



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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AUGMENTATIVE & ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION

Enhancing Independence & Employment

August 2 Stevens Point, WI

Country Springs Hotel &
Convention Center

August 16 Waukesha, WI

Country Springs Hotel &
Convention Center

Who Should Attend:

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



GENERAL INFORMATION

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Click on "AAC Conference".

This program is free to participants.

Lodging Numbers:

Country Springs Hotels' Phone Numbers:
Stevens Point 715-341-1340
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LODGING

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

Stevens Point

The current state rate of \$62 for single or double occupancy with proper state rate verification is available. Rooms will be held until July 9, 2007. Call **715-341-1340** to make reservations, and make sure you mention you are with the "AAC Conference."

Waukesha

A \$72 single occupancy and a \$82 double occupancy rate, with proper state rate verification, is available. Non-state employee rate is \$109 per night. Rooms will be held until July 16, 2007. Call **262-547-0201** to make reservations and make sure you mention you are with the "AAC Conference."

Lodging rates are subject to prevailing city and state tax unless tax exempt.

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AAC - REGISTRATION FORM

Name (F/M/L) _____
Work: P(____) _____ F(____) _____
Title _____
Company _____
Company Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Home: Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Email _____
Special needs, specify: _____

Workshop Choices: List workshop choices by indicating A - F. Schedules are identical on both dates; Aug. 2, and Aug. 16. **Seating is limited to 100 per site. Register Early.**

Morning Workshops (A - C):

9:45 am - 10:45 am ____ 11:00 am - Noon ____

Afternoon Workshops (D - F):

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm ____ 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm ____

I will attend at the following location:

- Stevens Point Country Springs, Aug. 2
- Waukesha Country Springs, Aug. 16

Registration Deadlines:

July 30 - Stevens Point Aug. 13 - Waukesha

Personal Demographic Information:

The University of Wisconsin asks that you **voluntarily** respond to the questions below. The cumulative demographic information will be used to enhance our programming efforts.

Gender: F M

Age: A - Under 18 B - 18 to 34 C - 35 to 49
D - 50 to 64 E - 65+

Ethnicity: A - Black (Not Hispanic)

B - Asian or Pacific Islander

C - Amer. Indian / Alaskan Native D - Hispanic

E - White (Not Hispanic)

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MORNING WORKSHOPS Choose one in each time slot.

9:45 am - 10:45 am & 11:00 am - Noon

Workshop - A AAC: A Tool for Transitions - 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 - Shelley Lund, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

A discussion on 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 - Judi Cumley, B.A., Assistive Technology Consultant, CESA - 5

This overview discusses the range of low-tech to high-tech message device, including single message devices for calling for assistance or announcing single messages. Multiple message level devices and "high-tech" devices with dynamic displays and word-based models will be mentioned.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS Choose one in each time slot.

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm & 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm

Workshop - D Wisconsin Medicaid Prior Authorization Process - Mary Chucka, OTR, Occupational Therapy Consultant, Wisconsin Division of Health Care Financing

This presentation will focus on the process to obtain funding through Wisconsin Medicaid for augmentative communication devices. The prior authorization process, reimbursement, recent Wisconsin Medicaid Provider Updates, and current trends will be highlighted.

Workshop - E Implementing Aided Language Stimulation to Increase Symbol Comprehension and Use - 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 - F Communication Strategies and Social Networks in the Workplace - 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.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 2, 2007 (Stevens Point) and
Thursday, August 16, 2007 (Waukesha)

At a Glance

8:00 - 8:30	Registration & Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30	Welcome and Keynote
9:45 - 10:45	Morning Workshop 1
11:00 - Noon	Morning Workshop 2
Noon - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 2:30	Afternoon Workshop 1
2:45 - 3:45	Afternoon Workshop 2
3:45 - 4:00	Wrap-up

Three Ways to Register

1. Complete and send registration form to:
UWSP Continuing Education
2100 Main Street. Rm. 032 Main Bldg.
Stevens Point, WI 54481
2. Fax registration form to **(715) 346-4045**
3. Phone in registration to **(715) 346-3838** or
(800) 898-9472

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