Social Networks Inventory  
 *(Blackstone & Hunt Berg, 2003)*

**What does it assess?**
Use of communication modalities, their effectiveness and efficiency within each of 5 circles of communication partners. Provides overall level of communication (emerging, context-dependent and independent).

**Who is it suitable for?**
- Child or adult with complex communication needs, regardless of disability type.

**Who is it not suitable for?**
- People with functional speech.

**How is it administered?**
- Speech pathologist conducts a structured interview with the person being assessed, and key informants (e.g., close family member, teacher or support worker).
- Information can also be obtained from existing reports/files.
- Information is recorded on an interview schedule.

**How is it scored/interpreted?**
- Information from the interview schedule is transferred to a summary section
- Summary identifies people within each of five circles of communication partners, modes used with people within each circle, those that are effective vs efficient, skill strengths and those needing work, representational strategies and techniques, and strategies that support expression and comprehension.

**What is its availability?**
- Available for purchase from:  

**How does it contribute to a communication assessment for someone with behaviours of concern?**
- Contributes to development of a comprehensive communication profile.
- Indicates the types and level of AAC that can be used as functional communication to replace problem behaviours.

**References:**