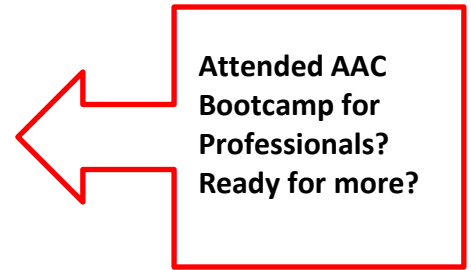**Easter Seals**
DISABILITY SERVICES

Advanced
AAC Boot Camp

Join us for this interactive and comprehensive training!

This 4-day professional development course for professionals who work with AAC users will focus on more advanced skills for those who are already implementing augmentative and alternative communication in their school. Participants will focus on skills to enhance their practice with beginning, emergent and more advanced communicators through further practice of techniques learned in the past as well as through analysis of case studies.

Additional focus will be on funding, access methods,
- Assessment – more information on assessing complex communication needs and how to matching learners to communication systems and access methods to use those systems
- Funding – review of funding mechanisms and writing funding reports
- Literacy – the importance of literacy instruction regardless of communication competency will be discussed as will techniques to increase access to reading and writing for all learners
- IEP Goals and Data Collection – we will look at ways to write *meaningful* augmentative communication goals and collect data on those goals
- Training – formulate a plan to train others to be more effective communication partners

Learning Objectives:
- Participants will increase their skills in assessing learners with complex communication needs
- Participants will identify the components of an effective application for funding
- Participants will identify three ways to increase reading and writing skills in AAC users
- Participants will write a measurable, attainable and meaningful IEP goal and determine a method of data collection
- Participants will create a training plan and materials to increase the skills of those who interact with AAC users in their schools

Presenters:

Kate Ahern, M.S.Ed., Assistive Technology Specialist
Ms. Ahern completed a five year combined undergraduate and Master of Science program in special education at Simmons College in Boston. Following graduation she worked for several years in private and public schools. She then taught special education for over a decade in educational collaboratives in Massachusetts. She moved to working full time as an assistive technology specialist in 2011. Her interests include augmentative communication, assistive technology implementation in schools, and universal design for learning.

Kristi Peak-Oliveria, M.S. CCC-SLP
Speech-language pathologist with 25 years of experience in Augmentative Communication; joined Easter Seals in 1999. Clinical Supervisor for the Assistive Technology Department. Coordinates AAC and AT services in the schools and all AAC services for adults. Also provides AAC evaluation and

consultation services for both children and adults in a variety of settings, and provides workshops and presentations for consumers, families and professionals. Financial: Kristi receives a salary from Easter Seals MA for employment, consulting, teaching and speaking and from a management position. Non-financial: No non-financial relationships exist.

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9:00am-2:00pm

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