

AAC Immersion Project for individuals with Angelman Syndrome

This research study is currently open to enrollment

Purpose: The purpose of this study is to evaluate the impact of communication partner coaching in Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) intervention. The primary goal of the study is to evaluate the impact of the Model, Encourage, Respond (MODELER) AAC intervention package on the communication performance of individuals with AS working across parents, educational assistants, and other stakeholders as communication partners. Participant's communication partners will receive training and coaching both in school and at home over approximately six months. In addition to standardized and study specific assessments, upon completion communication partner participants will be asked to complete a follow-up survey.

Criteria: Participants are individuals with Angelman syndrome who are (a) age 6 to 22 years, (b) severe speech impairment as evidenced by no intelligible speech production or a repertoire of fewer than 50 intelligible spoken, signed, or aided AAC words, (c) attends an inclusive school setting, (d) is a beginning aided AAC user (defined as in the last year).

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