

POWR+: A strategy for supporting communication

P – Prepare the activity and AAC

O – Offer opportunity for communication

W – Wait for communication

R – Respond to communication

+ - Model AAC

P – Prepare the activity and AAC

- Prepare an activity that is:
 - motivating
 - developmentally appropriate, and
 - allows for lots of communication opportunities
- Provide the individual with access to the AAC system
- Use vocabulary that is fun, functional, and fits the child

O – Offer opportunity for communication

- Provide choices
- Ask questions
- Comment about what is happens

W – Wait for communication

- Wait for 5 seconds or more
- Provide another opportunity if the individual doesn't respond

R – Respond to communication

- Respond when the individual communicates
- Respond even if communication is unclear
- Then provide another opportunity

+ Model AAC

- Include vocabulary that supports AAC modeling
- Model AAC when offering opportunities
- Wait for 5 seconds after modeling AAC
- Respond with an AAC modeling when the individual communicates