

AAC Resources on the Internet

Quick Guide

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Resource	URL	Description	Downloadable Resources
AAC-RERC (USA)	http://www.aac-rerc.com/	AAC Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center site, with reports on AAC research projects being carried out in centres throughout the USA.	
AAC Research Unit, Univ. of Stirling	http://www.aacscotland.com	Very clean, unfussy site with details of projects carried out by the unit and publications, including Talking Mats and other training packages.	
AAC Intervention (USA)	http://aacintervention.com/	The opening page is a bit "messy", but the content is excellent, with a particular focus on literacy. The 'Tip of the Month' feature is very useful.	"Smart sheets", giving quick tips on how to use software and equipment and ideas for implementation.
AbilityNet	http://www.abilitynet.co.uk	Emphasis more on assistive technology, rather than AAC, but there is useful information on a number of subjects, including funding.	Information sheets.
ACE Centre	http://www.ace-centre.org.uk/	Very useful site with information on the assessment and training services offered by the ACE Centre and details of research projects.	Short articles on different aspects of AAC; shareware and demo software; even a book!
ACE Centre North	http://www.ace-north.org.uk/	Another useful site with information on ACE Centre North's assessment, training and other services. Site has an 'AAC System Picker', helping people choose an appropriate device.	Information sheets on a number of topics.
ACOLUG (Augmentative Communication On-Line Users Group) (USA)	http://www.temple.edu/inst_disabilities/ACOLUG/tacolug.html	ACOLUG is a LISTSERV created to exchange ideas, information and experiences on AAC. By using e-mail, people who use AAC and their friends and families discuss various issues.	
Allegheny Public Schools (USA)	http://www.mindspring.com/~mdtech1/activity_pages/activity1.html	BoardMaker and Intellipics resources for stories such as The Very Hungry Caterpillar, collected by schools in Allegheny	BoardMaker and Intellipics files.
Alliance for Technology Access (USA)	http://www.ataccess.org/	More of an assistive technology emphasis, rather than AAC, but with a lot of useful information.	Several downloadable books!
Dept. of Applied Computing, Univ. of Dundee	http://www.computing.dundee.ac.uk	Limited information on research carried out by major centre with particular interest in AAC.	

Auditory Scanning and Augmentative and Alternative Communication (USA)	http://espse.ed.psu.edu/SPLD/McN/auditoryscanning/home.html	Detailed information and links to articles on auditory scanning as a communication technique.	
Augmentative and Alternative Communication Centers (USA)	http://aac.unl.edu/	Probably the best "academic" site with glossaries and guides to terminology, demographic information, bibliographies on different subjects and lots more!	Device tutorials; useful articles on many aspects of AAC; presentations given at conferences; core vocabularies for AAC users and more!
Augmentative Communication Inc. (USA)	http://www.augcominc.com/	Sarah Blackstone's site, with articles from Augmentative Communication News and Alternatively Speaking.	Individual articles can be downloaded. On-line presentation on Language Learning and Augmentative Communication
Beyond Autism (USA)	http://trainland.tripod.com/index.htm	Excellent site set up by parent of child with autism, with huge collection of articles, lots of PECS material and fun stuff. Useful collections of links to other resources.	Downloadable articles and PECS materials.
Blissymbolics Communication International (Canada)	http://home.istar.ca/~bci/	THE site for people wanting to know about Bliss, with an introduction to the symbol system, information on people using Bliss, training materials and information on BlissInternet	
CALL Centre, Univ. of Edinburgh	http://callcentre.education.ed.ac.uk	Detailed information on augmentative communication and assistive technology, with a particular emphasis on use in the curriculum.	BoardMaker resources and grids, Information sheets, entire contents of several books!
Center On Disabilities, California State University, Northridge (USA)	http://www.csun.edu/cod/	Information on annual international conference on Technology and Persons with Disabilities, including significant AAC content.	Conference papers
Closing the Gap (USA)	http://www.closingthegap.com	Comprehensive site with articles from newspaper, resource directory, discussion forums covering all aspects of assistive technology, including AAC.	
Communication Matters	http://communicationmatters.org.uk/	Latest news on CM events and AAC developments in the UK, information for parents and users and discussion forums that are actually used!	
Communications Forum	http://www.communicationsforum.org.uk	Information on communication disorders and useful glossary of terminology.	
Creative Communications (USA)	http://www.creative-comm.com	Useful site set up by Pati King-DeBaun, with particular emphasis on emergent literacy activities.	Quarterly newsletter, ClickIt setups for Mac and Intellipics activities for Mac and PC.
Do2Learn (USA)	http://www.dotolearn.com/	This site has a particular focus on children with autism and learning difficulties, but has many useful features, including teacher tips, games, access to a panel of experts and masses of downloadable resources.	Lots of free resources, including topic-based picture cards, project ideas, computer software.
DynaVox Page Exchange (USA)	http://members.aol.com/dds4kids/dynavox.html	Set up by father of a boy who uses a DynaVox, site contains useful tips for using the DynaVox and Dynamo and lots of downloadable pages and setups.	Large collection of downloadable pages, setups, and even complete backup files for DynaVox users.

Facilitated Communication Institute, Univ. of Syracuse (USA)	http://soeweb.syr.edu/thefci/	Detailed information on use of facilitated communication as an alternative means of expression for people who cannot speak, with references and bibliographies.	
At Home with Gail van Tatenhove	http://www.vantatenhove.com/	Gail van Tatenhove's web site, with information on her training seminars, consultations and other work.	Downloadable Core vocabularies and Minspeak materials.
ISAAC (International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication)	http://www.isaac-online.org	Information on ISAAC activities, but a disappointing lack of content. Discussion Forum much less lively than CM equivalent!	
Iowa Area Education Agencies (USA)	http://lserver.aea14.k12.ia.us/atteam/at/al.html	Collection of BoardMaker overlays to accompany books for children.	BoardMaker overlays.
LD Online (USA)	http://ldonline.org	Excellent site, focusing primarily on learning disabilities, but with a significant AAC content. The LD in Depth section is particularly useful.	Articles, information sheets, bibliographies, audio clips.
Low Incidence Unit (Australia)	http://education.qld.gov.au/tal/liu/index.htm	Behind a very modest, unimposing Home Page, there lurks one of the world's best sites for information on AAC and the use of assistive technology in education. Excellent collection of resources.	Guidelines and policy documents, resources for Boardmaker, Clicker, Intellikeys, Writing with Symbols, software and device tutorials.
Makaton Vocabulary Development Project	http://www.makaton.org	Comprehensive site with details of Makaton symbols, including an introduction to the system, training courses and details of resources that can be purchased.	
NCIP (USA)	http://www2.edc.org/NCIP/	National Centre to Improve Practice in Special Education through Technology, Media and Materials- excellent site, with downloadable materials. No longer maintained, but still useful.	Downloadable information sheets, video clips and other resources.
Pre-school Education Program, Maryland (USA)	http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/pep/teachercreate.html	Collection of resources created by teachers, including BoardMaker, Intellipics and ClickIt files.	Lots of BoardMaker, Intellipics and ClickIt files.
Pyramid Educational Consultants Inc. (USA)	http://www.pecs.com/	Site set up by developers of PECS, with information and resources related to the Picture Exchange Communication System.	
San Bernardino County Schools, Special Services (USA)	http://www.sbcss.k12.ca.us/sbcss/specialeducation/ecthematic/pcsware.html	Collection of HyperStudio and IntelliPics resources designed to make up Early Childhood Thematic Units.	HyperStudio and IntelliPics files.
SET-BC (Canada)	http://www.setbc.org/	One of the best special education sites, well organised, with lots of useful resources	
Simplified Technology (USA)	http://www.lburkhart.com/main.htm	Linda Burkhart's site with general information on AAC, downloadable handouts and information on products for sale.	Downloadable handouts on low and high-tech systems.
SNOW (Special Needs Opportunity Windows) (Canada)	http://snow.utoronto.ca	Good general site on special education, includes some material on AAC.	
Speaking of Speech (USA)	http://www.speakingofspeech.com/	An interactive forum for speech/language pathologists and teachers to improve communication skills in schools. Several discussion groups for the exchange of tips.	Materials exchange, with Boardmaker resources, mostly downloadable as PDF files.
TEACCH, University of North	http://www.teacch.com	Details of structured teaching programme for	Research papers.

Carolina (USA)		pupils with autism, including detailed papers on aspects of autism and educational approaches.	
Trace Center (USA)	http://trace.wisc.edu/	Long established site with information on AAC and Assistive Technology. Current emphasis is on "Designing a More Useable World", but there is still a lot of useful information on AAC.	Information sheets and extensive collection of shareware computer software.
World Wide AAC	http://www.wwaac.org	Information on project aimed at making the Internet more accessible to adults and young people using AAC across Europe. Under development	Project reports and software will be downloadable.
Yaack (AAC connecting Young Kids)	http://www.maui.com/~duffy/yaack/	Comprehensive site developed by Ruth Ballanger focusing on use of AAC by children. Lots of well-referenced information, providing one of the best introductions to AAC available on the web.	
Manufacturers and Suppliers Sites			
Adaptivation (USA)	http://www.adaptivation.com	US suppliers of Chipper, Sequencer, VoicePal and other devices.	Downloadable manuals.
Cambridge Adaptive Communication	http://www.cameleon-web.com/	Now part of the Possum Group, Cambridge Adaptive Communication are manufacturers of Cameleon and other AAC equipment. UK agents for Words+.	
Crick Software	http://www.cricksoft.com/	Crick Software are the designers of Clicker and other software for people with disabilities.	Download updates to software and huge collection of Clicker Grids for Learning
Granada Learning - SEMERC	http://www.granada-learning.com/special_needs/	SEMERC providers of software, hardware and information for pupils with special educational needs in mainstream education and at home.	Activity sheets, resource packs and on-line demos of software available from Granada Learning.
Don Johnston Special Needs (USA)	http://donjohnston.com	Supplier of software and other equipment for people with disabilities. UK site "under development".	Demonstration versions and upgrades for some programs.
Easiaids	http://www.easiaids.co.uk	Supplier of communication aids, amplifiers, page turners and other equipment.	
Edmark (USA)	http://www.edmark.com/	Specialist suppliers of educational software. Website has on-line demos of software.	Downloadable and on-line demos.
Enabling Devices (USA)	http://www.enablingdevices.com/	Suppliers of excellent range of toys, switches and other devices for children with disabilities.	
Inclusive Technology	http://www.inclusive.co.uk/	Inclusive Technology is a major supplier of software and equipment for people with special educational needs. Excellent site with lots of useful background information.	Wide range of information sheets, demo versions of programs and software upgrades.
Intellitools (USA)	http://www.intellitools.com/	Developers of Intellikeys and other software for children with special needs.	Activity Exchange contains vast collection of resources for use with Intellikeys. Downloadable training materials also available.
Keytools	http://www.keytools.com	Keytools are suppliers of a wide range of alternative keyboards, mice, etc., access software and other equipment.	

Liberator	http://www.liberator.co.uk	Information on products produced and distributed by Liberator, including DigiVox and Voca B communication aids, access devices and software.	
Mayer Johnson Inc (USA)	http://www.mayerjohnson.com	Information on BoardMaker and other software, communication aids, books and other products distributed by Mayer Johnson	Downloadable Boardmaker symbol libraries, software updates and pre-made grids for a wide range of communication aids.
Penny & Giles Computer Products	http://www.penny-gilescp.co.uk	Information on trackballs and mice, including case studies.	
Photon Technologies	http://www.photontechnologies.co.uk/	Web site due to be launched in September 2001.	
Possum Controls	http://www.possum.co.uk/	Possum Controls Manufacturer of environmental control systems.	
Prentke Romich	http://www.prentrom.com/	Information on Vantage, AlphaTalker, DeltaTalker and other communication aids, using MinSpeak	Demonstration software, training materials, research papers.
Prentke Romich International	http://www.prentromint.com/	Information on Pathfinder, DeltaTalker and other communication aids and other materials sold by PRI.	Demonstration versions of software.
QED 2000	http://www.qedltd.com/	QED 2000 Ltd Manufacturer and supplier of wide range of equipment, including communication aids and switches.	
RSL Steeper	http://www.rslsteeper.com/	Information on IconSpeak communication aid, prostheses and other products.	
Sensory Software International	http://www.sensorysoftware.com	Developer and supplier of range of communication-related software and other products.	Full working demonstration versions of programs and updates.
Sunrise Medical Ltd	http://www.sunrisemedical.co.uk	Supplier of DynaVox communication aid and other equipment for disabled people.	
Sunrise Medical - DynaVox (USA)	http://www.dynavoxsys.com/	US site with information on DynaVox communication aids, includes a Page Sharing centre.	Downloadable software upgrades, demo versions and DynaVox pages for sharing.
TechCess Ltd.	http://www.techcess.co.uk/	Site currentl under construction, but with links to information about Daessy, Tellus, Felix and other products.	
TfH Ltd	http://www.tfuk.com	Manufacturer of specialised play equipment, switches, etc..	
Toby Churchill	http://www.toby-churchill.com	Manufacturer of Lightwriter communication aids.	Will soon be possible to download manuals and quick reference guides.
Widgit Software	http://www.widgit.com/	Excellent site featuring symbol-based software and other products. Site includes lots of background information, a discussion forum, on-line tutorials and many other resources.	Demonstration versions of programs, updates, symbol worksheets and grids.
Words +	http://www.words-plus.com/	Information on MessageMates, TuffTalker and other Words + products.	Downloadable manuals and software upgrades.

