



**AAC INFORMATION NIGHT  
FOR CAREGIVERS**

*Communication  
Bill of Rights  
(Rights 14 - 15)*

November 8, 2022 at 6pm Pacific  
(Zoom meeting)



# Welcome to the Parent Information Night

## **Agenda**

### Introductions

Margaret Edwards, SLP

Caralee Wirth, SLP

Other attendees

### NWACS Introduction

Presentation - Review of Bill of Rights 1-13

Discuss Bill of Rights 14-15

# About NWACS

- Stands for the Northwest Augmentative Communication Society
- Founded in the late 1970s
- One of the oldest and longest running organizations supporting individuals with complex communication needs in the northwest
- Holds an annual conference
- Is run by volunteers

We are here to serve you, let us know what you need

# Learning Outcomes:

- The learner will gain a better understanding of the Communication Bill of Rights

# The opening statement of the bill of rights.

*“All people with a disability of any extent or severity have a basic right to affect, through communication, the conditions of their existence. Beyond this general right, a number of specific communication rights should be ensured in all daily interactions and interventions involving persons who have severe disabilities. To participate fully in communication interactions, each person has these fundamental communication rights....”*

#1: The right to interact socially, maintain social closeness, and build relationships

#2: The right to request desired objects, actions,  
events, and people

#3: The right to refuse or reject undesired objects,  
actions, events, or choices



## #4: The right to express personal preferences and feelings

## #5: The Right to Make Choices from Meaningful Alternatives

## #6: The Right to Make Comments and Share Opinions

# #7: The Right to Ask for and Give Information, Including Information about Changes in Routine and Environment

## #8 The Right to be *informed* about people and events in one's life

#9: The right to access *interventions* and *supports* that improve communication

#10: The right to have communication acts acknowledged and responded to even when the desired outcome cannot be realized

#11 The right to have access to functioning AAC (augmentative and alternative communication) and other AT (assistive technology) services and devices at all times



#12: The right to access environmental contexts, interactions, and opportunities that promote participation as full communication partners with other people, including peers

#13: The right to be treated with dignity  
and addressed with respect and courtesy

#14 The right to be addressed directly and not be spoken for or talked about in the third person while present

#15 The right to have clear, meaningful,  
and culturally and linguistically appropriate  
communications

# Resources:

<https://www.asha.org/njc/communication-bill-of-rights/>

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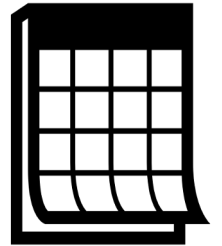
<https://www.assistiveware.com/learn-aac>

<https://www.nwacs.info/learn-about-aac>

<https://aaclanguagelab.com/>

# Upcoming Events

To be announced at a later time



# Get Connected with NWACS

<https://www.nwacs.info/get-involved>

Here is where you can find NWACS on social media:

[Facebook](#) | [Pinterest](#) | [Twitter](#) | [YouTube](#)

[Northwest Augmentative Communication Caregiver Society \(NWACCS\)](#) - This group is for families in Washington State. It is for parents and family members of children who are unable to meet all their communication needs with mouth words.