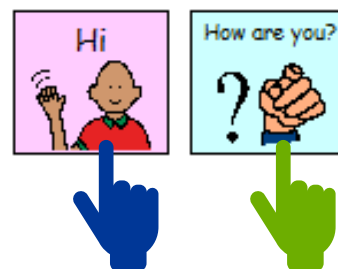


Communication for Everyone

► How to use communication boards

- If you know someone who uses or might use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC), try incorporating the **Communication for Everyone** board into your conversation.
- Familiarize yourself with the images on the board, and use them to **comment, ask, answer, share and express yourself** during conversation.
- As you talk, point at images that match the words you are saying. For example, you could say, "**Hi, how are you?**"



Quick tips

- start small
- inspire, don't require
- ask "yes" and "no" questions
- take turns
- speak at a comfortable volume level
- take your time and give them time



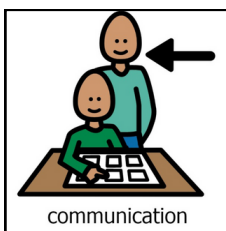
► About the Communication for Everyone initiative

This initiative was led by CLBC's South Island Community Council to make CLBC spaces more welcoming and accessible for people who are non-speaking and/or use picture-based communication systems. CLBC now has Communication for Everyone boards in all our offices across the province.

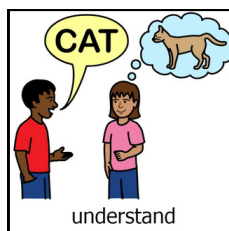


What are communication boards and why do we use them?

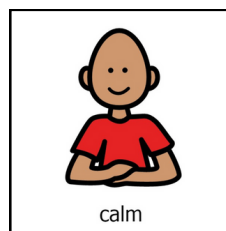
- A communication board is a visual tool that can help people communicate through symbols and images.
- Communication boards are a form of **Augmentative and Alternative communication (AAC)**. Using a communication board could be **augmentative** communication for someone, meaning it adds to or expands upon their existing use of speech. Or, it could be a form of **alternative** communication, used by the person instead of speech.
- Having visual supports in place, such as communication boards, in addition to written words or speaking, can help:



ease
communication



provide mutual
understanding



reduce stress



create welcoming
spaces

Communication Assistance for Youth and Adults (CAYA)

CAYA supports adults in BC who require an Augmentative and Alternative communication (AAC) system.

For resources and information about accessing CAYA services, visit:

cayabc.net

