



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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Complex Communication Needs: Roadblocks to Successful Independence and Employment

Communication is important for all individuals. Challenges facing individuals with complex communication needs (CCN) directly impact their successful independence and employment within their community. Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) can support individuals with CCN for successful independence.

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August 14 - Madison, WI
Sheraton Madison Hotel

August 21 - Eau Claire, WI
The Plaza Hotel & Suites

AUGMENTATIVE and ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION

Enhancing Independence & Employment



Who Should Attend:

Speech-Language Pathologists
Occupational Therapists
Supported Employment
Vocational Rehabilitation
Social Workers
Independent Living Specialists
Special Educators

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Fee: \$25.00

Includes meals and materials

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LODGING

Rooms have been reserved at the Country Springs Hotel and Convention Centers at the following rates:

Madison, WI

Sheraton Madison Hotel

A \$62 single occupancy rate and an \$89 for double occupancy rate, with proper state ID is available. Rooms will be held until July 9, 2007. Call **608-251-2300** to make reservations, and make sure you mention you are with the "AAC Conference."

Eau Claire, WI

The Plaza Hotel & Suites

A \$62 single occupancy rate and a \$92 for double occupancy rate, with proper state ID is available. Rooms will be held until July 16, 2007. Call **715-834-3187** to make reservations and make sure you mention you are with the "AAC Conference."

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AAC REGISTRATION FORM

One registration per form. Photocopy for additions.

Name (F/M/L) _____

Work: P(____) _____ F(____) _____

Title _____

Company _____

Company Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home: Address _____

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Special needs, specify: _____

I will attend at the following location:

Madison, WI on Aug. 14

Eau Claire, WI, on Aug. 21

Workshop Choices: List workshop choices by indicating A - E. Schedules are identical on both dates; Aug. 14, and Aug. 21.

Seating is limited to 100 per site.

Register Early.

Morning Workshops (A - C):

9:45 am - 11:00 am ____ 11:15 am - 12:30 pm ____

Afternoon Workshops (D - E):

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm ____ 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm ____

Registration Deadlines:

Aug. 8 - Madison Aug. 15 - Eau Claire

Payment Methods Accepted:

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MORNING WORKSHOPS:

9:45 am - 11:00 am & 11:15 am - 12:30 pm (***Choose one in each time slot***)

Workshop - A: AAC: A Tool for Life's Transitions

*Presented by Annette M. Stone, M.A., CCC-SLP, Communication Aids and Systems Clinic (CASC),
Madison, WI*

A discussion of how AAC can assist an individual with transitions including, but not limited to: education, vocation, residential, and social.

Workshop - B: What Words to Use? Vocabulary Considerations for Increasing Participation in Life and Work

Presented by Shelley Lund, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

Discussing the role of communication in participation and the importance of having access to the appropriate vocabulary items. Strategies to help those who support individuals who use AAC select vocabulary that will facilitate participation in life and work will also be presented.

Workshop - C: The ABC's of AAC: Exploring the Range of Voice Output Devices

Presented by Judi Cumley, B. A., Assistive Technology Consultant, CESA - 5

This overview discusses the range of low-tech to high-tech message devices. Includes single message devices used to call for assistance or announcing single messages, multiple message level devices, and "high-tech" devices with dynamic displays. Word-based models will be also be mentioned.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS:

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm & 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm (***Choose one in each time slot***)

Workshop - D: Implementing Aided Language Stimulation to Increase Symbol Comprehension and Use

Presented by Mike Harris, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, University of Wisconsin - River Falls

This session will focus on: (1) identifying and prioritizing activities for aided language stimulation, (2) generating interactive scripts, (3) designing communication overlays, and (4) training spontaneous, interactive communication.

Workshop - E: Communication Strategies and Social Networks in the Workplace

*Presented by Joni Nygard, M.S., CCC-SLP, AAC/AT Private Consultant, Director Speech & Language
Product Development, Attainment Company, Inc.*

To improve employment, we need to build strong robust social networks that can influence the opportunities and experiences a person will have. We'll discuss a person-centered assessment tool and a variety of communicative strategies to facilitate development of Social Networks in the workplace.

Wisconsin Medicaid Prior Authorization Representatives will be available throughout the day to talk with participants about the process for obtaining funding for augmentative communication devices through WI Medicaid.



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 14, 2008 (Madison, WI)
and

Thursday, August 21, 2008 (Eau Claire, WI)

At a Glance

8:00 - 8:30	Registration & Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30	Welcome and Keynote
9:45 - 11:00	Morning Workshop 1
11:15 - 12:30	Morning Workshop 2
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 2:45	Afternoon Workshop 1
3:00 - 4:15	Afternoon Workshop 2
4:15	Wrap-up

Four Ways to Register

1. Register Online at:
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Stevens Point, WI 54481
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