Creating AT and AAC Solutions in Minutes for Students with Multiple Disabilities

2019 Augmentative and Alternative Communication Workshop

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019
8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. • Vanderbilt University, The Commons Center, Room 233

“Freedom of speech” was the first Amendment ratified in 1791, yet individuals who experience a communication impairment are often denied this right due to lack of appropriate technology or lack of funding to purchase needed augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices. According to the World Health Organization, the number of individuals who need assistive technology (AT) will continue to rise yet the funding available to meet this need will not. Therefore, we must explore innovative methods to create AT and AAC devices to give everyone a voice and the freedom to use it wherever, whenever.

This hands-on workshop will discuss over 100 different AT and AAC devices that can be made in less than 5 minutes and for less than $5 each. In addition, each person will create 3 multi-use AT/AAC devices to take home with them.

Presenter Therese Willkomm, Ph.D., is the Director of New Hampshire’s State Assistive Technology Program with the Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) and is a clinical associate professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy where she teaches eight different Assistive Technology courses and oversees the Graduate Certificate in Assistive Technology. She is known nationally and internationally for her innovative strategies for creating solutions in minutes. She has designed and fabricated over two thousand solutions for individuals with disabilities.

For more information and to register:
Register at http://vkc.mc.vanderbilt.edu/events/6225 or call (615) 322-8240. Space is limited. Register by Friday, February 22, 2019.

• $175 for professionals
• $125 per person for two or more professionals registering from the same institution
• $50 for students and parents

The workshop fee includes lunch/breaks and instructional resources. This course is offered for a maximum of 0.6 ASHA CEU’s (intermediate level; professional area).