### The Periodic Table of AAC

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Green = Guiding Beliefs</th>
<th>Orange = AAC Competencies</th>
<th>Pink = Instructional and Implementation Tips</th>
<th>Yellow = Communication Functions</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Presume competition</td>
<td>Always available</td>
<td>Right to be heard</td>
<td>Nothing about me without me</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Purple = Adult Support Tips</th>
<th>Blue = Assessment Considerations</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AAC should be fun</td>
<td>AAC increases speech</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A is a right</td>
<td>AAC is a right</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Always available</td>
<td>Always available</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right to be heard</td>
<td>AAC is a right</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nothing about me without me</td>
<td>AAC increases speech</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Core Words**
- start early
- core words
- aided language stimulation
- multi-modal
- language rich environment
- seize the moment
- environmental teaching
- direct instruction
- fast talk options
- 1+1=2
- avoid making AAC work
- promote social skills
- make primary purpose connection
- make fun part of the plan
- make a reason to use AAC
- all behavior is communication
- use prompt hierarchy
- promote self generated language
- allow communication directly to caregivers
- no one is a mind reader
- keep an AAC quote book

**Teach Literacy**
- teach literacy
- teach pre-teach

**Teach Language**
- use tech support
- prepare for transition
- no end to support
- train peers
- train staff
- train family
- back it up

**Tech**
- use tech support
- get online training
- go to workshops
- rely on your vendor

**Technology**
- vision?
- hearing?
- motor skills?
- fast enough?
- cognitive needs?
- switch access?
- eye gaze?
- touch screen?
- photo album?
- camera?
- mouse?
- joystick?
- music player?
- internet access?

**Environment**
- multi-modal
- language rich environment
- language rich environment

**Social Skills**
- make real choices
- express emotions
- refuse
- gain attention
- protest
- label name
- power
- say what is thought

**Communication**
- say what is thought
- ask
- initiate
- direct
- argue
- avoid trouble
- answer
- share information
- social closeness
- make real choices
- express emotions
- refuse
- gain attention
- protest
- label name
- power
- say what is thought

(c) 2012 Kate Ahern, M.S.Ed.