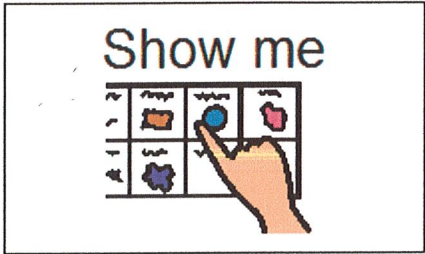


Tips from our friends who use AAC to communicate



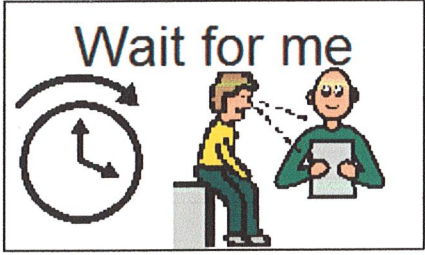
Let me talk

- Give me LOTS of chances to talk. Let me;
- ask questions
 - express feelings
 - greet others
 - answer open ended questions
 - make comments
 - ask for activities
 - make choices
 - comment on ongoing activities



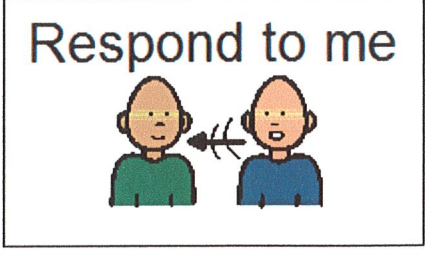
Show me

- Model the use of the AAC I am using;
- Don't be afraid to use my device, book, pictures, or signs.
 - We can figure out how to use it together!
 - It shows me you get it, and helps me learn.



Wait for me

- Give me lots of time to think and respond;
- Wait at least 30 seconds
 - I may need as much as 90 seconds or more!
 - Look at me like you are waiting for me to do something.



Respond to me

- Respond to anything I say;
- find a way to respond, even if what I say doesn't really make sense.
 - This will help me stay motivated.
 - This will show me what I say matters!



Have fun!

We all learn best when we are having fun!

My AAC will help us be better friends!