Illinois Assistive Technology Program

Summer AAC Trainings

June 23, 25, 29 and July 1, 2020

- **Where:** Online
- **Who:** SLP's, Teachers, Paras, and Parents are encouraged to attend!
- **FREE** – ASHA CEUs available!
- **Register via each course link provided below**

AAC Trainings/Presenters:

AAC and Literacy: How to Get Started

There is increasing evidence and understanding that all students can learn to read and write. Research has proven that communication, language, and literacy skills develop in concert with one another, and that time spent in instruction in any one of these areas builds awareness and skill in the other. However, when it comes to individuals who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) it is often thought that they need to develop a certain level of skill in communication with their AAC system before they can benefit from literacy instruction. This course will outline why that statement is false and review steps to getting started in providing literacy instruction for your AAC user.

Tobii Dynavox • Lisa Geary, MS, CCC-SLP • ASHA CEUs: 0.25 • June 23rd, 2:00pm-4:45pm
* Register at https://www.tobiidynavox.com/en-US/support-training/on-location-training/events-from-sales-force/2020/6/aac-and-literacy-how-to-get-started/

Positive Behavior Supports in Snap + Core First

Join us as we begin to explore the relationship between challenging behaviors and the communication needs of children using Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC). We will discuss the primary reasons behind challenging behaviors and identify how Snap + Core First can help to prevent or replace these challenging behaviors.

Tobii Dynavox • Lisa Geary, MS, CCC-SLP • ASHA CEUs: 0.1 • June 25th, 2:00pm-3:00pm
*Register at https://www.tobiidynavox.com/en-US/support-training/on-location-training/events-from-sales-force/2020/6/positive-behavior-supports-in-snap-core-first3/

AAC: Ready – Set - GOAL!

Creating goals and measuring progress for individuals who use AAC can be a challenging process. In theory, this shouldn't be that much harder than writing any other language or academic goals, right? One thing that is often different about the AAC goal-writing process is that teachers and therapists simply don't know enough about AAC and what skills contribute to helping someone become a competent and successful communicator. While there are available goal banks to use, these still require tweaking and may not always be appropriate.

This course will provide the participants with resources, tools, and a framework so they have the skills to write goals and objectives on their own. Participants will engage in goal writing in order to learn about the four areas of communicative competence, the goal attainment scale, and SMART terminology. It will include a discussion about monitoring progress, as a goal is only as good as your ability to measure it. This course will help participants reflect on where their client is (baseline), where they want to go (goals), and how to get there (a plan).

PRC-Saltillo • Liz Heisler, M.A., CCC-SLP, Assistive Technology Consultant • ASHA CEUs: 0.2 • June 29th, 2:00pm-4:00pm   *Register at https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/3203756288211527682

Oh The Things You Can Do! A Chat Editor Make & Take

This interactive course begins with a review of Saltillo's ChatEditor, the free companion software that is available to use with both the TouchChat Application and the Saltillo devices (e.g., NovaChat, ChatFusion, TouchChat Express). After creating a configuration, participants will observe how to transfer and open a vocabulary file within ChatEditor software. Participants will then engage in a hands-on learning experience, as they discover how to print pages and use the button capture tool to create button sequences. Participants will then paste these button sequences into provided templates to create quick and easy visual supports and materials. *Participants must have a computer with the most updated ChatEditor software. (http://saltillo.com/products/chat-editor)

PRC-Saltillo • Liz Heisler, M.A., CCC-SLP, Assistive Technology Consultant • ASHA CEUs: 0.1 • July 1st, 2:00pm-3:00pm   *Register at https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/403735578870758146