

Communication Matrix

As we've emphasized throughout our trainings, all students communicate—just in different ways. We've also reinforced a foundational principle: behavior is communication. One of the key challenges for educators and families is recognizing and interpreting communication, particularly from students who don't use voice as their primary mode.

The [Communication Matrix](https://communicationmatrix.org/) offers a powerful tool for navigating this challenge. Designed for individuals who are early communicators, it provides a structured assessment to identify their current communication status, track progress, and determine areas of need. This tool includes a series of targeted questions that address both expressive and receptive communication, offering detailed insights into the individual's communicative functions, levels of communication development, and modes of expression.

Because it's low-cost and easy to administer, the Communication Matrix can be used over time to monitor growth and inform IEP development, intervention planning, and overall progress monitoring.

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