

# Tools for the Journey January 26th and 27th

## January 26:

### **Empowering Communication: An AAC Implementation Plan for Seamless Access and Lifelong Support**

This presentation aims to empower individuals, families, and professionals with the knowledge and strategies necessary to navigate the AAC journey successfully, from early intervention through adulthood.

- **1. Advocating for AAC Services:** We will discuss the importance of advocating for AAC services within the educational setting
- **2. AAC Reevaluations:** Understand when and how to request AAC reevaluations
- **3. Insurance and Regional Center Support:** Learn about the process of obtaining AAC devices through insurance and Regional Centers

## **Stephanie Martinez**



Stephanie Martinez (she/her/ella) is a highly dedicated and passionate Speech and Language Pathologist (SLP) with a specialization in Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). She has a profound commitment to improving the lives of individuals with communication challenges, while centering their cultural and linguistic identities. Outside of being an SLP, Ms. Martinez is a new mom and welcomed her baby girl in Fall 2023. She enjoys spending time with her family, friends, and dog. Her hobbies include: traveling, yoga, and trying new foods.

