**DON'T do this……**

- **DON'T** expect a user to know how to communicate w/o direct models & instruction
- **DON'T** do ALL the talking
- **DON'T** overprompt
- **DON'T** teach ONLY requesting
- **DON'T** re-prompt too quickly
- **DON'T** provide ONLY nouns
- **DON'T** focus on vocabulary that won't be functional/used tomorrow
- **DON'T** remove the device
- **DON'T** move symbols
- **DON'T** stop all "babbling" (exploring, button pressing)
- **DON'T** keep the AAC system in their desk, cubbie, or backpack
- **DON'T** expect sentences right away

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**DO this……**

- **✓** MODEL MODEL MODEL model expected communication behaviors BEFORE expecting to see those behaviors from the user
- **✓** PRESUME COMPETENCE
- **✓** FOLLOW prompt hierarchy
- **✓** TEACH language functions including directing, commenting, requesting assistance, etc...
- **✓** WAIT 10-20 sec. (w/an expectant look) before re-prompting!! Count in your head!! ⏰
- **✓** PROVIDE CORE WORDS including verbs & describing words (in addition to nouns)
- **✓** COLOR CODE parts of speech
- **✓** KEEP icon placement constant keep repeated icons in the same location on each page/screen
- **✓** ALLOW user time to explore and learn the system
- **✓** MAKE AAC available at all times
- **✓** PROVIDE Aided Language Input
- **✓** ASK open-ended questions

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