

# PROVIDING SERVICES DURING REMOTE INSTRUCTION

## THE CHALLENGE:

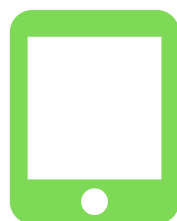


Our delivery method has always been based on innovation. Now, more than ever, we are adapting our services. We are ready and available to remotely provide a vast array of services for children with special needs. With safety at the forefront, research-based plans and protocols will be used as the foundation for the continuation of our services for those with the most complex special needs. School districts can rely on us to provide expert services remotely for the students they serve.

## REMOTE AAC EVALUATIONS:

We utilize teletherapy platforms to interview families, school speech therapists, and teachers to learn about the communication needs of the child. After these interviews are completed a sanitized iPad will be sent/dropped off at the child's house. This iPad, with help and guidance from parents in the home, will play an important role in conducting the evaluation of the child.

Our AAC Specialist will model and provide communication opportunities for the child through scheduled video sessions. Additionally, our Specialist will assist with the set-up of each communication application to be trialed. Ideally, this would be a hands-on process with our Specialist. However, the safety of the children we serve is paramount, and through this model, with support from families, we are well-positioned to provide thorough evaluations remotely to children. **There is no need to wait**, we are here to assist children with complex communication needs find their voice.

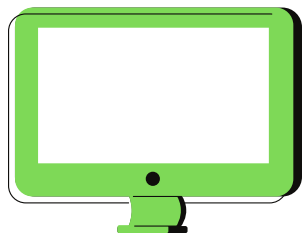


## REMOTE COACHING & TRAINING



We provide coaching to families struggling with the implementation of the AAC system at home and to professionals who need assistance with teletherapy implementation for their AAC user. Coaching involves problem solving when watching a therapy session in action, or reviewing and providing feedback for a previously recorded activity. Expert guidance is shared on what is going well along with ways the use of the AAC system may be improved to expand functional communication skills. Training sessions are available in a variety of specialized areas - including the implementation of AAC at home, the utilization of specific applications, and the providing of communicative opportunities in the home.

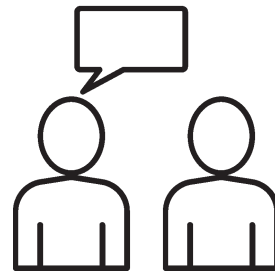
## TELE-AAC THERAPY



We perform Tele-AAC therapy via Doxy, a HIPAA/FERPA compliant platform, which allows us to bring therapy right to the child's home. A BAA (Business Associate Agreement) can be provided upon request. Best practices are used to provide remote modeling and visual access of the AAC users device. Current IEP goals are targeted throughout therapy sessions.

## MEETINGS

We are available and ready to attend IEP meeting remotely to continue to assist with the implementation of the AAC system, creation of goals, and support to families and school staff.



**Garden State AAC Specialists are dedicated to continue to provide exceptional AAC services to our most complex learners during these difficult times.**

