

AUTISM & APRAXIA



WHAT IS APRAXIA

Apraxia is a disconnect between the brain and the body. Muscles needed for speech and movement may not get the message or respond. It is not an intellectual deficit.

FACTS

The apraxic person knows what they want to say, but they have difficulty making their mouth or body execute movement. It does NOT mean that they do not understand or that they cannot communicate in some other way.

PLEASE

Allow extra time.
Avoid assumptions.

Be patient and respectful; do not finish sentences.
Realize that behavior may not match the intention.
Teach age-appropriate lessons and read books aloud.
Believe that he/she understands what you are saying.
Always have preferred communication tools available.
Repeat/confirm what student communicates.
Avoid engaging in loops.

