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Best Practices in AAC Assessment: Steps to Selecting Appropriate Communication Systems



Date & Location:

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830 S. Addison Ave.
Villa Park, IL 60181

FORMAT: Live Webinar

Course Description:

When a child isn't speaking or when speech doesn't meet all of his or her communication needs across environments, augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) may be appropriate. However, there are literally hundreds of apps, speech generating devices, low-tech, and no-tech strategies available to help children who are unable to communicate effectively using their speech. Selection of an inappropriate system can lead to limited success or in some cases, system abandonment. How does one ensure selection of an appropriate communication system? With a feature-matching AAC assessment!

In this interactive, beginner-level, full-day workshop, participants will be provided with an overview of the AAC assessment process, learn about different access methods, see a variety of assessment instruments appropriate for individuals with complex communication needs (CCN), participate in interactive labs, watch video models, and problem-solve case studies. Report writing, funding, and strategies for conducting remote assessments will also be demonstrated.

Target audience: This course will be of interest to Speech-Language Pathologists working with children with complex communication needs.

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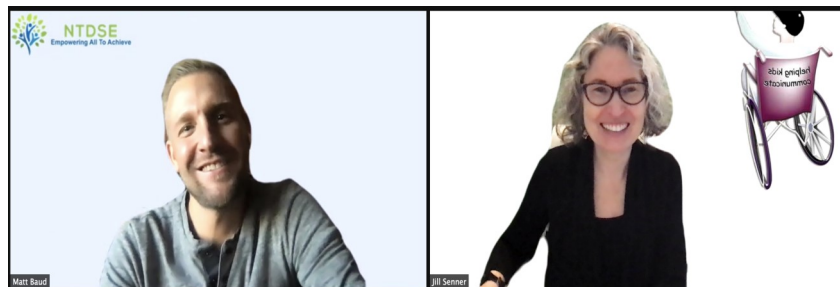
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About the Instructors:

Jill E. Senner, PhD, CCC-SLP is a speech-language pathologist with over 20 years of experience working with children with complex communication needs. She is the owner/director of Technology and Language Center where she specializes in providing augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) and assistive technology (AT) services including assessment, consultation and training, and workshops/lectures. Dr. Senner has presented at numerous national assistive technology conferences and has taught graduate courses in AAC and swallowing disorders. She has published research in the areas of AAC, siblings and disability, and swallowing disorders in cerebral palsy.

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:

8:00-8:15 Collecting a Comprehensive Case History
8:15-9:15 Evaluating Speech and Language in Children with Complex Communication Needs
9:15-9:45 Remote Assessment Considerations
9:45-10:00 Lab – Language Sampling in AAC
10:00-10:15 Break
10:15-11:15 Evaluating Access in Children with Physical Impairments
11:15-11:45 Demonstration – Motor Access in AAC
11:45-12:45 Lunch
12:45-1:45 Feature Matching in AAC
1:45-2:15 Remote Trials with AAC Systems
2:15-2:30 Break
2:30-3:00 Case Studies
3:00-3:15 Funding AAC Systems
3:15-3:45 Report Writing for AAC Funding Sources
3:45-4:00 Reflection, Resources & References, Question & Answer
4:00 Dismiss

6.5 Contact Hours

Level of learning: Introductory level

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- * Participants will list four communication assessment tools appropriate for children with complex communication needs.
- * Participants will identify three alternate access methods for children with physical impairments who cannot point or touch icons with a finger.
- * Participants will describe at least four features that should be matched to the child when selecting a speech generating device (SGD).
- * Participants will name at least three funding sources for SGDs.

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