### The Periodic Table of AAC

**Green = Guiding Beliefs**
- Presume competence

**Orange = AAC Competencies**
- Always available
- Right to be heard
- Nothing about me without me
- AAC should be fun
- AAC increases speech

**Pink = Instructional and Implementation Tips**
- Language operational
- Strategic
- Social pragmatic
- Self advocacy

**Yellow = Communication Functions**
- Multi-modal
- Language rich
- Environmental teaching

**Blue = Assessment Considerations**
- Vision?
- Hearing?
- Motor skills?
- Fast enough?
- Cognitive needs?
- Switch access?
- User preference?

**Purple = Adult Support Tips**
- Train staff
- Train family
- Back it up!

**Words Up**
- Core words
- Multi-modal
- Language rich environment

**Ways to Ask for Additions**
- A B C
- Spelling available
- Age appropriate

**Ways to Say Its Not Here**
- Visual supports
- Stories about users life
- Color coded
- Change as needed

**Social Closeness**
- Social closeness
- Make fun part of the plan
- Make real choices
- Express emotions

**Make Real Choices**
- Share information
- Social closeness
- Make real choices
- Express emotions

**Say What Is Thought**
- Comment
- Direct
- Initiate
- Argue

**Spanish**
- Green = Creencias en guía
- Orange = Competencias AAC
- Pink = Consejos para implementación y enseñanza
- Yellow = Funciones de comunicación
- Blue = Consideraciones de evaluación
- Purple = Consejos de soporte para adultos

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