



Augmentative Communication Coaching 2023-2024

This student-specific service is available to assist with the implementation of devices for students with alternative and augmentative communication needs. The CAIU AC Coach works directly with the team and the student on a regular basis. An initial meeting is scheduled with the educational team members, CAIU AC Coach and CAIU AT Consultant to review needs and develop action plan. Follow-up meetings are held with the staff listed above, including parents to document progress and determine future direction. Coaching Notes/Action Plan will be provided to each team member and the Director of Special Education or designee. Typically, it is suggested that districts purchase 30 hours of coaching for a school team.

In comparison, AT services provided through TAC are as follows:

- Training and support in Universal Design for Learning (UDL), Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM) IEP considerations and implementation as it pertains to assistive technology.
- Support building level teams in selecting, acquiring, and using assistive technology systems.
- Consult with school staff on devices and services needed for alternative augmentative communication, computer access, written communication, environmental control, or for sensory (auditory or visual) access environments in which the students need to function.
- Consult with student teams to determine student AT needs and recommend necessary technologies to meet student's post school outcomes.

Service	Service Description
Direct Support	The coach can assist with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Installation of software• Customization of vocabulary and display• Overview of device and its functions• Staff and student training in the use of the device• Modeling of device implementation across the curriculum including introductory functional activities• Guided practice• Provision of initial framework for progress monitoring IEP goals• Support to parents in the school setting