Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Workshop at Vanderbilt University

This workshop will provide participants with detailed information on the use of various AAC systems (low-tech and mobile devices). Using Beukelman and Mirenda’s participation model as a framework, participants will see how to match information from comprehensive AAC evaluation with features of both low- and high-tech AAC systems to best meet a user’s communication needs with respect to system selection. Given the proliferation of mobile tablets and apps, a focus of this workshop will be how to use outcomes of AAC evaluation to provide evidence-based recommendations for appropriate mobile devices and AAC apps for use by persons with complex communication needs.

Friday workshop fee includes lunch/breaks and instructional resources. Attendees can earn .6 ASHA CEUs if they attend the entire Friday workshop.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014
Engineering the Environment for Communicative Success
Alexandra Da Fonte, Ph.D., and Michelle Gutmann, Ph.D.
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. • Room 241 Vanderbilt Kennedy Center/One Magnolia Circle Bldg.
Open to all. No fee. Registration required. May attend without attending Friday workshop. Attendees are asked to bring a storybook for a hands-on project that they can take home after the workshop.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2014
Low Tech and Mobile Technologies and Augmentative and Alternative Communication: Building the Framework for Success
Celeste Helling, M.A., CCC-SLP, ATP
8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. • Room 241 Vanderbilt Kennedy Center/One Magnolia Circle Bldg.

For more information and to register for one/both events
For more information call (615) 322-8240. Space is limited. Register at kc.vanderbilt.edu/registration, select Augmentative and Alternative Communication Workshop. Register by Friday, February 21, 2014
• $175 for professionals
• $125/person for 2 or more from same school or agency
• $50 for students and parents

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