**Augmentative & Alternative Communication Clinic (AAC Clinic)**

The AAC Clinic is a specialized service that addresses the communication needs of individuals with complex speech and/or physical impairments, through the provision of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC). AAC is a term used to describe ways of helping people who find it difficult to communicate through speech or writing. AAC includes any gestures, communication strategies, printed materials, and/or technology that help people communicate more easily. The AAC Clinic is an Assistive Devices Program (ADP)-designated expanded level AAC centre. Expanded level AAC centres provide assessments and services that range from no-tech to high-tech communication systems.

The following services are provided:

* Comprehensive interprofessional assessment of an individual's physical, speech and language needs and abilities
* Prescription of the AAC system that will best meet an individual's needs and environments
* Development of customized materials and programming of devices to meet each client's individual needs with respect to content, language and culture
* Education, training, and collaboration with clients, families, friends, and staff to assist with meeting AAC goals
* Assisting individuals with applying for ADP or 3rd party funding