



The World of A.T. Assistive Technology



Educational Equity For All

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October 04, 2016, 02:00 pm CST - 60-minutes

TITLE: **Speech Dude Tells All: Tech Tools For The Special-needs Classroom**

DESCRIPTION:

In this presentation, participants will be introduced to a wide variety of innovative technology tools that can be easily integrated into teaching and learning in the special needs classroom. Participants will be given ideas for integrating tools into Common Core instruction in ways that engage and motivate students with moderate to severe disabilities. Note: Participants should access the webinar through the Google Chrome browser

October 11, 2016, 03:30 pm CST - 60-minutes

TITLE: **Apps Across the Curriculum – Supporting Diverse Learners with Google and iOS**

DESCRIPTION:

After first issuing 1:1 iPads, Chromebooks and laptops, many schools are now implementing BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) programs that provide more choice for educators and learners. Some are Going Google with Chromebooks and Google Apps for Education (GAFE). How do you support diverse learners on all devices, using free and low-cost Apps & AT solutions? Join us for this session focusing on ensuring success for all learners using the tools, features and apps available in Apple's App Store and Google's Chrome Web Store. These free and low cost AT solutions support personalizing education for students, as well as engaging and including all students in a UDL environment.

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



Evidence-Based

Instructional Practices

For Young Children with Autism & Other Disabilities

How do I teach the child to use the AAC device?

Like most adults, young children may not initially understand how AAC devices work. Thus, adults will need to prompt correct use of the device (see [Progressive Time Delay](#) and [System of Least Prompts](#)) and reinforce correct responding (even if it is prompted) so that the child learns that the device allows them to communicate. Here are some tips to get you started:

1. **Model, model, model!**
2. **Respond to *all* AAC communication promptly, appropriately, and consistently.**
3. **When the child engages in requesting behaviors, prompt her to use the AAC device.**
4. **When the child engages in challenging behaviors, wait for the behavior to stop, and then prompt her to use the AAC device.**
5. **Make sure that the AAC device is consistently available, within and across settings.**
6. **Set up opportunities to teach use of the AAC device, by scheduling daily practice sessions and by embedding opportunities throughout the day.**
7. **Teach peers how to use the AAC device. If possible, give peers their own AAC devices.**

www.vkc.mc.vanderbilt.edu/ebip/augmentative-and-alternative-communication/

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Test of Aided-Communication Symbol Performance©

This session presents the rationale for use of the TASP describes the subtests included as a part of this assessment tool.

<http://www.gatewaytolanguageandlearning.com/resources/powerpoints/>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<http://teachinglearnerswithmultipleneeds.blogspot.com/2011/09/free-online-switch-activities.html>

www.specialbites.com/

<https://sites.google.com/site/specialneedsgamesonline/online-games/switch-games>

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<http://www.switchintime.com/page1/page1.html>

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Six Professionally videotaped trainings (35 – 55 min) and Handout Study Guide

http://www.aacintervention.com/site/cpage.asp?cpage_id=180028669&sec_id=180009852



Augmentative and Alternative Communication: Supporting Children and Adults with Complex Communication Needs, Fourth Edition 4th Edition

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