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Gail Van Tatenhove is a speech-language pathologist who specializes in augmentative and alternative communication (AAC). Gail started working with children with significant, multiple disabilities in 1977 at a self-contained school for students with significant disabilities. While part of that program, Gail helped author a state grant that allowed her to purchase a variety of AAC devices for the students in her program that allowed her to provide both home and school-based AAC intervention. From 1982 to 1988, Gail worked at a state-wide AAC evaluation and training center, serving students by conducting AAC assessments, completing follow-up services at local schools, and conducting state-wide AAC teacher trainings. Since 1988, Gail has maintained a private practice, providing on-going therapy with children and adults with significant communication challenges and worked as a consultant with Semantic Compaction Systems.

Gail has authored chapters in textbooks, articles for national publications, and numerous “how-to” papers on a wide variety of subjects related to the field of AAC. She has created therapy support materials and AAC products, such as the Pixon Project Kit, and presented hundreds of workshops throughout the world. She is a founding committee member of the Special Interest Group 12 (AAC) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, has served as the president of the Florida Society of AAC and board member of the United States Society of AAC, and is a board member of BeCOME. Honors include being recognized as a Fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in 2013.