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VIRTUAL WORKSHOP SERIES
WINTER/SPRING 2026

MYTHS, FACTS & FIRST STEPS: AAC FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

MONDAY MARCH 2ND, 2026
9:15-10:45AM
COST: BY DONATION

REGISTER NOW!

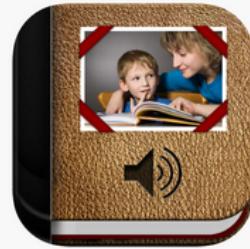### PICTELLO POWER: CREATIVE COMMUNICATION THROUGH VISUAL STORYTELLING

TUESDAY MARCH 9TH, 2026
1:00-2:30PM
COST: $25/PERSON

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AAC BASICS: WHY LITE TECH MATTERS

MONDAY MARCH 16TH, 2026
9:15-10:45AM
COST: $25/PERSON

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AAC STRATEGIES FOR ALL: SUPPORTING COMMUNICATION EVERYWHERE

MONDAY APRIL 13TH, 2026
9:15-10:45AM
COST: $25/PERSON

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Sessions will be recorded for participant access! Only registered, paid attendees will receive the recording. **Advance registration is required.**

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WORKSHOP HOST:
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Speech-Language Pathologist

All workshops will be held **VIRTUALLY via Microsoft Teams.**
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HOW DO I SIGN-UP?
Click on the **REGISTER NOW** button and register/pay through CanadaHelps. You have to register for each workshop separately.

HOW DO I PAY?
Credit Card (preferred method): The **REGISTER NOW** link will take you directly to CanadaHelps to register & pay by credit card. You will receive a confirmation email. If you would like to discuss alternate payment methods, please contact Marnie at marnie@oarc.ca.

WHAT WILL THE FUNDS BE USED FOR?
Funds raised from workshops will go toward purchasing a communication device for a child!

CAN I GET MORE INFO ABOUT THE WORKSHOPS?
Absolutely! Visit our website or contact **sam@oarc.ca** for a detailed summary of our Fall Workshops.

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WORKSHOP DETAILS

Myths, Facts & First Steps: AAC for Parents & Caregivers
- Beginner level workshop intended for parents and caregivers
- For families waiting for or considering a communication device
- What AAC is (and isn't)
- Myths vs. facts
- When AAC is appropriate
- OARC's role in supporting families & securing funding
- Practical first steps at home

Pictello Power: Creative Communication Through Visual Storytelling
- Explore creative ways to use Pictello for AAC storytelling (assumes basic app knowledge)
- Not a tutorial on how to make stories in the app
- Over 30 story ideas you can create with your learner
- Real-life examples from school settings to inspire implementation

AAC Basics – Why Lite Tech Matters
- Lite-tech AAC tools (e.g., communication boards) support communication at home, school, and in the community
- Learn why these tools are essential and when to use them
- Practical strategies that are simple to implement but make a big impact

AAC Strategies for All: Supporting Communication Everywhere
- For anyone supporting an AAC user!
- Top strategies for AAC success (modeling, wait time, presuming competence, etc.)
- Why these strategies matter
- Ways to implement key strategies
- Free resources will be shared

Questions about the workshops? Contact sam@oarc.ca!