

## What can ISAAC Canada do for you?

- Access to articles, links to websites, educational opportunities and contacts posted on the international website
- Access to ISAAC news and archives
- Biannual issues of the Canadian newsletter (Figuratively Speaking)
- Access to an annual Membership Directory – the best reference available for people in the field of AAC
- Discounted rates for subscription to the AAC journal and affiliated publications
- Discounted rates for ISAAC products
- Discounted registration costs for the ISAAC biennial conference and other sponsored conferences across Canada, as well as other ISAAC chapters' events
- Eligibility to apply for ISAAC awards, scholarships, travel grants

## Communication is the essence of human life.

Investing in ISAAC Canada and its activities will open doors for the growing number of Canadians who use AAC.

Contact us for more information about how to become involved!

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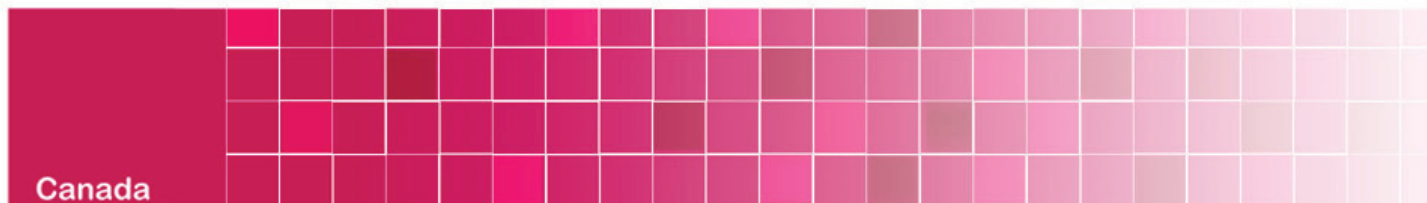
## Canadians Communicating



ISAAC's mission is to promote the best possible communication for people with complex communication needs.

ISAAC's vision is that Augmentative and Alternative Communication will be recognized, valued and used throughout the world.





## What is AAC?

Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC) refers to the various ways individuals who cannot speak may communicate their ideas. Some individuals may be non-speaking from birth due to disabilities such as cerebral palsy. Others may become non-speaking later in life due to other disabilities like strokes or brain injuries from car accidents.

Individuals use various combinations of alternative methods of communication such as boards with pictures, alphabet or words, gestures, sign language, computers and electronic talking devices. AAC also refers to strategies used to assist people with writing when handwriting is not possible because of physical limitations.

Even though individuals may have complex communication needs, they can participate actively in life through the use of AAC tools and strategies.

## What are ISAAC and ISAAC Canada?

The International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC) was founded in 1983 by a group of therapists, teachers, people using AAC, parents, engineers and other professionals from many countries. ISAAC Canada is one of many national chapters of ISAAC. It aims to make people aware of the potential that AAC has to change the lives of individuals around the world who are unable to speak, and to find new approaches and technologies to help people communicate in different ways.



## What does ISAAC Canada do?

- Provides education and information to all levels of government
- Uses social media platforms for information sharing and interaction amongst Canadians who use AAC, their families and professionals
- Engages in public education to increase knowledge and reduce barriers for people who use AAC
- Encourages the development of AAC services in Canada and internationally
- Encourages availability of sufficient funding to meet the communicative needs of people who use AAC
- Publishes a national newsletter: Figuratively Speaking
- Maintains provincial lists of AAC services in Canada
- Works with its membership and AAC related non-profit organizations to advance its objectives