

**presents a course by**

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## Virtual Coaching for Tele-AAC



**Date & Location:**  
**Friday, October 30th, 2020**  
 Hosted By:  
**Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley**  
 Format:  
**Live Webinar**

### **Course Description:**

Augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) can be invaluable in helping children with complex communication needs express themselves at home and in the classroom. However, providing the appropriate speech generating device (SGD) alone does not ensure successful communication. Rather, the success of a communication interaction between an AAC user and a communication partner will depend heavily on the skills of communication partners like family members and school staff. Educating communication partners can have a positive impact on those using AAC.

This interactive, intermediate-level session will introduce participants to the importance of parent and school staff instruction in augmentative and alternative communication. During the workshop, participants will review elements found in successful communication partner training programs, examine research regarding the effectiveness of adult instruction programs, see videos of coaching in action, and discuss concepts and strategies of successful coaching. Opportunities for coaching practice will be provided.

**Target audience:** This intermediate-level workshop is appropriate for administrators, team leaders, assistive technology specialist, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists and teachers supporting AAC users in the classroom and home.

### **About the Instructors:**

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

**Disclosure Statement:** Dr. Senner has the following financial relationship to disclose: she receives a fee for speaking from Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley. She has no relevant nonfinancial relationships to disclose.



**Matthew R. Baud, MS, CCC-SLP**, has been working with AAC for over 15 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.

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## Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Participants will list three benefits of communication partner instruction.
2. Participants will identify at least three components of successful communication partner training programs.
3. Participants will demonstrate the ability to provide effective performance feedback.
4. Participants will identify how education and coaching can be incorporated into the classroom or home via remote learning or in person.

## Course Schedule:

8:00-8:30	Registration
8:30-9:00	Introduction to and Evidence Behind Communication Partner Instruction in AAC
9:00-9:30	Adult Learning and Elements of Successful Parent and Staff Training Programs
9:30-10:00	Coaching Communication Partners
10:00-10:30	Controlled Practice in Coaching
10:30-11:00	Research on Communication Partner Instruction in the Classroom and Home
11:00-11:20	Classroom and Home Videos Before and After Training
11:20-11:25	Reflection
11:25-11:30 Minutes	Question & Answer

**3 Contact Hours**

**Level of learning: Intermediate level**

## Continuing Education Credits

Continuing education credits for *O.T./P.T.* will be offered through the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation.

**Early Intervention credits have been applied for 3 contact hours.**

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.

### Speech Therapy:



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**This course is offered for 0.30 ASHA CEUs (Introductory level, Professional )**

### Occupational

#### Therapy:



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**This Intermediate Level course is offered with AOTA Classification  
Codes: Categories 1 Domain of OT & 2 Occupational Therapy Processes.**

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**Early Registration Fee: \$95 on or before 9/30/2020**

**Live Webinar**

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