in identifying funding sources



SUPPORTED EQUIPMENT

- ❖ **Communication Boards**
 - Picture Exchange Communication Systems (PECS)
 - Custom alphabet, symbol, or picture boards
 - Tactile feeling boards
- ❖ **Switches**
- ❖ **Computer-Based Communication**
 - Communication software
 - Access devices
- ❖ **Voice Output Devices**
 - High-tech and low-tech options



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