

# AACCELERATE

*A specialty program for kids with complex communication needs*



## Program Overview

AACcelerate is a 4-week high-frequency program, that runs 4 days a week, 2-3 hours a day to provide comprehensive speech and occupational therapy services to jumpstart your child's communication skills. The program focuses on matching features of a high- and/or low-tech communication system to meet your child's language and access needs. Goals target the areas of expressive and receptive language, alternative access, seating and positioning, motor planning, and functional vision. The program is tailored to each child's unique needs and includes comprehensive evaluations to establish baselines and goal areas, as well as a home program upon completion of the program which will focus on equipment recommendations, strategies for utilizing your child's communication system at home, and instruction on modeling their language system for all caregivers.

**Daily Program Schedule:** 1-2 hours of Speech, 1 hour of OT

## Who Could Benefit

Children with complex communication needs who are in need of an augmentative alternative communication system that will optimize their expressive language abilities. Children with an existing system who would like to further explore customized feature matching are appropriate for this program as well. Children in the AACcelerate program should be able to safely maintain a program that is 2-3 hours in duration daily.

## Potential Goal Areas Include:

- Receptive and expressive language
- Functional Positioning
- Functional Vision
- Customized Feature Matching
  - High-tech and low-tech options
  - Access method exploration
  - Switch types and switch sites
  - Dynamic display features
  - Environmental controls



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