

# Communication Partner Instruction in AAC Modeling: SMOIRES™ and Partner Augmented Input

Presented by

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## Date & Location:

Friday, February 24th, 2023  
through  
Saturday, February 25th, 2023

AT:

**Easterseals DuPage &  
Fox Valley**

**Format:**

**Hybrid: Webinar and In-Person**

## CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION:

Evidence-based research supports the use of partner-augmented input (PAI), also known as aided language modeling, as an intervention strategy for individuals who use augmentative and alternative communication (AAC). There are multiple benefits of modeling AAC use, but how can this be done effectively across a child's many environments? All of a child's communication partners must be taught how to model on the child's speech-generating device (SGD) to create an immersion environment for learning the new language!

**Day 1 (required\*)** is an introductory SMOIRES® level 1 session appropriate for all communication partners including speech-language pathologists, teachers, instructional assistants, and other professionals who work with children using AAC, as well as for parents and caregivers of children using AAC. Participants will set goals for the training, learn why modeling is so important, verbally rehearse the steps to successful modeling, see videos of modeling in the classroom and home, and practice modeling. NOTE: A communication device, app, emulation software, book or board is required to participate in a variety of interactive, hands on training activities designed for learning and improving modeling skills. \* Day 1 is a prerequisite for day 2.

**Day 2 (optional)** is an intermediate, SMOIRES® level 2 session organized to teach team leaders, AAC/AT specialists, and SLPs the skills needed to implement the SMOIRES® Training Program. Participants will learn the steps involved in implementing the communication partner training program with fidelity and will be provided with a DVD, PowerPoint, and a manual to enable them to employ the program in their own schools or practices.

*\* Day 1 is a prerequisite for day 2. Participants who have already attended a full-day SMOIRES™ Level 1 Training (see below for a list of qualifying workshops) may waive registration for day 1 by submitting a course completion certificate.*

SMOIRES™ Level 1 Trainings:

- Ingredients to Successful Modeling: SMOIRES™ and Partner-Augmented
- Partner-Augmented Input: Modeling AAC in the Classroom.
- Communication Partner Instruction in Partner-Augmented Input: 8 Steps to Success Day 1

## TARGET AUDIENCE:

Day 1 is appropriate for speech-language pathologists, Occupational therapists, teachers, instructional assistants, and other professionals who work with children using AAC, as well as for parents and caregivers of children using AAC.

Day 2 is appropriate for those with basic AAC Knowledge and skills who wish to learn more about teaching others.

**\*Day 1 is REQUIRED in order to attend Day 2\***

## COVID PROTOCOL:

Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley will continue to practice all current state and federal Covid guidelines. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Kim Sydello at, ce@EasterSealsDFVR.org.

## About the Instructors:

**Jill E. Senner, PhD, CCC-SLP** has over 20 years of experience working with children with complex communication needs. She is the owner and director of Technology and Language Center where she specializes in providing augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) services via telepractice. Dr. Senner presents lectures on AAC topics online and around the world, has published research articles and textbook chapters on AAC, and is an adjunct professor of speech-language pathology at DePaul University.



**Disclosure Statement:** Dr. Senner has the following financial relationship to disclose: she receives a fee for speaking from Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley. She has no relevant nonfinancial relationships to disclose.

**Matthew R. Baud, MS, CCC-SLP**, has been working with AAC for over 15 years. He currently is the Assistive Technology Coordinator at Niles Township District for Special Education (NTDSE) performing evaluations, trainings, and coaching communication partners. Matthew also has his own AAC private practice working with individuals with complex communication needs from birth through adulthood. He is an adjunct professor at Saint Xavier University where he teaches a graduate course in AAC and has presented at national and state conferences. Matthew has published research in the areas of AAC.



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## Course Schedule:

### **DAY 1** Contact Hours: 6.0

8:00AM-8:30AM– **Registration & Check-In**  
8:30AM—8:45AM Commitment to Instructional Program  
8:45AM—9:45AM Partner Augmented Input (PAI) - Strategy Description  
9:45AM—10:00AM Strategy Demonstration  
10:00AM—10:15AM **Break**  
10:15AM—10:30AM Verbal Practice  
10:30AM—10:45AM Lab —PAI Observation  
10:45AM—11:30AM Lab —Controlled Practice  
11:30AM—12:00PM Lab —Parallel Talk I  
12:00PM—1:00PM **Lunch**  
1:00PM—1:15PM Lab– Parallel Talk II  
1:15PM—1:45PM Descriptive Teaching/Talking  
1:45PM—2:30PM Lab —Descriptive Teaching/Talking  
2:30PM—3:00 **Break**  
3:00—3:30PM Lab —Wordless Picture Books  
3:30PM—3:45PM Lab —Wordless Videos  
3:45PM—4:00PM Resources & References, Question & Answer  
4:00- Dismiss

### **DAY 2** Contact Hours: 6.0

8:00AM—8:30AM **Registration & Check-In**  
8:30AM—8:40 AM Reflection  
8:40 AM—8:50AM Verbal Practice  
8:50AM—9:30AM The Importance of Communication Partners Across Environments  
9:30AM—10:15 AM Instructional Program for Communication Partners-Introduction and Overview  
10:15 AM—10:30 AM **Break**  
10:30AM—11:00AM Coaching Communication Partners  
11:00AM-11:15 AM Controlled Practice in Coaching  
11:15-12:00 EBP—The Evidence Behind using the SMORRES® Training Program  
12:00 PM—1:00 PM **Lunch**  
1:00—1:30 PM Forms & Training Materials- Calendar, Data Sheets  
1:30PM—2:00PM Data Collection in Children: Language Sampling in AAC (TALC)  
2:00PM— 2:30 PM Controlled Practice—Language Sampling in AAC  
2:30 PM—2:45PM **Break**  
2:45—3:15 PM Lab—Language Sampling in AAC  
3:15 PM—3:30 PM Data Collection: Lab—Evaluating Partner Effectiveness  
3:30PM—3:45 PM Variations  
3:45PM—4:00 Wrap-up, Question & Answer  
4:00- Dismiss

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this course, the participant will be able to:

#### Day 1

- List three benefits of providing partner-augmented input.
- Describe the 6 steps involved in successful modeling.
- Demonstrate the ability to produce words and phrases on a speech-generating device.

#### Day 2

- List three benefits of communication partner instruction.
- Summarize eight components of successful communication partner training programs.
- Name data collection strategies to monitor partner and child progress.



**Continuing Education Credits**

Continuing education credits for **O.T./S.T** will be offered through the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation.

**Early Intervention credits have been requested for 6.0 contact hours each day.**

**Illinois State Board of Education Professional Development Credits**  
 12 Professional Development (PD) hours will be provided by the Kane County Regional Office of Education. You must attend both sessions to receive PD hours.

**Speech Therapy:**  
 All participants will receive a course completion certificate upon successful completion of the conference. No certificates will be awarded until course completion is verified on the final date of the conference.



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**Occupational Therapy:**



**AOTA** American Occupational Therapy Association  
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AOTA does not endorse specific course content, products, or clinical procedures.

**Lodging:** A special rate at The Hyatt Place Lombard is available if you mention that you are taking a course at Easterseals DuPage.

2340 South Fountain Square Drive in Lombard, IL P:630.932.6501

**Special Accommodations:** Please notify us of any special accommodations you may have by contacting us at 630.261.6191.

**CONTACT INFO:**

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Please complete this form and mail with payment to:  
 Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley  
 Continuing Education Department  
 830 South Addison Avenue  
 Villa Park, IL 60181  
 FAX: 630.620.1148  
**\*Hybrid\***

**Professional Course Fee: \$ 450.00**  
**This includes a DVD and Manual**  
**(Early registration on or before 1/25/23: \$430.00)**

**Day 1 Only Rate: \$ 225.00**

**Parents of a child who uses AAC Day 1 Only: \$ 99.00**

\*If you would like to register for Day 2 only, please contact Kim at ksydello@eastersealsdfvr.org. Day 1 is a prerequisite for day 2. Participants who have already attended the full-day **Ingredients to Successful Modeling: SMORRES and Partner-Augmented** workshop or Day 1 of **8-Steps to Success at Easter Seals** or elsewhere may waive registration for day 1 by submitting a course completion certificate. Fee for Day 2 only is \$240.00 (This includes a DVD and Manual)

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Registration fee includes the conference, continental breakfast, and afternoon refreshments.

*Space is limited— early registration is encouraged.* Registration deadline: February 18th, 2023.

Register On-line: <http://www.easterseals.com/dfv/our-programs/employment-training/continuing-education.html>

Cancellations must be in writing and will incur a \$50 processing fee. No refunds granted after February 18th, 2023. If Easter Seals or speaker should need to cancel, course fees will be refunded or transferred to another course at the discretion of the participant.

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