

Communication Partner Instruction in Partner-Augmented Input: 8 Steps to Success

Presented by

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Date & Location:

Friday, February 1st, 2019
Through
Saturday, February 2nd, 2019
at
Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley
830 S. Addison Ave.

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION:

Evidence-based research support 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 appropriate for all communication partners and will introduce participants to the basic components of successful modeling, help participants commit components to memory using a mnemonic and verbal practice, and provide opportunities to practicing modeling. Attendees should bring a communication device, app, emulation software, book or board to participate in a variety of interactive, hands-on training activities designed for learning or improving modeling skills.

Day 2 (optional) is an intermediate session organized to teach participants the 8-step, evidence-based instructional program used to introduce participants to modeling on Day 1. This instructional program can be used to teach adult communication partners such as parents and therapists to model on their children's or clients' devices across environments. Participants will learn the steps involved in implementing the communication partner training program and will be provided with a DVD and a printed manual to enable them to employ the program in their own practices.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Day 1 is appropriate for 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.

Day 2 is appropriate for SLPs, teachers, and other professionals with basic AAC knowledge and skills who wish to learn more about teaching parents, instructional assistants, and other communication partners.

***ONLY Participants who attended Ingredients to Successful Modeling: SMoRRS and Partner-Augmented Input on May 4th 2018 at Easterseals may register for Day 2 without Day 1.**

COURSE OBJECTIVES

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

Day 1

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

Day 2

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

About the Instructors:

Jill E. Senner, PhD, CCC-SLP is a speech-language pathologist with 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.



Dr. Senner has the following relevant financial relationships to disclose: she receives a speaking fee from Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley and is the owner/director of Technology & Language Center, Inc, a private clinic serving individuals using AAC. She has no relevant nonfinancial relationships to disclose.

Matthew R. Baud, MS, CCC-SLP, has been working with AAC for the past 14 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.

Matthew has the following relevant financial relationships to disclose: he receives a speaking fee from Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley; he is the owner of his private practice, Matthew Baud, a private clinic serving individuals using AAC. He has no relevant nonfinancial relationships to disclose.



Course Schedule:

DAY 1 **Contact Hours: 5.5**

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—2:15PM	Lab —Descriptive Teaching/Talking
2:15PM—2:30PM	Break
2:30PM—3:00PM	Lab —Wordless Picture Books
3:00PM—3:15PM	Lab —Wordless Videos
3:15PM—3:30PM	Resources & References, Wrap-up, Questions

DAY 2 **Contact Hours: 5.5**


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

Continuing Education Credits

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.

Early Intervention credits have been applied for.

Speech Therapy:

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Please complete this form and mail with payment to:

Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley
Continuing Education Department
830 South Addison Avenue
Villa Park, IL 60181
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Professional Course Fee: \$ 450.00

**This includes a DVD and Manual
(on or before 1/6/19: \$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 Adriana at ahernandez@eastersealsdfvr.org to verify you have attended the May 4th, 2018 SMOIRES course before registering. 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: January 26th, 2019.

Cancellations must be in writing and will incur a \$50 processing fee. No refunds granted after January 26th, 2019. 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.

OTHER INFORMATION

MEALS— Continental breakfast & afternoon refreshments will be provided. Lunch will be on your own or you may purchase a deli style lunch.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS— A special rate at the Hyatt Place is available- mention that you are with Easter Seals DuPage. The hotel is at 2340 South Fountain Square Drive in Lombard and the phone number is 630.932.6501. If you are interested in shuttle service to and from the conference site, please indicate this at the time you make your reservation.

QUESTIONS/Special Accommodations Needed? Call us at: 630-282-2026 or by email at ce@eastersealsdfvr.org