



# Conquering AAC

Part 1: Getting Started with AAC and Lingraphica



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## Three-Part Series

**Part 1:**  
*Getting Started with  
AAC and Lingraphica*

**Part 2:**  
*Clinical Practices for  
a Successful AAC  
Device Trial*

**Part 3:**  
*Putting AAC Concepts  
into Practice*




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## Learning Objectives

- Identify the communicative and therapeutic benefits of using Lingraphica AAC devices.
- Describe clinical profiles and characteristics of patients who may benefit from the use of high-tech AAC.
- State three common misconceptions about AAC and the evidence refuting them.




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## Agenda

- Who is Lingraphica? Overview of Devices, Apps and Services
- The Science Behind Lingraphica
- Why use AAC? Communicative and therapeutic benefits of AAC
- Will my patient benefit? Identifying candidates for high-tech AAC
- Common AAC Misconceptions: Myth vs. Reality
- How do I do it? Start to finish guide to conducting an AAC device trial
- Conclusion




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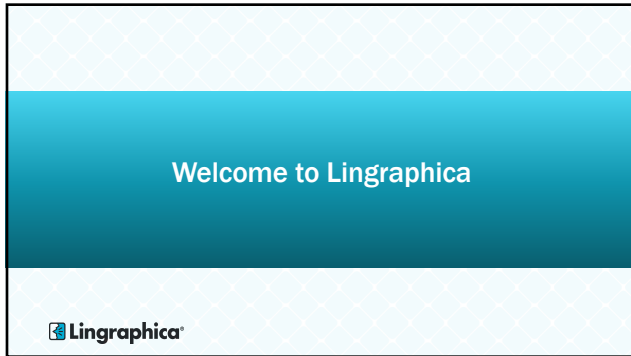
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## Lingraphica's AAC Devices



**MiniTalk   AllTalk   TouchTalk**

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## Devices

- Easy to customize
- English & Spanish
- Pre-customized vocabulary
- Built-in therapy and practice
- Internet and Zoom connectivity
- User-friendly




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## Research Supporting Lingraphica




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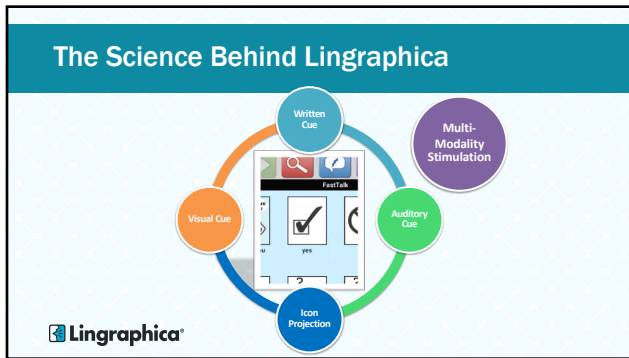
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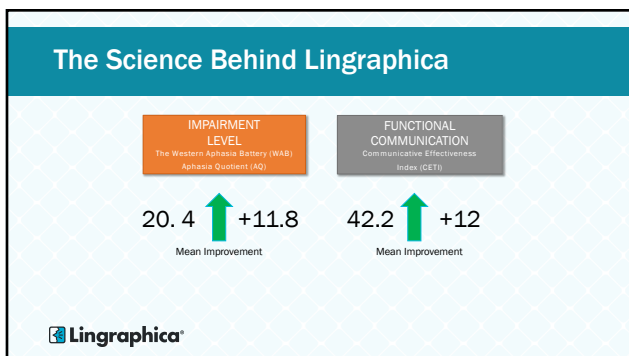
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### Benefits of AAC

Functional Communication and Therapy

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## Fundamental Benefits of AAC



- Prosthetic
- Orthotic
- Therapeutic




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## Communicative Benefits

### Five ways to Communicate

- Tap Icons
- Type & Talk
- Whiteboard
- Camera
- Cue verbal speech




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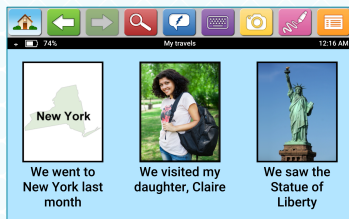
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## Storytelling and Scripts




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Storytelling and Scripts

Embed Bob ordering video



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Therapeutic Benefits





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Who Can Benefit?

Identifying Appropriate Candidates



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### AAC Device Candidacy

- Mod-severe expressive impairment
- Communication Partner
- Physical access




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### AAC Device Candidacy



- Aphasia
- Apraxia
- TBI
- PPA
- Dysarthria
- Developmental Disability
- Autism



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### AAC Device Candidacy

There is NO:

- Prerequisite skill set
- Minimum or maximum age
- Minimum amount of time post-onset to wait
- Tech experience required

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## AAC Misconceptions

Myth vs. Reality



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Myth #1

- AAC is only for non-verbal people





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Myth #2

- AAC is a last resort after traditional therapy





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### Myth #3

- AAC will become a crutch, preventing verbal speech



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### Myth #4

- You must try low-tech AAC before giving access to high-tech AAC



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### Myth #5

- The user must be independent to be successful



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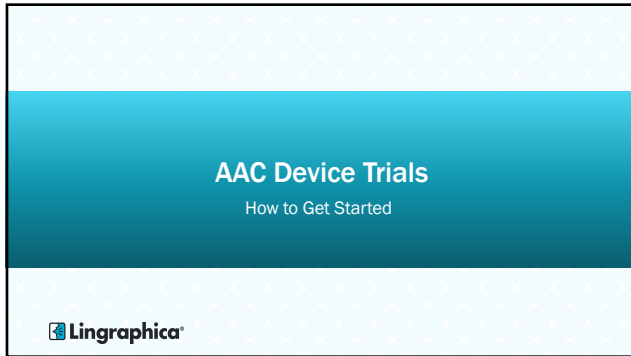
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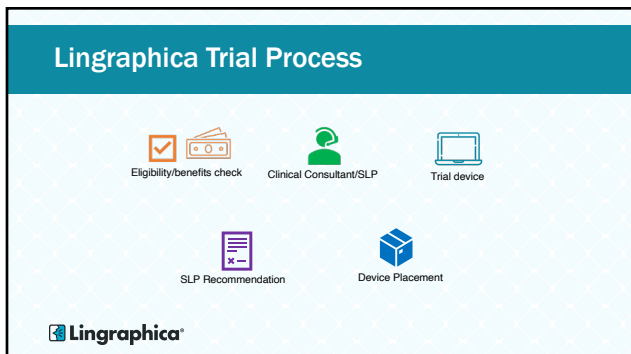
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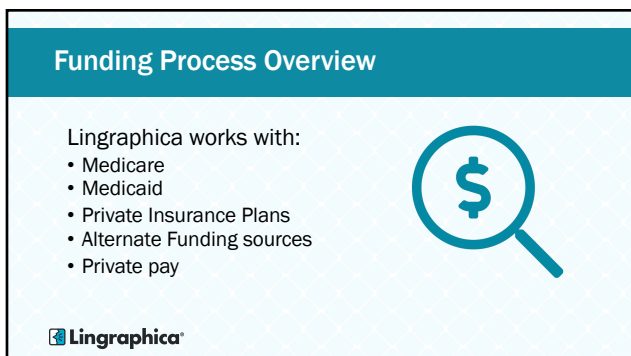
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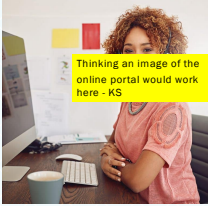
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## Smart Paperwork



- Complete online
- Lingraphica does the rest



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## Conclusion

- Lingraphica's Devices, Apps, and Services
- Research Supporting Lingraphica
- Communicative and Therapeutic Benefits
- Identifying AAC candidates
- AAC myth-busting
- AAC device trial



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## Next Steps

- Earn CEUs for today's course
- Continue learning: Watch Conquering AAC, Part 2
- Start a device trial:

[aphasia.com/trial](https://aphasia.com/trial)



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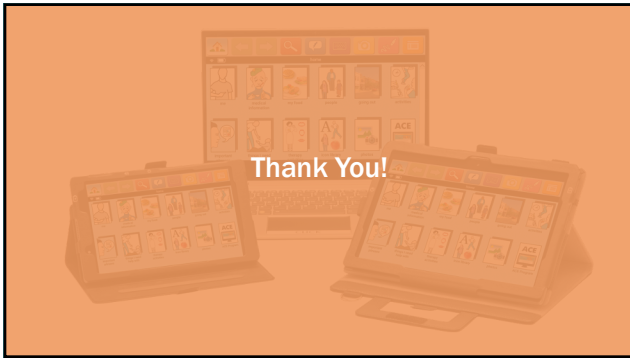
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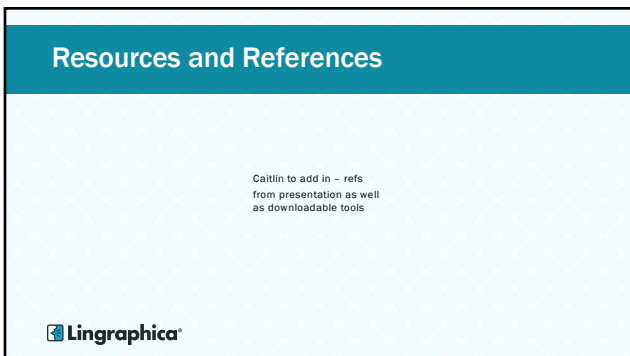
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