

Communication: Encouraging Liberty and Justice For All

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Learning Objectives

- Participants will learn
- How to communicate information concerning AAC to individuals who work as first responders
 - How to reach first responders who need information on communicating with individuals who use AAC
 - How to replicate the training for first responders in their own communities or whom to contact for the training

How We Got the Word Out

- One person: Nick Clarke from Southwest Fire District
- Contacted Allen County Sheriff Department
 - 5 in-services in January 2017 for entire department
- FWFD – video (November 2016)
- Driven by word of mouth and social media
 - First responders are realizing the importance of this training and are giving us more contacts

Format of The Presentation

- One hour lecture
- 5-10 minutes of scenarios
- 5 minutes wrap-up
- 5 minutes of Q & A

What we covered

- Define AAC
- Who might use AAC
 - Individuals with developmental disabilities
 - Individuals with acquired disabilities

What we covered

Research about people with disabilities being victims of crime
Joan Petersilia from University of California-Irvine
Diane Bryen from Temple University

What we covered

- Different levels of AAC
- No tech
 - Low tech
 - Medium tech
 - High tech

What we covered

- Access points
- Direct selection with finger point, toe point, head or chin stick, infrared pointer, eye gaze
 - Scanning with a switch

What we covered

Individuals participate in a role-playing exercise

- A first responder
- A "victim" who may have been given a communication system
- Given 1 of 8 different scenarios to solve

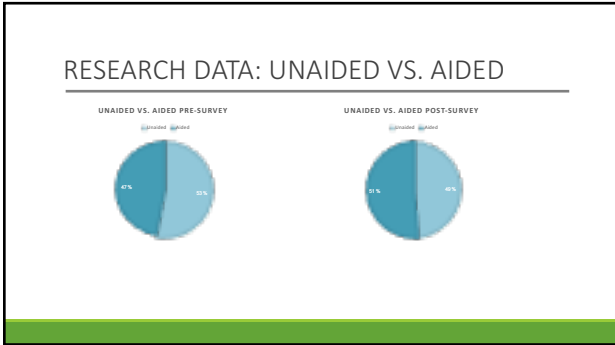
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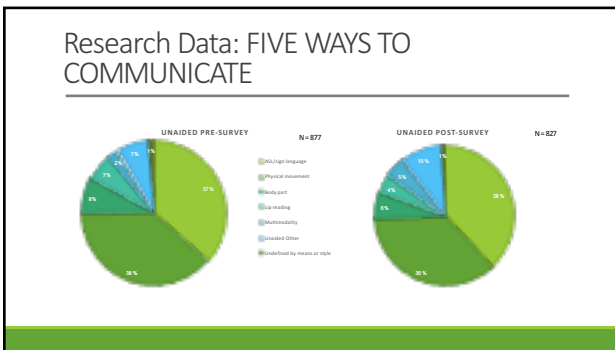
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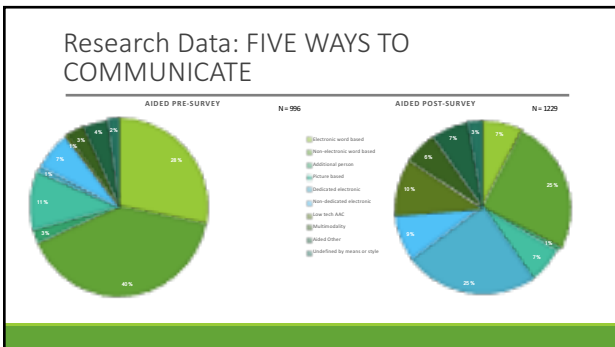
- Q & A about how they solved their scenarios
- Provided additional tips
- Invited them to attend other AAC activities on our campus
- Post-training survey

Research Data: DEMOGRAPHICS

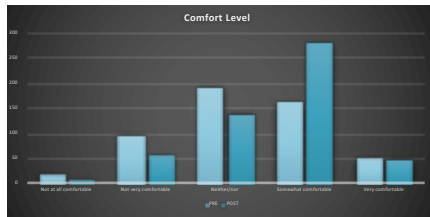
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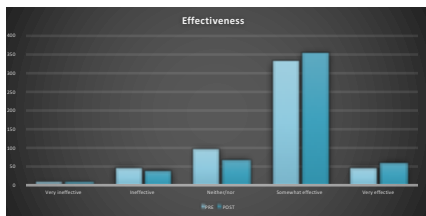




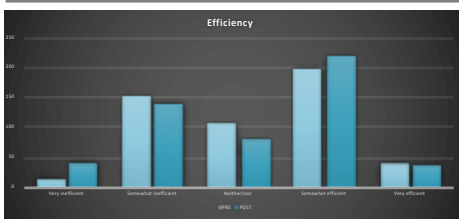
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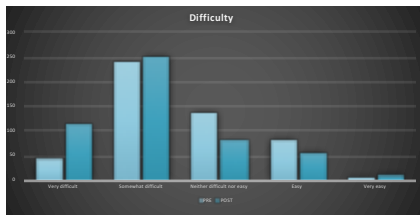
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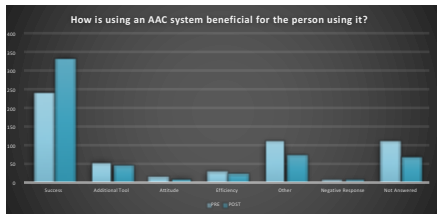
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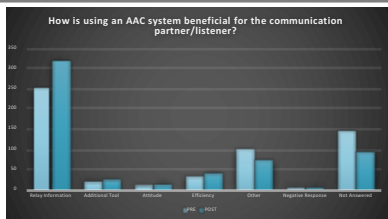
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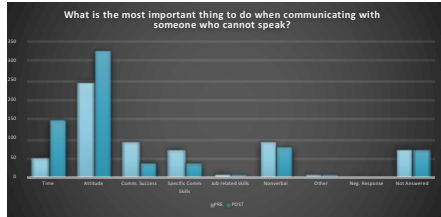
RESEARCH DATA: Open Ended Question #1



RESEARCH DATA: Open Ended Question #2



RESEARCH DATA: Open Ended Question #3



Call To Action!

We can't do it all ourselves!!!
How to get contact information for area first responders
- Fire departments in Indiana: <http://www.in.gov/dhs/files/firedepts.pdf>
- Police/sheriff departments in Indiana: <http://www.in.gov/isp/index.htm> (Indiana State Police) or Google "list of police departments in Indiana" for city and county agencies

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