## Coaching for Confident Classrooms: Unlocking the Magic of AAC

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## **Short Abstract**

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As classrooms evolve with the introduction of AAC, teachers are taking on new and exciting roles. This shift, while rewarding, can also be a bit challenging. While we don't have a magic wand to help you teach communication, we do have tips, tricks, and practical ideas to help teachers build their confidence and fluency with AAC.

Join us for a fun and engaging session where we'll explore how coaching can help teachers boost their communication partner skills and smoothly integrate AAC into their teaching. The impact of a teacher's skills, knowledge, and attitudes on the success of AAC is huge. With the right support and resources, teachers can become confident and skilled AAC practitioners.

In this interactive session, you'll discover how Speech Pathologists, AAC Coaches and teachers can collaborate, and through coaching, build essential skills.

Speech Pathologists and AAC Coaches will learn how to coach teachers effectively, empowering them to support their students with AAC.

Teachers will take away practical ideas and activities that they can immediately use in their classrooms.

Expect to walk away with a toolkit of practical examples, innovative ideas, and valuable resources that you can immediately apply.

## Long Abstract

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