

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)

Program for Communication Partners



What is the AAC Program?

This program has been developed for communication partners, or people who support individuals who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) to communicate. The program, run by Autism SA's Speech Pathologists, will empower you to build your confidence in setting goals for the individual you support and help you to implement strategies to achieve these goals.

The benefits of the program

Autism SA's AAC program is an opportunity to develop your skills and get the most out of the AAC system, so that you can help the person you support to communicate and live the life they choose.

The program aims to support in:

- Understanding of AAC and development of skills;
- The ability to effectively use an AAC system in the environments your individual requires support;
- Effective guidance of what to work on next;
- Confidence building, and capacity to model language on the individual's AAC system;
- Ensuring you are maximising the use of the AAC system to meet the goals of the individual you support; and
- Networking with others who also support individuals to use AAC to communicate.

Cost

The cost of the program is in line with NDIS rates. This includes five sessions, a 1:1 meeting with the parent or carer and a report at the end of the program. The program can be paid for using NDIS funding, Fee-For-Service, or a combination of both. Our Service Access team will discuss funding options upon acceptance of a spot within the program.

For more information about supports and services at Autism SA, please contact My Pathways on 1300 288 476 or mypathways@autismsa.org.au