

## Wait for It... AAC Independence!

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### About the Presenter

Mike Cole M.S. CCC-SLP is President of “Use Your Words, P.C.”, established in 2010, specializing in augmentative and alternative communication (AAC). He provides services to individuals with complex communication needs and their families in the home, school, and community setting. Prior to this he served a variety of students in self-contained and inclusion school settings as an assistive technology specialist in school district 204 in Aurora, IL. In this position Mike provided consultation and training to staff, students, and families with specific emphasis in AAC evaluation and implementation.

### Training Description

**Target Audience:** (Mental/Behavioral Health Therapists & Providers, Educators, Clinicians, and Professionals)

Are you striving for expressive communication independence with AAC Communicators? How does the focus on communicative competencies lead to greater independence of use? What type of prompting leads to independence versus those that create prompt dependency? For individuals requiring AAC, independent communication is the desired outcome. However, for individuals with complex communication and physical needs such as people with Autism, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Angelman Syndrome, and other genetic concerns, increasing independent communication can be a more difficult task. Families, educators, and related service staff often get caught in the trap of the over use of cues and prompts and unintentionally create prompt dependent AAC communicators. Join Mike as he shares experiences working with AAC communicators, their families, and staff to strive for communicative independence utilizing AAC lo-tech and hi-tech systems. Strategies will be shared through cases, stories, and video.

### Training Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Identify 4 areas to increase AAC communicators level of participation.
- Implement 2 strategies to improve your effective implementation of AAC.
- Utilize 2 collaborative strategies with parents and team members.

#### Date:

February 1-28, 2023

Registration begins: February 1, 2023

#### Location:

Online, pre-recorded, 60-minute webinar

#### Registration Deadline:

February 28, 2023

Limited to first 500 participants

#### Register [here](#)

*Registration is mandatory. Once registered, you will receive a link to view the presentation online.*

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