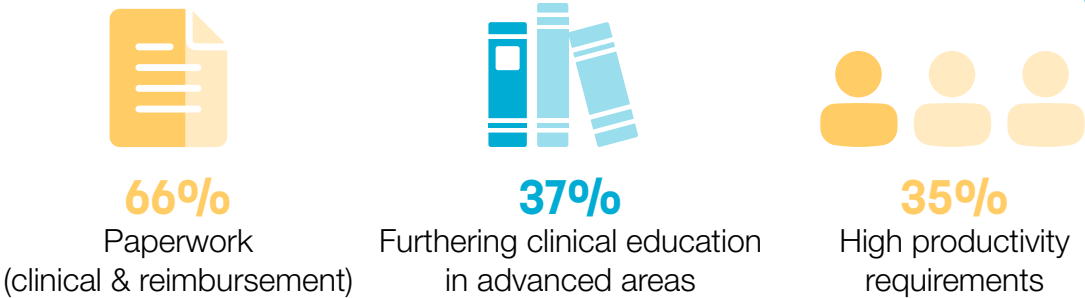# THE SLP SURVEY

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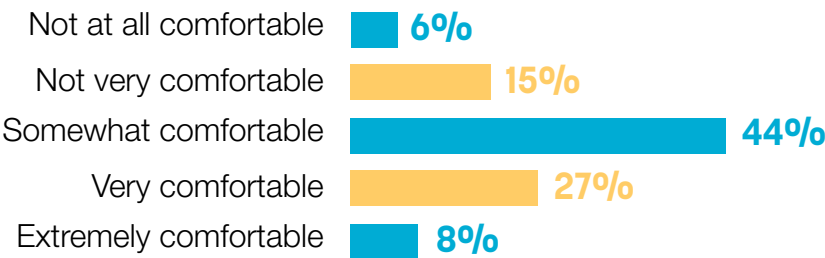
Navigating Professional Challenges and Barriers to AAC

Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) play an essential role in the recommendation, implementation, and long-term success of AAC devices. Each year, we survey hundreds of SLPs to gain insight into their professional challenges and experiences with AAC.
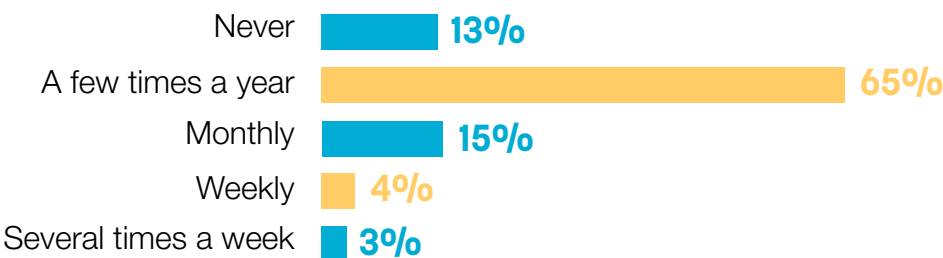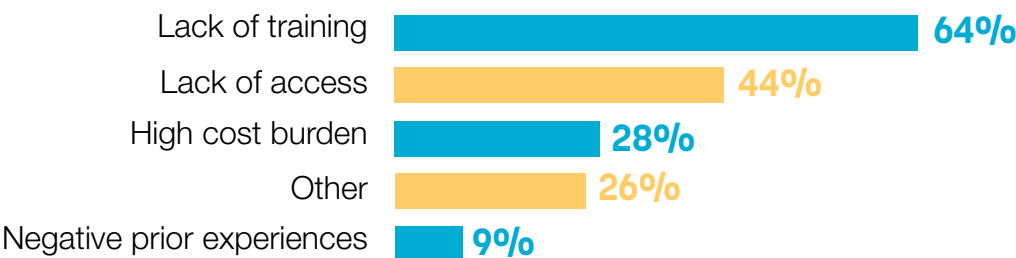
What are your biggest professional challenges?

66%
Paperwork (clinical & reimbursement)

37%
Furthering clinical education in advanced areas

35%
High productivity requirements

How comfortable do you feel working with high-tech AAC?

Not at all comfortable	6%
Not very comfortable	15%
Somewhat comfortable	44%
Very comfortable	27%
Extremely comfortable	8%

How often do you recommend high-tech AAC?

Never	13%
A few times a year	65%
Monthly	15%
Weekly	4%
Several times a week	3%

Lack of training is the number one reason why SLPs do not feel comfortable working with high-tech AAC.

Lack of training	64%
Lack of access	44%
High cost burden	28%
Other	26%
Negative prior experiences	9%

There appears to be a correlation between comfortability with AAC and frequency of AAC recommendation.

Of the 13% of those who say they never recommend AAC, only 3% report feeling very or extremely comfortable working with AAC.

84% of those who say they never recommend AAC point to a lack of training as a reason for not being comfortable working with AAC.

How can Lingraphica help?

The Lingraphica Certification Program

The Lingraphica Certification Program (LCP) trains SLPs to use Lingraphica technologies with in-depth, hands-on instruction. Borrow a device, earn CEUs, and become a specialist in AAC to make a difference in your clients' lives.

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Lingraphica clinicians are available year-round to bring you the latest in evidence-based practice and AAC technology training – no prior experience needed! We'll send you a Lingraphica AAC device and schedule a 30-minute, hands-on demonstration.

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