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AbleNet University Live Webinars

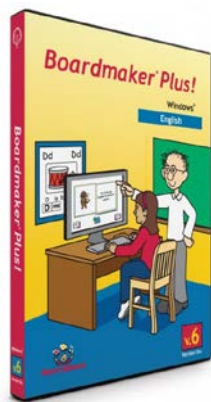April 17, 2019, 11:00 am CST - 60-minutes

TITLE: Inquiry, Exploration, Problem-solving: Nurturing STEM Thinking in All Young Learners

April 22, 2019, 02:00 pm CST - 60-minutes

TITLE: The Freedom Series: Empowering Independence and Untethered Learning For Students With Moderate to Severe Disabilities.

https://www.ablenetinc.com/resources/live_webinars/

There are now 7,000 PCS FREE for the taking if you're using any version of the 'classic' Boardmaker V6. Get them here:
PCS High Contrast:
https://goboardmaker.com/pr…/pcs-high-contrast-boardmaker-v6
PCS Thinline Set 1:
https://goboardmaker.com/…/pcs-thinline-set-1-for-boardmake…
PCS Thinline Set 2:
https://goboardmaker.com/…/pcs-thinline-set-2-for-boardmake…

Psssst ... that'll probably double what you currently have on offer! 😲 You're welcome!

PRC — Making AAC Work
Implementation Classes

Live Online

- AAC 101: Using Early Language Development to Guide AAC Intervention- Thu, April 18 @ 3:00pm - 4:00pm Elyse Pycraft 0.1 $10.00
- Getting Beyond Basic Requesting- Mon, April 22 @ 1:00pm - 2:00pm Beth Browning 0.1 $10.00
- Learning to Read with AAC: Emergent Literacy- Mon, April 22 @ 6:00pm - 7:00pm Beth Waite-Lafever 0.1 $10.00 Ten Tips To
- Help Grow Language- Tue, April 23 @3:00pm - 4:30pm Kara Bidstrup 0.15 $15.00
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Guidelines for Enhancing Engagement in Interactions

The promotion of engagement in interaction requires an accepting and open frame of mind to explore and be with another. Here are four pointers important in this process:

- Quality attention: Pay relaxed attention to the person and what s/he is communicating.
- Interest in the other: Show a genuine curiosity in the other and in what they can contribute.
- Openness to the process: Accept multiple ways of expression as a means to develop meaning. Interact with another to explore ways of expression and deepening joint understanding by being together.
- Awareness of self and other: Be acutely aware of how one's own behavior and preoccupations (and stresses) can impact this process.
https://is.gd/14wNDe

Autism Acceptance Month 2019
AAC and Special Education
App Sales and Dates

https://is.gd/lfjkMQ

TalkSense

101 ideas for ...
Literacy & AAC

Literacy is an important tool for AAC too. Without it, it is impossible to access the many thousands of fringe words in a language. Without it, the Learner is limited to those fringe words that are provided by the system in use. While there are Learners whose cognitive condition makes it unlikely that they will ever go on to develop emergent literacy skills, it is not our role to play God and simply decide that we will not bother. If we never make any attempt then, by definition, a person has no chance of gaining such skills.

Why Learners fail

Talksense believes that it is NOT individuals who fail to develop communication skills but, rather, (significant) others who fail to teach the individual to communicate. Too often are practices observed in schools (and beyond) that would stifle the best of us had we been in such a situation.
https://talksense.weebly.com/literacy-and-aac.html

Moving beyond cause and effect to communication

1) Making Choices
2) Environment control – and the reactions of people!
3) Being the boss
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Lesson Plans

Lesson Plans give you instant access to a variety of activities that you can do with your student based on specific language objectives. Lesson plans do not have to be fully completed, simply choose activities that your student will enjoy. Smart charts are provided to help both you and your student find vocabulary based on core words. At the end of each lesson, you will find a link to more practice, the next language objective and some even include a homeword card.
https://aaclanguagelab.com/lesson-plans

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

https://is.gd/oMPgMR
https://www.xbox.com/adaptive-controller.*
https://www.ieautism.org/

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Welcome to the AAC Institute Self-Study Program The Self-Study Program (SSP) offers the opportunity to learn about various aspects of AAC that support the goal of the most effective communication possible for the individual. The courses allow individuals to work at their own pace. No fee is charged for our first four courses. There are no prerequisites. All AAC stakeholder groups can find value. All that is required is Internet access.

Free courses
- Introduction to AAC
- AAC Language Representation methods
- Language-Based Approach to AAC Assessment and Intervention
- AAC Performance Report: Definition, Generation, and Use: Updating, will come back soon~~

Paid courses
- Data Collection in AAC
https://aacinstitute.org/online-courses/

The Crucial Importance Of Positioning In The Classroom This post is part of a 12-month series called Functional Skills for Kids written by pediatric OTs and PTs to post on different developmental topics that impact functional skills for kids. This month's topic in the "Functional Skills for Kids" blog hop is the School Day Functions, so check out the landing page for the rest of our posts and information on all things related!

https://www.missjaimeot.com/positioning-in-the-classroom/