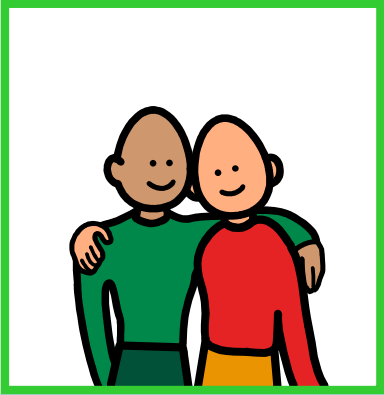


# Communication Bill of Rights

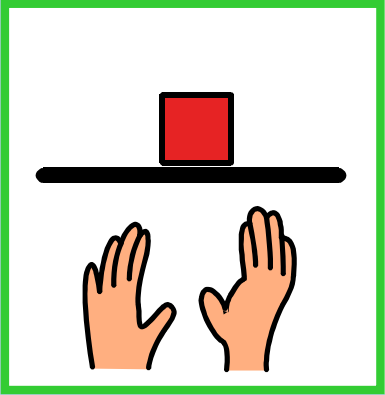


I have the right to:

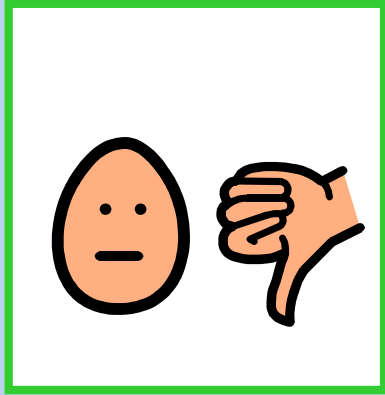
interact socially & build relationships



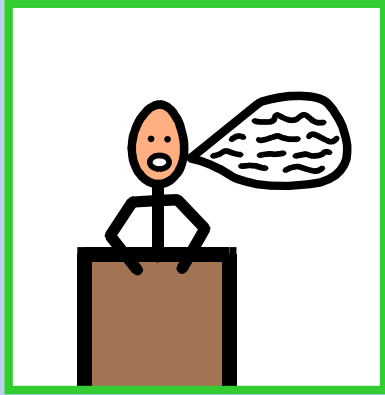
request desired objects, actions, events or choices



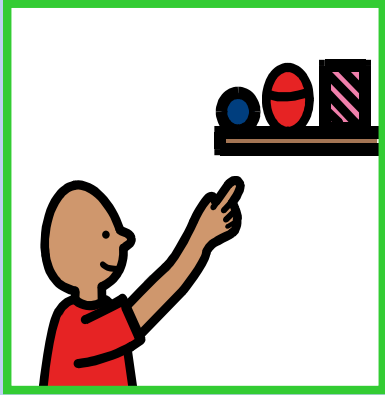
refuse undesired objects, actions, events or choices



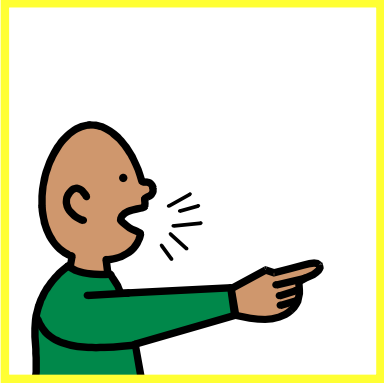
express personal preferences and feelings



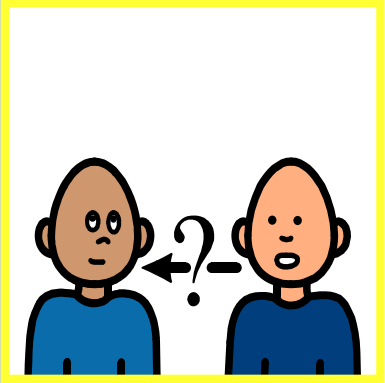
make meaningful choices



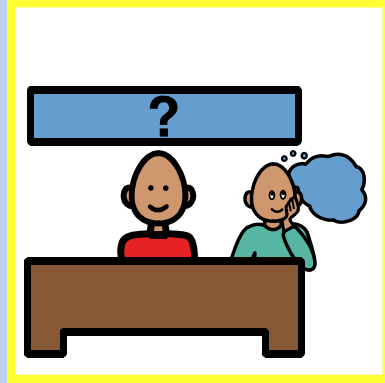
make comments and share opinions



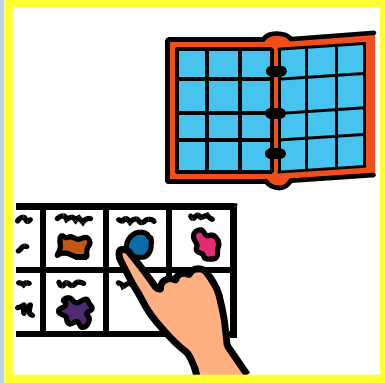
ask and give information



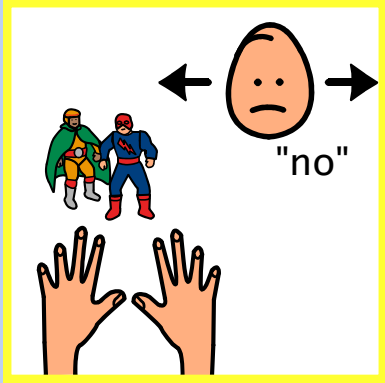
be informed about people and life events



access interventions & communication supports



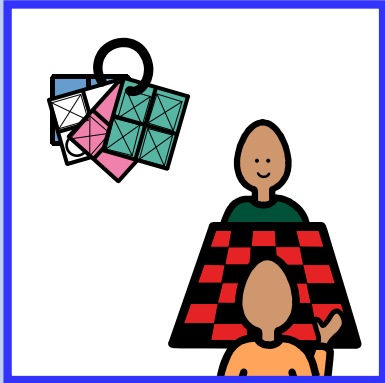
have communication acts responded to even if the answer is no



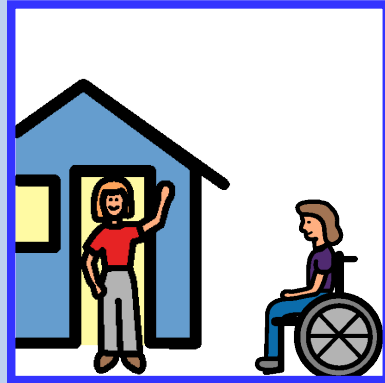
access functioning AT/AAC services & devices AT ALL TIMES!



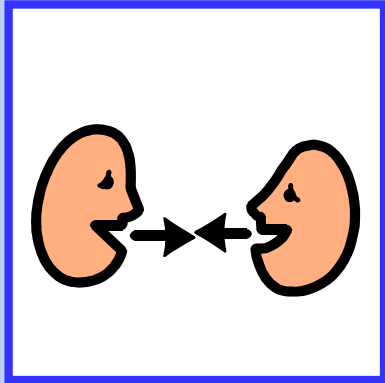
fully access environment & opportunities to participate with communication partners



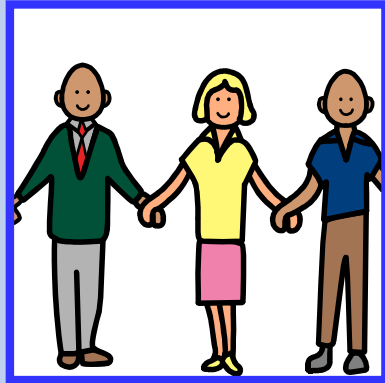
be treated with dignity, respect & courtesy



be addressed directly, not spoken for or talked about



have clear, meaningful, culturally & linguistically appropriate communications



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