

## **Supporting Students with Disabilities: Helpful Websites**

AAC Institute	A not-for-profit, charitable organization dedicated to the most effective communication for people who rely on augmentative and alternative communication (AAC).
AAC Intervention	This site provides information related to augmentative/ alternative communication interventions.
AAC-RERC (Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center)	The AAC-RERC is a Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center that functions as a collaborative research group dedicated to the development of effective AAC (augmentative and alternative communication) technology.
All Children Can Read	This website, funded by the Office of Special Education Programs, U.S.  Department of Education provides extensive information on literacy for students with dual sensory challenges. The website provides strategies in a user-friendly, interactive manner that utilizes existing resources and provides practical examples.
Bookshare.org	The Bookshare.org library provides an accessible online library for people in the United States with print disabilities. This project is supported by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs.
CAST (Universal Design for Learning)	CAST is a nonprofit research and development organization that works to expand learning opportunities for all individuals, especially those with disabilities, through Universal Design for Learning.
Center for Literacy and Disability Studies	The Center's mission is to promote literacy and communication for individuals of all ages with disabilities. The site provides resources to support literacy access for students with significant disabilities, including those with deafblindness.
Communication Matrix	An easy to use assessment instrument designed for individuals of all ages who function at the earliest stages of communication and who use any form of communication.
Council for Exceptional Children	The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving the educational success of individuals with disabilities and/or gifts and talents.
Disability is Natural	The mission of this site is to encourage new ways of thinking about developmental disabilities, in the belief that changes in our attitudes and actions can help create a society where all children and adults with developmental disabilities have opportunities to live the lives of their dreams, included in all areas of life.
Early Intervention for young children with autismand other disabilities	This website provides guidelines for early intervention to maximize the language and communication development of young children with special needs including infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.
Inclusive Schools Network	The Inclusive Schools Network (ISN) is a web-based resource for families, schools and communities that promotes inclusive educational practices.



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International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication	ISAAC supports and encourages the best possible communication methods for people who find communication difficult.
Literacy Instruction for Individuals with Autismand Other Disabilities	This website provides guidelines for teaching literacy skills to learners with special needs, especially learners with complex communication needs (CCN).
National Center and State Collaborative (NCSC)	The National Center and State Collaborative (NCSC) is a project led by five centers and 19 states to build an alternate assessment based on alternate achievement standards (AA-AAS) for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The goal of the NCSC project is to ensure that students with the most significant cognitive disabilities achieve increasingly higher academic outcomes and leave high school ready for post-secondary options.
National Alternate Assessment Center	NAAC is a five-year project funded under the United State Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).
National Braille Press, Inc.	The National Braille Press promotes the literacy of blind children through braille and provides access to information that empowers blind people to actively engage in work, family, and community affairs.
National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness	NCDB is a national technical assistance center funded by the US Department of Education. NCDB works to improve the quality of life for children who are deafblind.
National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center	The NSTTAC is a national Technical Assistance and Dissemination center funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).
Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence	This site provides information and resources related to students with autism and other low incidence disabilities. The site houses electronic modules on topics related to the education and support of students with autism.
OSEP Ideas that Work	This site, operated by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is designed to provide easy access to information from research to practice initiatives.
Tarheel Reader	Tar Heel Reader is a collection of free, easy-to-read, and accessible books on a wide range of topics. Each book can be speech enabled and accessed using multiple interfaces (i.e. switches, alternative keyboards, touch screens, and dedicated AAC devices). The books may be downloaded as slide shows in PowerPoint, Impress, or Flash format. You may write your own books using pictures from the huge collection at Flickr or pictures you upload.



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