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QUESTION.....

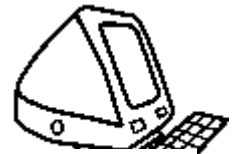
DO YOU HAVE A COMPUTER AT HOME?

QUESTION.....

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR CHILDREN TO
USE AGE APPROPRIATE, EDUCATIONAL
OR RECREATIONAL SOFTWARE?

IF YOUR ANSWER IS YES, YOU COULD
USE THE FIVE COUNTIES CHILDREN'S
CENTRE SOFTWARE LENDING LIBRARY

The Software Lending Library is a service available to past or present clients of Five Counties Children's Centre. Families are encouraged to borrow software to use for a period of two weeks. The library includes software for Windows and Macintosh, and some titles are still available on floppy disk. Library Loan Forms and descriptions of available software can be found in binders in the waiting rooms.



**AUGMENTATIVE
COMMUNICATION
SERVICE**

What is Augmentative Communication?

The act of communication is as important to a person's development as food and shelter. The Augmentative Communication Service at Five Counties Children's Centre offers access to various specialized tools to provide a voice, either written or spoken, for an individual who is otherwise unable to communicate. Everyone should be afforded the opportunity to write a letter, order fries at McDonald's, talk to a grandparent or pursue an educational goal.

What is the Augmentative Communication Service (ACS)?

Our interdisciplinary team assesses, authorizes, and provides training to individuals, birth to 21 years of age, within the Five Counties geographic catchment area, whose spoken and/or written communication does not meet their daily needs.

Support and training are provided through a consultative model to clients

and their facilitators (ie. family, caregivers, and educators). Active participation in the assessment process is encouraged in order to provide input, share ideas, and develop carryover and consistency within the home, school and the community. ACS also provides education to parents, staff and community to promote an understanding of augmentative communication.

Who are We?

The ACS team is comprised of professionals from a variety of different backgrounds bringing to the service a broad expertise in the field of augmentative communication.

The team members include:

- *Speech Language Pathologists
- *Occupational Therapists
- *Computer Technician
- *Communication Instructor
- *Therapy Aide
- *Secretary

Our service is a registered Expanded Level clinic with the Assistive Devices

Program (ADP) of the Ministry of Health. This allows us to authorize communication equipment for individuals with physical disabilities and who meet eligibility criteria of this program. ADP pays 75% of the cost of this equipment, up to an allowable maximum, for home use.

How to Access our Service?

A physician or parent referral is required to access our service.



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