When autism compromises a child’s ability to speak or leaves them completely non-verbal, families and teachers may turn to the world of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) for solutions. Little if anything about AAC is truly foreign. A collective term for the options available for those who struggle with speech (or its absence) and their communication partners, AAC is about promoting meaningful human interaction.

Universally associated with electronic speech communication devices and less sophisticated technologies such as manual communication boards and picture symbol books, AAC also encompasses forms of self-expression that we all use naturally – facial expressions, body language and written notes, for instance. Rarely do AAC modalities work in isolation. Successful communication is usually dependent on the interplay of communication partners and multiple modalities that may include speech.

Communication tends to be an overwhelming experience for many children with autism, so the process of integrating AAC into their lives is best approached gradually, sensitively and with openness to the communication modalities most comfortable for the child in the present moment. Modalities used to convey the desire for a soft drink, for example, may range from a verbal approximation (“I…pop”) to a visual approximation (pointing at billboards advertising drinks while riding in the car) to leading an older sibling to the kitchen. Through repetitive modeling, the child may add a speech-output device to the mix, first to say “Pop, please” with prompting and the press of a single button and eventually delivering the fuller message, “Can I have some pop?” by selecting a sequence of buttons independently.

The importance of regarding each modality as the child’s voice rings true for the families and teachers of children attending The Sheila and Milton Fine Classrooms for Students with Autism at The Day School at the Children’s Institute of Pittsburgh involved in a research partnership between The Institute and DynaVox Technologies, a leading developer of AAC solutions. A transformation of communication skills is occurring as the students learn to express themselves using the DynaVox V, a portable speech communication device whose dynamic display changes according to their selection of digital images to convey messages. By using it, some students are becoming more verbal while others are increasing their independence and spontaneity. For others, the technology enhances and simplifies previously learned ways of communicating such as pointing to pictures on kitchen cupboards showing items inside. Together, pictures, device and speech are building blocks to progress.

One snare to avoid while teaching new communication modalities is eliminating the ability to use established ones, writes Marge Blanc, M.A., CCC-SLP, a speech-language pathologist and founder of Madison, Wisconsin’s Communication Development Center for children with autism spectrum diagnoses, in the May-June 2008 edition of Asperger’s Digest. She also notes the capacity of children with autism spectrum disorders to bring new supports and challenges to each moment of the learning process.

Such support and resilience may be the keys to success.

By Linnea McAfoose, M.A., CCC-SLP
Clinical and Product Manager
DynaVox Technologies
In spite of this success, there is a troubling side. Once again, there is the divide among different organizations about who did what; who was “right” and who was “wrong”. There is quickness in our autism world to judge motivations and attack individuals. I am NOT singling out any one person or organization! There are many involved. ABOARD may even be perceived as being wrong by some on the issues. Knowing as many of you personally as I do, I know that not one of you is mean spirited or wants anything but the best for their child and everyone else’s. The autism community in Pennsylvania is at an important crossroads: We have a government based bureau, we have a great insurance law, and we have political support. But we must find a way to walk down a common path to support the needs of our children and families. We all expend a lot of time and energy daily taking care of our children and the rest of our family. We shouldn’t fight unnecessarily amongst ourselves. It is destructive. We showed that the autism community, with all its diversity, can come together as a coalition quickly when needed. Let’s keep that spirit alive.

If you want to read the bill, here is a link:
http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?
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I hope the rest of your summer is safe and fun.
- Elliot Frank, Chairperson
Professional Advisory Council

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Pitt Early Autism Study
Objective?

➢ Our primary goal is to understand the earliest
indicators of Autism Spectrum Disorder and
uncover diagnostic signs that emerge within the
first years of life.

Who we are Including?

➢ Infants who have an older sibling with ASD.
➢ Toddlers with ASD who are not yet speaking in
complete sentences.
➢ Families should be local or willing to travel to
Pittsburgh for testing.

What is Involved?

➢ Children will visit the University of Pittsburgh
several times and will be recorded as they watch
pictures and movies (e.g. Mr. Roger’s Neighborhood).
➢ Assessments for Autism will be given at no
cost. Compensation for completed studies.

Contact Information: www.pitt.edu/~infants
autismrecruiter@upmc.edu or (412) 246-5485

University of Pittsburgh

INFANT SIBLING STUDY

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY?
To study vocal and motor development in infants who have an older sibling with autism.

WHO WILL BE INCLUDED?
English-speaking families with an infant younger than 5 months and an older child
already diagnosed with autism, where there must have been some initial
symptoms. 

WHERE AND WHEN DOES THE ACTUAL TESTING TAKE PLACE?
All observations will take place in the family’s home at a time convenient for the
family. At 36 months, children and families will come to the University of Pittsburgh
for a diagnostic evaluation.

WHAT IS INVOLVED?
In-home observations will occur once a month from the time the infant is 5 months
cold until the child is 18 months old, with follow-up visits when the child is 18, 24, and 36
months old. This is a total of 13 home visits, each expected to last approximately one
hour. During these visits, we will videotape infants and caregivers as they engage in
everyday household activities and talk together. We will also ask caregivers to
answer questions about their baby’s development and to complete some
questionnaires. Between visits, we will ask caregivers to keep track of early
early milestones in a baby book provided to us, and to make audio/digital
recordings of their infant’s everyday activities using a tape recorder provided by us.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?
There may be some direct benefits to participating families. The general benefit of participating in this research is to contribute to scientific knowledge that may improve
our ability to identify early indications of childhood autism.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?
There are no known risks associated with participation in this study.

WHAT IS THE COMPENSATION?
Participating families will receive a small gift at the end of each session. At the end of
the study, families will receive a copybook, a compilation videotape of their infant’s
early development, and $200.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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ACADEMIC PRESCHOOL: an academic and therapeutic program for children with autism, and their typical peers.

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In May 1972, The PARC Consent Decree mandated the Commonwealth, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and PA Department of Public Welfare identify, evaluate, and educate all students, and establish due process procedures for students with disabilities. It also provided for the establishment of a state task force and 29 local task forces (one in each intermediate unit) whose primary purpose is to insure that the intent and spirit of the Right to Education Consent Agreement is carried out throughout the Commonwealth. This was the beginnings of special education for the country!

The Local Task Force on the Right to Education of Allegheny County (LTF #3) serves as a resource for children with all disabilities and their families in the forty-two school districts in Allegheny County. The LTF’s role is to communicate needs and problems to the appropriate sources. On May 7, 2008, The LTF #3, the AIU and Carlynton School District sponsored The Scott E. Folmer Awards Ceremony.

Scott Folmer was a man who wore many different hats. The one he wore last and was most well known for was that of a proud grandfather. It was this hat that made him join the fight against autism. When his first grandchild was diagnosed with autism, he wept more than anyone in the family. However, within days of the diagnosis the battle began. Scott turned everywhere he could to become educated on this devastating epidemic. He joined committees, went to meetings, attended lectures and read anything he could about autism. Through all the different outreach programs he encountered and the people involved, he found hope. Often, Scott would be heard saying, “I have no doubt that Caithlin is going to beat autism and live a great life.” He was right; Caithlin is a successful fourth grader who enjoys swimming, tae kwon do, fashion, games and movies.

Scott died tragically in May of 2004 on his way home from work. This was a true family man who loved children. He worked everyday of his life out of love for his family and those around him. Although he is gone, his dedication to the fight against autism continues through his family and everyone he touched in his life. His wife, Cindy said, “I don’t know where Caithlin would be today, if there had been no ABOARD, or task force to point the right direction for us. Caithlin is doing well, giving us new issues, which I hope we will still find the right way. Someone, and I don’t remember who once told me autism is like an onion, you peel away the layers, only to find new ones.”

The Scott E. Folmer Awards are given to a student who through a single act of courage or continued friendship has helped another students be an active and accepted member of the community.

Ian Kinser was the winner and Katie Kane won Honorable Mention.

An awards is given to a school that has developed an exemplary practice to support the education of children receiving special education.

Penn Hills School District, Forbes Elementary won because of their successful Inclusive Education Week. South Park School District won Honorable Mention because of their successful Parent Mentoring Program.

An award is given to a professional who fosters and supports the education of students by establishing high expectations and recognizing that all students can learn.

Heidi Kohne, North Hills School District, Junior High won and Christine Botti, Hampton Township SD, High school won Honorable Mention.

Congratulations to the winners!
Autism Disaster Relief Effort

For Autism Families of the Mid-West Floods

The Autism Help Network, Inc. and ABOARD have teamed up together in this effort to help raise $100,000 for Autism Families devastated by the Mid-West Flooding.

Our efforts are being used to purchase much needed supplies for children with autism such as:

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- GFCF Foods
- Therapy Tools
- Support Equipment

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ABOARD’S 2008/2009 Organization/Corporate Partnerships

Partnership with ABOARD is mutually beneficial. It supports our work in meeting the needs of Pennsylvanian families challenged with autism spectrum disorders. It also keeps your organization “front and center” in the minds of those very families. We will do this by acknowledging your membership in our quarterly newsletter as well as on our website, which is being re-designed. Also your organization will receive a discounted rate to exhibit at our conferences along with a 20% discounted registration fee when sending 5 or more of your employees to attend our conferences and workshops. Any organization interested in being an ABOARD partner, please complete the form below.

Thank you for your support:

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Organization/Corporate membership offering for the remainder of 2008 and all of 2009: $250

Organization ____________________________________________
Contact Name ____________________________________________
Address ________________________________________________
Phone # _____________ Fax # _______________ E-mail _______________

Mail form with your check or credit card info. to: ABOARD
35 Wilson St., Suite 100, Pittsburgh, PA 15223

Credit Card (VISA, Master Card) ___________________________ Card # ___________________________
Name as it Appears on Card ___________________________________
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Autism Awareness Day at PNC Park

Join the Pittsburgh Pirates, Autism Speaks, and Athletes Against Autism as we host a special day to raise awareness and recognize those affected by Autism within the region. Family and friends are encouraged to join us at this special event, which will be part of a large awareness effort to support their organizational objectives.

Sunday, July 27, 2008 - 1:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh Pirates vs. San Diego Padres
All children 12 and under receive Build-a-Bear Cheese Chester
Following the game - Kids Run The Bases

Pirates Cove - $16.00 (Includes $5.00 food credit)
L/R Grandstand - $8.00 (Gate price 9.00)

- Show your autism community pride and bring the gang to the game!
- Groups of 20 or more will be seated together and receive recognition with the group name on the Color LED board during the game.
- Questions and ticket orders should be directed to Chaz Kellem in order to receive special offer.

Autism Awareness Day Order Form

Name: ____________________________
Organization: ______________________
Address: __________________________
City: ___________________ State: __________ Zip: __________
Phone: ___________________________ Email: ____________________

Please send me:

- Pirates Cove @ $16.00 per ticket = __________
- L/R Grandstand @ $8.00 per ticket = __________

Grand Total = __________

Shipping/Processing $3.00 (per order)

Method of Payment: Visa MasterCard AMEX Discover

CC#: ____________________________ Exp: _________ Check#: __________ (Made Payable to: Pittsburgh Pirates)

Please mail to:
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Autism Awareness Day
Pittsburgh Pirates
115 Federal Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Phone - 412.325.4488 Fax - 412.325.4410
Email - Chaz.kellem@pirates.com

SEE YOU AT THE GAME!
On May 3 ABOARD participated in the 6th annual Walk for a Healthy Community presented by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield. We were one of 37 participating health and human service agencies who serve Southwestern PA communities. The walk took place at Heinz Field and although the weather didn’t cooperate, the crowd was large and didn’t seem to mind getting wet!

ABOARD would like to thank everyone who helped to make the walk a success. Over 200 people walked and helped to raise over $19,000 to support our family service program. We appreciate all of your help and support!

Thank you to all our teams and team leaders that signed up to support ABOARD:

| Crane Lee | Sutter Swaz |
| Nathan Frank | Dudash |
| Becca Boo (Suppo) | Charlene Fulton |
| Pitt Autism Study | Serina Burkhart |
| Angel Eyes (Erin Simpson) | Benedek |
| Cadence | Hasselbusch |
| Teens | Chelsea Smith |
| CH/CR (Beth Rom) | Simonetti |
| B-Team | FBR |
| Hezekiah's Helpers (Caro) | LEAP |
| Guthrie | Creighton |
| Partners for Quality (Tammy O'Brien) | Mozelewski |
| Team Luke (Cheryl Hartzel) | Schrank |
| Jen Fulton | Chelsea Smith |

ABOARD was fortunate to receive an incentive prize donation of free salad coupons from McDonald's Corporation for our walkers. Diane Catterall along with her sister, Donna Enzerra, was instrumental in obtaining this generous donation. Thank you Diane and Donna for your ongoing support in making this happen!

Our wonderful walk day volunteers were Heather Plassio and Heather Harbert from Northwestern Human Services. Thank you for all your help to get our walks signed in!

Again, we thank you all for supporting ABOARD.
We could not continue to help families confronted with the challenges that autism presents without your continued support!
Thank you to all our donors that helped support our walkers and teams!

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