



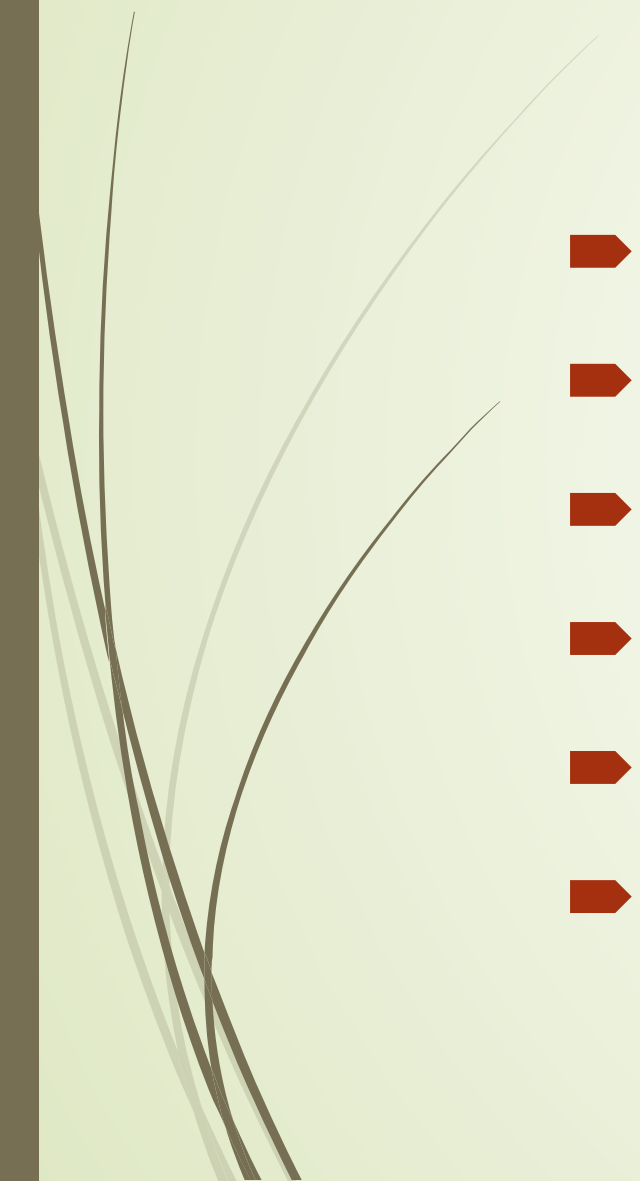
# Day with the Experts: Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC) October 24, 2020

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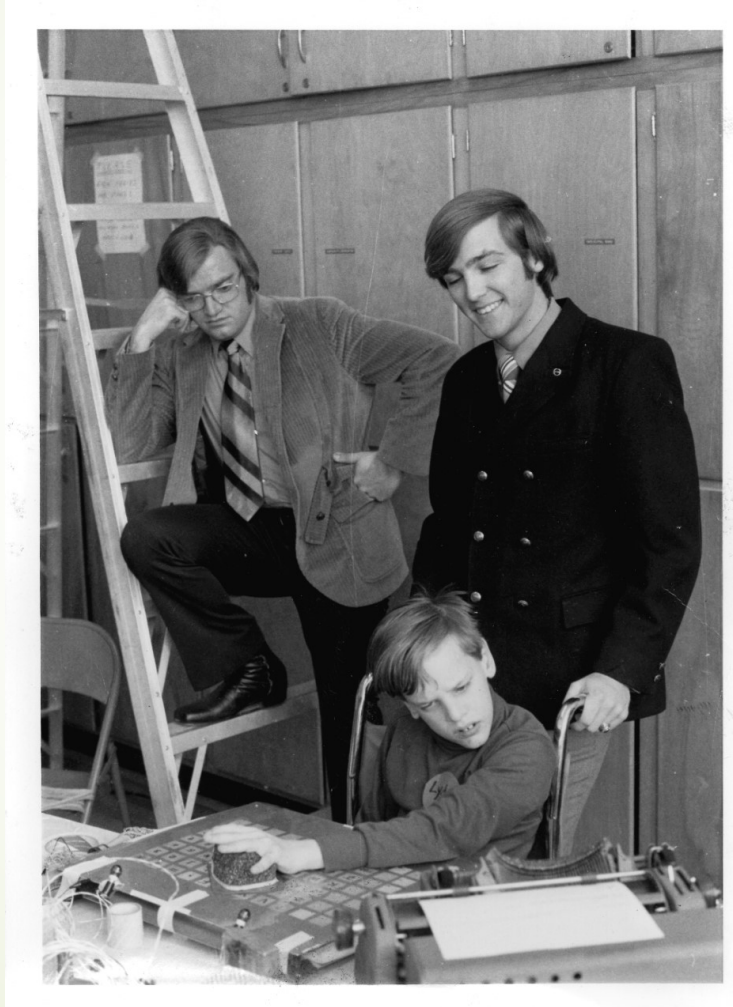
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# AAC PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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- History of the AAC Programs
  - AAC Program Staff
  - CDP
  - CASC
  - AAC Partnership Program
  - ECHO AAC

Where it all started....





# History of AAC Programs

- 1971 Dr. Richard Marleau, Dr. Gregg Vanderheiden, ideas for communication via technology
- 1977 Trace Center moves into the Waisman Center building to collaborate with communication specialty programs already in existence
- 1986 Julie Gamradt joined Trace and over her 33 years at Waisman, she helped develop CASC/CDP into the programs they are today
- 2019 – Launch of the Augmentative and Alternative Communication Partnership Program (AAC-PP)
- 2020 – Launch of Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes – Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ECHO-AAC)



# Meet our staff...



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# Communication Development Program (CDP)

- AAC services for individuals living in Dane County, Wisconsin
- Interdisciplinary services include:
  - Consultation
  - technical support
  - student training
  - outreach



# Communication Aids & Systems Clinic (CASC)

- **Interdisciplinary services (speech therapy and occupational therapy):**
  - **Direct outcome-focused evaluation and intervention**
  - **Consultation**
  - **Technical Support**
  - **Student Training**
  - **Outreach**



# Augmentative and Alternative Communication Partnership Program (AAC-PP)

- Designed to mentor speech language pathologists (SLPs) working with children who require use of AAC through the AAC evaluation and funding process
- e-learning modules focused on advancing knowledge of AAC
- Collaborative feature matching evaluation completed at CASC.
- PP evaluations – typically 90 minutes with individual and team
- CASC team member supports paperwork to a device company to request a rental of the device
- CASC staff are available for ongoing remote support following the initial evaluation.



# Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes – Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ECHO-AAC)

- **online community and learning opportunity**
- **consists of didactic content delivered by field experts, followed by collaborative case-based discuss**
- **create a network of AAC providers to engage in case-based collaborative problem solving**
- **support ongoing successful implementation of speech generating devices across settings**



Thank you for attending our inaugural  
DWE:AAC

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Wow!

  
That was fast

thank you



thank you

