

About the Speakers

Ronald Houk, MS/CCC-LSP

Ron Houk has been a practicing speech-language pathologist for 29 years. He has worked for Erie 1 BOCES for 17 years, and has expertise in many areas of speech and language, particularly augmentative communication, as he is part of BOCES' Assistive Technology Team. In this capacity, Mr. Houk works with several area school districts in assessing individuals' AAC needs. His past experiences include Oswego BOCES, United Cerebral Palsy, Children's Hospital of Buffalo, and private practice. He still maintains private practice clients, as well as teaches a graduate course in fluency at Fredonia State College. He is also the 2006 recipient of the SHAWNY Outstanding Professional of the Year Award.

Barbara Neth, MS/CCC-LSP

Barbara Neth has practiced speech-language pathology for 22 years. She has been with Erie 1 BOCES for 20 years, and is also a part of Erie 1 BOCES Assistive Technology Team. In addition to assessing and treating individuals with AAC needs throughout Erie County's local school districts, Ms. Neth teaches a graduate course in social communication related to autism spectrum disorders in the Special Education Department at Canisius College. Her past experiences include Heritage Centers' Education Program, private practice, and contractual work.



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Promoting Functional Communication and Language with Persons Using Augmentative- Alternative Communication (AAC)

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Date: Saturday
March 31, 2007
Time: 8:45am -4:00 p.m.
Location:
Classics V Conference &
Banquet Center
2425 Niagara Falls Blvd.
Amherst, NY 14228

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

This workshop focuses on ways to promote functional communication and language with users of augmentative/alternative communication (AAC). This presentation will combine the use of Power Point and small/large group exercises in addition to a seminar format. At the conclusion of the workshop, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the communicative dynamic specific to AAC users.
2. Name stages of language development specific to AAC users.
3. Name three ways to develop and promote both functional communication and language development with AAC users.
4. Name two language application programs for devices using dynamic screen.
5. Name three ways that vocabulary selection and organization in dynamic screen can affect communicative competence and language development.
6. Name three specific device features, and learn how they can be used to assist with promoting both functional communication and language development with AAC users.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

8:00-8:45: Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:45-9:00: Introductions

9:00-10:15: Topics: Nature of communication; Dynamics for the AAC user.

10:15-10:30: Break

10:30-12:00: Topics: Considerations for vocabulary selection and organization for dynamic screen, Impact on communicative competence, Promoting functional communication and language.

12:00-1:00: Lunch (provided)

1:00-2:15: Topic: How to use AAC device features

2:15-2:30: Break

2:30-4:00: Topics: Improving participation/interaction; Ideas for teaching language; Discussion.



The Speech-Language-Hearing Association of Western New York is approved by the Continuing Education Board of The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association to offer continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. This workshop is being offered for .5 CEUs (Intermediate level, professional area). ASHA approval of CE Provider status does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products, or clinical procedures.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Price:

SHAWNY/Genesee Valley/Any NYS Regional Associate Member:

\$60 _____

Professional/Non-member: **\$75** _____
SHAWNY Student Member: **\$30** _____
Student Non-member/Parent: **\$45** _____

Registration Deadline:

Monday, March 26, 2007

You must preregister for this conference.

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