**Steps for Building a Signal Dictionary**

**1. Observe the individual in a variety of activities/routines and with a**

**variety of partners.**

**2. Generate a list of conventional signals the individual produces.**

**3. Select symbol (concrete or abstract) that will be paired with each of**

**the conventional signals. (Remember sensory and motor needs.)**

**4. Determine corresponding partner behavior. (DO, SAY, & SCAFFOLD).**

**5. All partners respond consistently and immediately to the signal**

**production.**

**6. Partner will pair the symbol (concrete or abstract) to selected**

**signals.**

**7. Team should use the dictionary as the framework for a data**

**collection tool (number of partners, opportunities, environments and**

**individual’s communicative behaviors).**