Solutions for Assistive Technology
Pre-Conference Sessions
Wednesday, May 2, 2012

Morning Sessions
8:30 am – 11:30 am

PC-1: Azalea
Kurzweil 3000: See What's New and a Review
Presenter: Missy Tatum, Audio Optical

Kurzweil 3000 is integrated literacy software that can read aloud virtually any text, giving struggling readers independent access to their curriculum materials. Kurzweil is also equipped with powerful tools to address the writing process, study skills, test taking, and more. It supports Universal Design for Learning principals, differentiated instruction, all tiers of Response to Intervention, and AIM initiatives. This session will give users an overview of Kurzweil 3000 in the form of a hands-on learning opportunity and is appropriate for all skill levels.

PC-2: Magnolia
Growing Good AAC Students Sets
Presenter: Gaylon Ponder, Words Plus

Presentation and hands on workshop for applying research proven child development strategies related to communication and literacy development to students who use AAC. Session revolves around using basic communication strategies including dynamic symbols, creating first communication scripts, developing early writing and reading skills, and progresses to add independent generative communication to preprogrammed structured communication common to early AAC students.

PC-3: Camelia
Reaching Every Student: Unique Learning System and News2You
Presenter: Jacquie Clark, News-2-You

This presentation will provide hands on experience with Unique Learning System and News2You. Participants will learn how to utilize Unique's new GPS to assess and progress monitor students, intergrade News2You with in the Unique program and create activities with Symbolstixs. Through out the hands on training, participants will also learn how to utilized Unique data and assessments to write IEPs, progress monitor, and address literacy guidelines.

PC-4: Napoleon
Not Just Apps Make an Ipad Accessible!
Presenter: R. J. Cooper, R. J. Cooper and Associates

RJ Cooper, developer of Assistive Technology and AAC since 1983, will be presenting on necessary adaptations, mountings, access, and app development necessary to make an iPad truly accessible. Session will focus on hardware and apps for the iPad. Materials other than just the presenter's will be shown and discussed.

Also discussed and demonstrated will be tricks and tips about the iPad. One example is how to display the iPad 2's screen on a large TV/projector, wirelessly, even with older equipment. There will be many others.

PC-5: Beauregard
iTalk AAC : Options, Issues & Excited around i-tech Apps for Individuals with Complex Communication Needs
Presenter: Kelly Fonner, Fonner Consulting and Training

I want an iPad! Many in the field of AAC have been hearing this from new, current and past users. But what are people really asking for? Do they know the issues? Do you know all the available options? This session will explore the issues and concern around using the iPad, iPod touch and iPhone for AAC. These will be discussed and fairly treated from all sides of the debate. Current products will be demonstrated. You will NOT be learning how to program, but you WILL be learning how to ask good questions, assess needs, plan implementation, and keep the "kewl" factor!

11:30 am – 1:00 pm - Lunch on You Own

Afternoon Sessions
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

PC-6: Azalea
Picture-Assisted Literacy: Computers, Whiteboards & iPads
Presenter: Roxanne Butterfield, Slater Software

Fully utilize and implement pictures and text in the classroom. Learn how to efficiently create learning materials with Picture It and PixWriter, and how to use them on interactive white boards and iPads. We will address the needs of wide variety of students using these flexible programs.

PC-7: Magnolia
Create the Least Restrictive Environment with SOLO—Four Must-Have Accommodations in One Simple Suite!
Presenter: Bob Keller, Don Johnston, Inc.

SOLO 6 is a suite of individual reading and writing software tools that can be used completely independent of each other, but are designed to work seamlessly together too. SOLO contains the four most commonly recommended types of assistive technology accommodations most cited on IEP's—a text reader, graphic organizer, talking word processor, and word prediction. SOLO 6 places all of the necessary tools at students' fingertips, allowing them to call up the specific AT tool they need to complete the reading or writing task at hand. In this session, you'll walk through each of the tools, and by the end, be able to identify which tool(s) best meets the needs of specific student profiles. You'll also see how to use the data you're already collecting to identify larger populations of students who can benefit. SOLO 6 empowers you to create the least restrictive learning environment for your settings—we'll provide you with a UDL perspective that can help you change the perception in your organization that AT is a one-student-at-a-time thing!

PC-8: Camelia
ACCESS, ACCESS, ACCESS
Presenters: Dee Garcia, Suzanne Feit, Cambium Learning Technologies

Access to the curriculum is fundamental to student success. Using IntelliKeys or IntelliSwitch, every program can be accessible. IntelliKeys can replace the standard keyboard and mouse. IntelliSwitch can provide access to any software application. IntelliTool's Popular Software Overlays contain set-ups for PowerPoint, iTunes, Kurzweil, Co-Writer and other popular programs. The IntelliKeys and IntelliSwitch Control Panel supports access to every software application. Through presentation, the famous IntelliFun Game and audience participation, participants will leave with information on access, curriculum adaptation and the resources necessary to provide access to any application on their computer.

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PC-10: Beauregard
"So, I have an AAC device, how do I get started?"
Presenter: Betsy Walker – Tobbi/ATI

Introducing TobiiATI's "Evaluation Toolkit". The toolkit is designed for end users, caregivers and professionals to determine how to get started with Tobii Communicator and the Sono Suite content products.