

# Communication and Assistive Technology Training Expo - 3rd Annual

# Friday, November 8, 2013 Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover Street Sacramento (McClellan), CA 95652

### Presented by:

### Supported Life Institute

Our Conference Division & Communication Technology Education Center - CTEC

### This one-day conference

- provides training on basics of Assistive Technology (AT) and opportunities that high, mid and low technologies offer persons with disabilities
- features Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)
- highlights Assistive Technology Solutions in the home
- is designed for families, speech therapists, educators, agencies, and individuals served
- includes presentations from technology companies on what makes them different
- offers hands-on technology demonstrations

**EXHIBITS:** Try out and learn from Communication Device companies and discover AAC and AT products and services from throughout the country.

### **Current Exhibits Include:**

GOLD: EASE, Inc. - Eagle Accessibility Solutions & Equipment, Auburn, CA

SILVER: ProxTalker.com, LLC - Waterbury, Conn. Saltillo - El Cajon, CA RJ Cooper & Assoc. - Lake Forest, CA

BRONZE: APSE, Rockville, Maryland AT&T Relay - Buena Park, CA

Harris Communications - Eden Prairie, Minnesota TFH USA - Gibsonia, Pennsylvania

## Featured Speakers

#### **Bonnie Mintun**

Special Ed. Teaching Credentials, Cert. in AT Applications - Bonnie is an independent researcher and published author on topics of augmentative communication, school inclusion and family insight on raising a child with disabilities. She is also mother of a young adult using AAC to communicate.

#### **Jeff Symons**

MA in Engineering from UCLA and has worked in the Assistive Technology field for over 25 years. Jeff is also a certified Assistive Technology Practitioner ATP. He started his own company providing Assistive Technology assessments in 2009. This company provides work, school and home site assessments for Assistive Technology.

#### Kristen Carroll

MA CCC · SLP a Speech-Language Pathologist who has been providing assessment, training and consultation services in the area of Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC) for the last 25 years. She has worked with individuals of all ages in private practice and school settings, and also enjoyed several years as a regional consultant for a major AAC manufacturer.

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Speech-Language Pathologists! CEUs Available

(see details inside)

## **Program**

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Event Registration

9:00 a.m. Welcome

9:15 - 10:45 a.m. "Company Niche" Presentations

10:45 - 11:00 a.m. Meet the CTEC Mentors

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon "Not Being Able to Talk Does Not Mean You Need to be Quiet" Bonnie Mintun

> 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. Lunch

12:45 - 2:00 p.m. Exhibit Booths & Microenterprise Faire Hands-On Techsploration

2:00 - 2:45 p.m. "Assistive Technology for In-Home Use" Jeff Symons

2:45 - 3:15 p.m. Exhibit Booths & Microenterprise Faire Hands-On Techsploration

> 3:15 - 4:00 p.m. "iPads & Communication" Kristen Carroll

AT = Assistive Technology
AAC = Augmentative & Alternative Communication

#### Lions Gate Hotel

3410 Westover Street
Sacramento (McClellan), California (95652)
916-643-6222
Parking is free.

#### **Ouestions?**

Contact Supported Life Institute 916-567-1974 info@supportedlife.org www.supportedlife.org



### General Sessions:

### "Not Being Able to Talk Does Not Mean You Need to be Quiet"

Technology gives us powerful communication tools. However, these tools are useless without strong teaching supports that consider the question, "Whose voice is it anyway?" Or, as Michael B. Williams has said, "Compliance Is not communication." Attendees will learn strategies for becoming a responsive communication partner, becoming a spontaneous communication facilitator (they're different), supporting in the natural environment and overcoming readiness rules.

#### -Bonnie Mintun

### "Assistive Technology for In-Home Use"

This session demonstrates assistive technology devices that can be used to increase independence and make tasks easier to perform in the home. Assistive Technology devices can make it easier for the individual as well as for the caregivers to perform tasks. This presentation illustrates a range of devices. These include Transfers aids and Lifts; Environmental controls, Computer access, and Communication, as well as devices for Activities of Daily Living (ADL) - **Jeff Symons** 

#### "iPads & Communication"

This session will provide information about using iDevice technology (iPad / iPhone / iPod Touch) as communication tools. Some of the standard accessibility features will de demonstrated, along with an introduction to augmentative & alternative communication (AAC) apps. -Kristen Carroll

SPEECH IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE HAVE. IT MAKES US A PERSON AND NOT A THING. NO ONE SHOULD EVER HAVE TO BE A THING.

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## Registration

(Includes lunch)

\$75.00

\$85 with SLP CEUs \*

### Day-of-Event Registration (11/8/13)

(Includes lunch)

\$90.00

\$100 with SLP CEUs \*

### Refund Policy:

Written cancellations prior to October 25, 2013 subject to a 50% administrative fee.

Later cancellations incl. 'no-shows' are not refundable Participant substitutions welcome w/ advance notice

### Questions?

Supported Life Institute office: phone: (916) 567-1974

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### \*Attention Speech Pathologists

As approved by California Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology Board, Supported Life Institute is an accredited Continuing Professional Development Provider (PDP 241) of credits for speech-language pathologists.

### Earn up to 6 Hours of CEUs

"Introductory Level, Professional Area" (add \$10.00 processing charge to registration fee)

**Learning Outcomes - Attendees will be able to:** 

- Discuss features of varying AAC/AT systems
- Determine appropriate vocabulary organization for AAC implementation
  - Identify AAC/AT options across the lifespan (For a complete list of Learning Outcomes, Please see our website www.supportedlife.org)

### Registration Form - AAC & AT Training Expo

Please copy & send separate form for each applicant.

Complete and mail with payment to Supported Life Institute 2025 Hurley Way, Suite 105 Sacramento, CA 95825

1. Name
2. Affiliation or Agency (for name badge)
3. Address
4. City, State, Zip Code
5. Daytime Telephone
6. Are you a: (please Circle) Person with a Disability Professional Family Member Other
7. Registration Fees Enclosed: \$
8. Do you prefer a vegetarian meal? Yes No
9. By 10/17/13, tell us about any (ADA) accommodations you may need. (please specify):

10. Checks/money orders payable to "Supported Life Institute"

Paying by Credit Card?
Please go to www.supportedlife.org
for our On-line registration.







### Featuring: The CTEC Mentors

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