

Creating Partnerships for Best Practice

Best practice pairs your commitment to a person with your commitment to excellence. Using facilitated communication effectively requires both. Best practice for FC is not something that you do in isolation, but always in partnership with others. We want to share our thoughts today about some of those partnerships.

"Top Ten" Lists of Things to Do as a Facilitator

Tracy Thresher's

1. Look for intelligence.
2. Look for productive movement.
3. Be positive.
4. Be persistent.
5. Give feedback.
6. Place hand where I can feel it.
7. Plot communication together.**
8. Take your time.
9. Learn my style of typing.
10. Pay attention.

Harvey Lavoy's

1. Slow down.
2. Breathe
3. Observe the person.
4. Be ready.
5. Provide the least amount of support needed.
6. Provide feedback.
7. Be positive.
8. Take responsibility.
9. Stay focused.
10. Have fun.

Larry Bissonnette's

1. Post lots of weather like reports on my movements.
2. Organize slowing down of trafficky world of my autistic mind.
3. Top off tank of language with teaching of grammatically ordered thoughts for clear communication.
4. Populate my day with opportunities for communication.
5. Look outside my behavior for the official version of my personality.
6. Popup on the screen of my attention when I have mailed in a response without thinking.
7. Speak out lots of encouraging words when issues of self-doubt log onto my confidence.
8. Operate little widgets of technology smoothly for me so orders for worthy communication don't get manufactured incorrectly appearing incomplete.
9. Look around land of properly trained, Syracuse fed with knowledge about FC, for lessons on good technique.
10. Your bearing up as a good facilitator requires a commitment to learning about debate over thinking about FC as not real in execution and minutely dissecting arguments of skeptics.

Pascal Cheng's

1. Stay with the person.
2. Show confidence
3. Understand their perspective.
4. Understand their movement.
5. Assume the desire to communicate.
6. Always use good technique.
7. Foster the learning of skills.
8. Learn from the person through their feedback.
9. Think about communication as two-way.
10. Know your role (s) as a facilitator.