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Zachary Price, Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC) Support & Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLP-A)

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Role:

I work with classroom and behavioral support staff to program, update, and troubleshoot student's Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC) systems. I also help implement strategies in the classroom to help support AAC-user's functional communication throughout the day. I also provide 1-1 speech therapy in the afternoons.

Education:

- Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Certificate, Northern Arizona University, 2014
- B.S. in Speech Sciences and Technology, Northern Arizona University, 2014

Specific Treatment Strategies, Equipment, or Expertise Utilized:

- Specific focus in Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC)
 - Proficient in programming and use of various AAC programs including TouchChat, NovaChat, Proloquo2Go, LAMP, and GoTalkNow
- Teaching and modeling AAC use in classroom and clinical therapy settings

Continuing Education:

- Various AAC courses and in-person conference (2019)
- Intro to Assistive Technology for Pediatrics (2017)
- Social Thinking with Michelle Garcia Winner (2017)
- Out of Sync Child with Carol Stock Kronowitz (2017)

Career History:

I started at L.I.F.E. in 2015 working first as a community direct support professional before coming on campus as a founding member of the Academy Resource Team. Before L.I.F.E. I worked in both public and private school settings, as well as a dedicated speech therapy clinic.



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Personal Treatment Philosophy:

When it comes to AAC use, I'm very big into the idea of Aided Language Input. This is the notion that much like a foreign language, to teach AAC we have to speak it ourselves.

Personal:

Lauren's Institute is very important for me personally even outside of my career. My wife Katie has been an OT here for a number of years, and our daughter currently attends the preschool program as a peer model classmate. The idea of L.I.F.E. being a family atmosphere is even more true for me! Outside of work and family, I'm an avid video gamer and comic book reader.





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