

The **Open Access Resource Centre (OARC)** is a non-profit organization that provides assistive technology, training and resources to individuals with communication difficulties and those that support them. The Centre provides information and training on speech generating devices for individuals, and operates an equipment loan program to support specialized situations.

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Speech-Language Pathologist – Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Specialist

The OARC has become a center of expertise in the area of Speech Generating Devices (SGDs) for children and strives to make sure children and their teams are provided with the necessary information/training/supports for the successful implementation of these devices. OARC is currently looking for a SLP who is passionate about AAC and the use of SGDs to provide individuals with a way to communicate. This position is up to a .6 beginning in January 2019.

Job Description: To support individuals and their teams receiving SGDs through OARC

Primary Responsibilities:

- Maintain a comprehensive knowledge of SGDs remaining current with the research and best practices in the field of AAC
- Consult with SLPs regarding the selection, development and implementation of an AAC system that best meets the child's communication needs (including low tech, high tech and access method)
- Prepare and set up SGDs for individuals to use as a communication tool with recommendations for the customization of apps/software
- Provide training to support teams regarding best practices and strategies for the successful implementation of the SGD in promoting functional communication
- Follow-up with the team members involved with individuals using communication devices to provide further support and additional training as needed.
- Troubleshoot technical issues involving SGDs
- Develop and maintain a library of AAC resources to support and educate teams about best practices and strategies in the development of an AAC system and implementation of an SGD.

Experience Requirements: A desire to make a difference in the lives of children with complex communication needs.

- Must have a Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology
- Must be a current member in good standing of the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Manitoba (CASLPM)
- Preference will be given to individuals with 3 or more years of experience in Speech-Language Pathology working with children requiring an AAC system
- Must have good working knowledge of iDevice technology and their operating systems
- Familiarity with specialized communication apps and dedicated devices used for speech generation is required

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Strong leadership skills
- Strong organizational and management skills
- Self-motivated with the ability to work independently
- Ability to teach others and communicate effectively
- Ability to work with a team of professionals, family members and school personnel

Please submit your resume by **November 15, 2018** to:

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Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.