

# Access to Communication

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\$67 Members / \$79 non-Members*

You've recommended access methods. You've taught clients to use them... Have you ever tried them yourself? In spite of the wonders of technology, do you understand the frustrations and challenges these "miracles" impart? This workshop will investigate light tech to high tech communication access from the client's perspective.

## **Target Audience**

This workshop is for anyone who is responsible for providing support for clients of any age who have augmentative and alternative communication needs, i.e., OT's, special educators, speech-language pathologists, assistive technology team members, service coordinators, support personnel, and parents.

## **Description of Experience**

This hands-on workshop will give participants the opportunity to investigate the impact of various disabilities on different methods of access. Motor issues, visual issues, auditory issues, and cognitive issues all can impact a client's ability to select a target. Participants will investigate modifying the target, modifying the access method, and/or modifying the positioning to accommodate client needs in order to provide appropriate access to no-, low-, or high-tech products.

Participants will be able to personally experience a wide variety of access methods.

## **Learning Objectives**

- Acquire personal experience with a variety of access methods
- Investigate methods of modifying targets for improved access
- Investigate methods of modifying target positioning for improved access
- Investigate various access options based on disability issues

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