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



Date & Location:

Friday, December 4th, 2020

Hosted By:

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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), see 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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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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Learning Objectives:

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

- List four assessment tools appropriate for children with complex communication needs.
- Identify three alternate access methods for children who cannot point to an AAC device.
- List at least four features that should be matched to the child when conducting an AAC assessment.
- Identify at least three funding sources for speech-generating devices.

Course Schedule:

7:30-8:00	Registration
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

5.5 Contact Hours

Level of learning: Introductory level

Continuing Education Credits

Early Intervention credits have been applied for.

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.

Speech Therapy:



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