

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)

National Workshop Series

Strategies for supporting Children with Complex Communication Needs (CNN) and their communication partners

A Ministry of Health and ATANZ initiative.

Who? These workshops are designed for people -

- using AAC or communicating with people who use AAC (e.g., family/ whanau).
- working with children who have CCN (e.g., Speech-language therapists, OTs, Physios).
- involved in community support organisations (e.g. CCS disability action, Parent to Parent).
- who are NASC assessors.
- providing residential and hospital care.
- working for Funding agencies (e.g., Accessable and Enable NZ)

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Why? Communication is central to inclusion in our communities and enhancing peoples' quality of life. By learning about effective communication strategies we can support children who have difficulty using and accessing spoken and written language.

What? The aims of the workshop include helping participants develop an understanding of:

- ✓ AAC tools and strategies ('lite' and high tech) designed for children with CCN.
- ✓ Creating supportive communicative environments.
- ✓ The frameworks associated with assessment and implementation of AAC
- ✓ Specialist services that support the assessment process
- ✓ The equipment funding process.

Where? **Tuesday 11th November, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm**
The Kauri Room, Ministry of Education
39 Princess Street, Christchurch

RSVP: These workshops are **FREE** of charge. However, please confirm your attendance by contacting **TalkLink Trust - Wahanga Tu Korero**

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