



Neurodiversity Ireland Summit

*Gestalt Language Processing
&
AAC*

17th May 2025



Plan

- 1 Intro (Julie)
- 2 Setting the scene (Julie)
- 3 Using the NLA (Marge Blanc)
- 4 Break (15 minutes)
- 5 More GLPs & supports (Julie)
- 6 Panel Discussion/Questions



Introduction



Julie Holmes
Speech & Language Therapist
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Trinity 2008

I ♥
Echolalia

STAY
STRONG &
POWER ON

Setting the Scene

● Communication=Connection

● GLP distinct way of developing language

● GLP & AAC awareness/knowledge in Ireland

Comparing Apples & Oranges

Apple



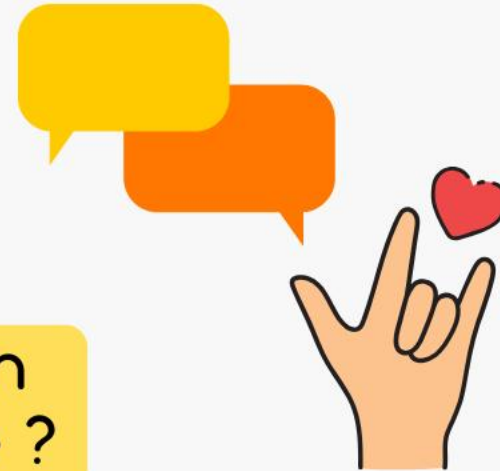
~~Disordered Apple~~

Orange

Diverse Communication



'Old Mc Donald Had
a farm'



How do the children in
your life communicate ?

**Let's hear from
Marge ...**



GLPs in Ireland



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GLPs in Ireland



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Communication Environment

Someone who knows about how each child develops language

Curiosity and problem solving

Child led activities

Acknowledgement

Tuning in

Managing the sensory environment

Meaningful relationships

Play

Time

AAC

Be a communication detective

Safety

Just like flowers we all need something different to help us grow



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'Are you stuck?'

PROGRESS



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'I'm stuck'



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A story of my day in Stage 2 mitigations..

- I went to the +
- I like to the +
- Zach is a +
- Mummy take you +

*"He told me about the
school day with all details
he tried to remember".*

"I feel I am dreaming 🥹"
(parent of Zach- a GLP and AAC user).





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Magic Moments

Communication = Connection

"I'm so proud of you"





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Communication = Connection

"Squeeze Me"

"I love Daddy"





Discussion