

# Total Communication Approach

Total Communication means using multiple forms of communication — speech, signs, visuals, and devices — to help a child express themselves. When teaching “yes” and “no,” we model these consistently in daily life and accept any form the child uses. It’s about meeting them where they are and helping them be understood.

## Simple Communication Board

Print and laminate.  
Keep it somewhere easy to grab and use often.



## American Sign Language

Learn and sign “yes” and “no” every time you say them.

Accept your child’s approximated signs or their own unique way of showing it.



## Programmable Speech Buttons

The buttons can be reused for other words as your child’s needs change. Adding the actual words or pictures provides helpful visual support.

