AAC BOOT CAMP
Getting AAC Users COMMUNICATING
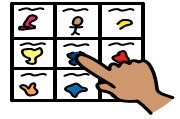
🚫 DON'T do this......	👌 DO this......
🛑 DON'T expect a user to know how to communicate w/o direct models & instruction	✓ **MODEL MODEL MODEL** model expected communication behaviors BEFORE expecting to see those behaviors from the user
🛑 **DON'T** do ALL the talking	✓ <u>PRESUME COMPETENCE</u>
🛑 **DON'T** overprompt	✓ FOLLOW prompt hierarchy
🛑 **DON'T** teach ONLY requesting	✓ TEACH language functions **including directing, commenting, requesting assistance, etc...** NOT JUST WANTS AND NEEDS
🛑 **DON'T** re-prompt too quickly	✓ WAIT 10-20 sec. (w/an expectant look) BEFORE re-prompting!! **Count in your head!!** 123
🛑 **DON'T** provide ONLY nouns	
🛑 **DON'T** focus on words that are not functional/won't be used tomorrow	✓ PROVIDE CORE WORDS **including verbs & describing words (in addition to nouns)**
	✓ COLOR CODE parts of speech
🛑 **DON'T** move symbols	✓ KEEP icon placement constant **always keep repeated icons in the same location on each page/screen**
🛑 **DON'T** remove the device	
🛑 **DON'T** stop all "babbling" **(exploring, button pressing)**	✓ ALLOW user time to explore and learn their system
🛑 **DON'T** keep the AAC system in their desk, cubby, or backpack	✓ MAKE AAC available at ALL times
	✓ PROVIDE Aided Language Input talk to users while pointing to key words/icons
🛑 **DON'T** expect sentences right away	✓ ASK open-ended questions