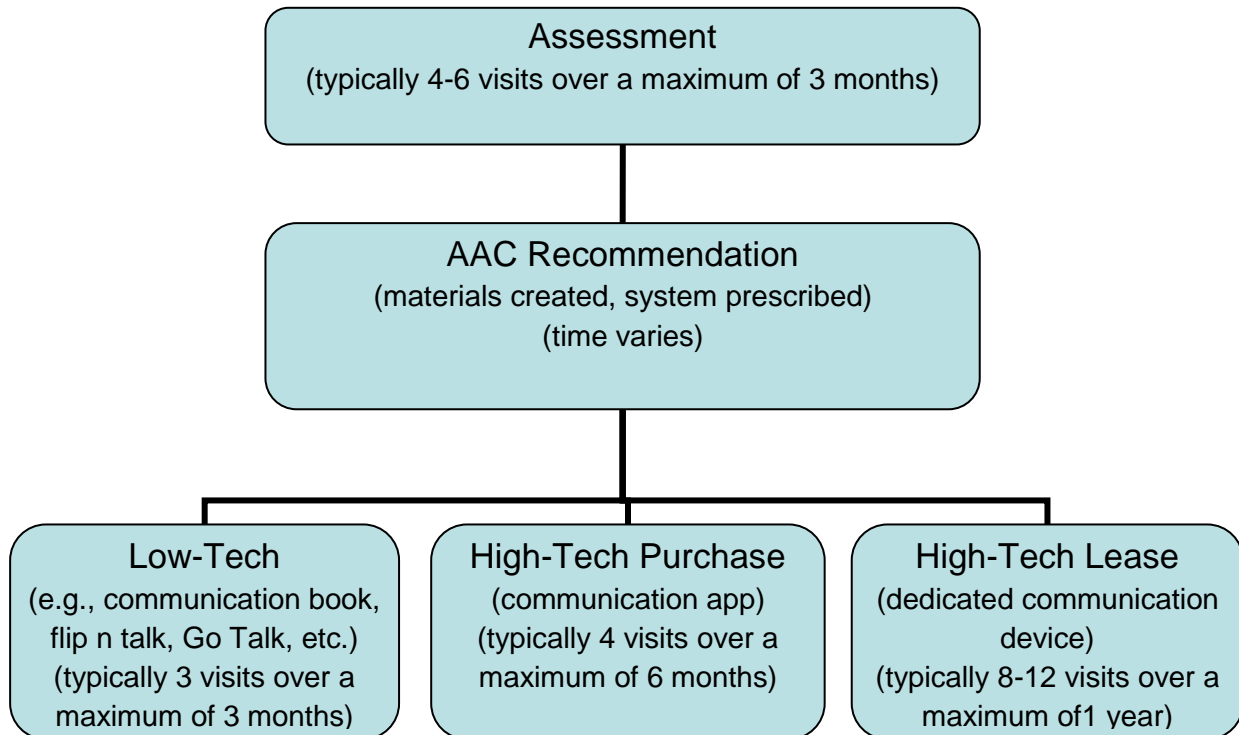


What is ACCS?

The CTN Augmentative Communication Consultation Service (ACCS) is a specialized service for children and youth with complex communication needs. The ACCS team includes Speech-Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, and Communicative Disorders Assistants. The goal of the service is to work with the child/youth, the family, and the local team* to find the best way for the child/youth to communicate.

What to Expect from ACCS?



ACCS consultation may be provided in the child/youth's home, preschool, school, community, or CTN Local Site. Parents and caregivers are vital members of the team, and are required to participate in all aspects of the service as outlined on the next page.

*Local Team refers to the full team supporting the client and family and includes the family and other professionals. These could include the classroom teacher, resource teacher, educational assistant, childcare provider, other rehabilitation professionals, etc.

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Roles and Responsibilities

ACCS

- Complete assessment and make recommendations
- Develop a plan with family for implementation
- Provide initial training of communication system to family and local team
- Follow up and update communication goals prior to transferring client back to local team
- Respond to problems/concerns with the communication system

Family

- Attend and participate in appointments with their child
- Provide information as requested
- Assume responsibility for ongoing support of communication system/strategies with new communication partners (family, friends, teachers, etc.)
- Participate in development of goals and expectations
- Provide client with multiple opportunities to communicate with AAC system
- Contact ACCS team or ACCS Clinic with any questions/concerns as they arise

Please note that when possible families are expected to provide adequate notice if they need to reschedule an appointment. Repeated failure to do so may result in discharge from the service.