

Picture Exchange Communication Boards - Supporting Crisis Support

- Use these **Picture boards to communicate** with those who are non-verbal or unable to communicate. This is a common way to communicate with non-verbal populations or people in crisis.
- **Hand over Hand** - Let the person in Crisis use your finger or theirs to point to their answer based on the picture board you have provided.
- **Visual Prompt** - Ask the question you need to ask and then show the picture board s or offer them something to write/draw on. If you give the pictures and then ask the questions, you have too many sensory things happening and the person may be confused or unable to process everything.
- **Verbal Prompt** - Show the Pictures to the person in Crisis. Give them a minute to process the pictures you have provided. Then ask questions so the person is able to answer the questions using the pictures you have provided. If this person has had therapies in the past, this type of communication could already be a part of their daily life.
- **Body Language** - Let the person in Crisis respond with some sort of body language or Yes and/or No cards