GET IN TOUCH

We understand the importance of open communication and value the opportunity to connect with you.

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- **Access...**
  "To be a part of what the world has to offer, with everyone else. Who doesn't want that?" - Becky
- **Agency...**
  "I want to be able to have control over my own life." -Sam
- **Autonomy...**
  "Autonomy means to be an independent person, free to pursue my dreams." -Danny

TRAINING

I-ASC's 6.5-month S2C Practitioner Training course prepares individuals to work with a wide range of nonspeaking individuals across all ages and coach parents and family members to provide continued support for their nonspeaking loved ones. S2C Practitioners in Training work under the guidance of our experienced faculty.

EDUCATION

I-ASC educates parents, practitioners, allied professionals, and the general population to better understand the underlying sensory and motor challenges affecting communication for nonspeakers. We are establishing a greater understanding of the communication and capacity of nonspeaking, minimally and unreliably speaking people.

ADVOCACY

The Spellers & Allies Advocacy Network is the advocacy branch of I-ASC. Nonspeakers believe firmly "nothing about us without us" and want to direct their own advocacy. The allies embrace this collaboration perspective, alongside nonspeakers. They all share a mutual purpose and commitment to effect positive change for nonspeakers while forming friendships and having fun along the way.

RESEARCH

I-ASC collaborates with researchers, developers, and data scientists to advance communication modalities for nonspeaking individuals. Our global network of thought leaders in the motor-sensory field helps validate spelling and typing as effective communication methods. We set the standards to make this possible.

I-ASC™

The International Association for Spelling as Communication, I-ASC, (Pronounced "I ask") is a global organization of individuals from the nonspeaking and neurodivergent community. We seek to make spelling and the relevant supports accessible to every person who is unable to use speech as a reliable means of communication, regardless of geography, age, socio-economic or educational status.

WE ARE I-ASC

Mission

The mission of I-ASC is to advance communication access for nonspeaking individuals globally through training, education, advocacy, and research.

Vision

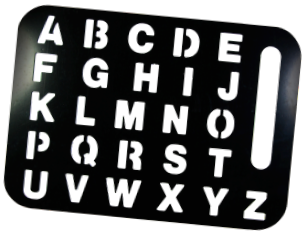
I-ASC's vision is that with communication, nonspeaking, minimally speaking, and unreliable speaking individuals will have equitable and supported access to all aspects of lifelong education, employment, relationships, and community.

THE NEED

Communication is a human right. But, as many as 30 million people around the world cannot control their own destiny or communicate their basic daily needs because they cannot speak reliably. This includes people with motor-sensory disabilities, genetic conditions, and approximately 27 million autistic individuals who experience apraxia - a neurological condition that affects the motor planning required for speech.

WHAT IS S2C?

Spelling to Communicate (S2C™) empowers nonspeakers to overcome communication barriers posed by traditional oral communication by learning to point to letters on a board as an alternative means of communication. This innovative method promotes synchrony between cognitive and motor systems. Through repeated practice, new neural pathways become myelinated. By teaching the motor skills necessary to point on a letterboard positioned in front of them, nonspeakers improve motor planning and control, enabling them to communicate their thoughts and ideas quickly and accurately.

PRESUMING COMPETENCE

We believe all individuals can and want to learn and communicate regardless of their perceived limitations. By presuming competence, typing and spelling embraces a nonspeaker's cognitive function and focuses on purposeful motor movements. Not being able to speak does not affect your ability to understand and think!