

# Augmentative Communication Tools for the Medical Setting



Providing tools & resources  
for your AAC needs

 Boulder Community Hospital

Mapleton Center  
311 Mapleton Ave.  
Boulder, Colorado

Friday  
November 9, 2007

**Do you work with patients  
who have difficulty  
communicating with medical staff?**

**Is it related to chronic illness –  
or temporary conditions  
due to acute illness-  
or even language barriers?**

**Would you like to have  
communication tools “on hand”  
to meet your  
patient’s immediate needs?**

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### OVERVIEW

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This workshop provides an overview of a medical-based program to provide low-tech, inexpensive, yet functional, augmentative communication tools for patients. Specifics will be discussed about an evaluation toolkit developed for an augmentative/alternative (AAC) evaluation by SLP’s for the medical setting. Presenter info on back of page.

“Workshop & Toolkit Bundle” includes both the full-day workshop and the toolkit items required for implementation.

**With this bundle, participants will receive:**

- AAC Book (100+pages of reprintable resources)
- 15 low-tech evaluation tools
- CD of printable letter boards, “how to” info, bedside recs, assessment hierarchy, and evaluation tools and pictures
- Easy-to-use AAC Assessment Evaluation form and Assessment Hierarchy (which match the tools and AAC resource book)

**In addition, the workshop includes:**

- Hands-on training for tools & resources
- Ability to IMMEDIATELY implement this program at your facility
- Case studies, interactive discussion

**... And more**

## OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Identify & demonstrate use of the components in the AAC evaluation toolkit
- Match patients skills to appropriate communication tools
- Identify resources for obtaining AAC communication tools and inexpensive devices
- Identify barriers and strategies to overcoming them in implementation & use of AAC communication tools in the medical setting

## PARTICIPANT OPTIONS

### Choose one below:

- 1) Workshop & Toolkit Bundle: \$625**  
(see discounted rate for early registrants) (includes toolkit items – ready to go, for immediate implementation ). Includes:
  - **Resource book / CD** (Value \$200)
  - **Communication Toolkit:**  
Low-tech, inexpensive, easy-to-use communication tools (Value \$225 )Or
- 2) Workshop only option : (no toolkit) \$200**  
Includes, summary forms & list of resources.

## CEU's

AAC TechConnect is offering IACET CEU's provided by AAC Institute, which can also be used for ASHA certification maintenance or other professional CEU's. For more information, go to [www.aac institute.org/CEU's](http://www.aac institute.org/CEU's). this activity offers up .6 CEU's and there is no charge.



## PRESENTERS

### Juli Trautman Pearson, MS, CCC-SLP

Juli Pearson is currently working as an acute care/rehab specialist at Boulder Community Hospital, CO, where she's collaborated to develop an AAC in acute care program, specializing in neurogenic cognitive communication deficits, dysphasia, & TBI. Previously, she was at Duke University Medical Center where she helped develop their Assistive Technology and Aphasia Centers. Her M.S. is from UNC Chapel Hill, and she's presented at various national conferences and written on the topics of AAC, ALS, Aphasia, and Dysphagia. She co-authored the book Pictures that Talk and currently has a chapter in publication for the book Encyclopedia of Rare Dysphagia, edited by Jay Rosenbek and Harrison Jones, which will be in print by next spring.

### Debby McBride, MS., CCC-SLP

Debby McBride has worked in most areas of augmentative communication over the past 22 years. Her broad perspective comes from working as a clinician in a variety of settings, including as an augmentative communication specialist providing outpatient therapy at Boulder Community Hospital. This clinical work is nicely complemented by experience providing communication devices/tools. Her current company, AAC TechConnect, specializes in providing AAC tools for clinicians. She is an experienced presenter, having presented at numerous national, regional, and local conferences. Currently, her company & website is featured in the Augmentative Communication News publication and is working cooperatively with the AAC-RERC organization.



## REGISTRATION

(Please choose which form of registration you would like to use. Choose & complete only ONE method. You can do check or credit cards on all).

- 1) On-line registration** (please go to [www.aacTechConnect.com](http://www.aacTechConnect.com) under Events & look for workshop location and date).
- 2) Return registration form below and check made payable to AAC TechConnect**  
PO Box 1944  
Evergreen, CO 80437
- 3) To do PO, complete form, attach PO, & mail to above address.**
- 4) Fax registration form with credit card payment to: (303) 670-3564.**

**Directions & confirmation will be emailed to you.**

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## REGISTRATION FEES

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: THE BUNDLE OR THE WORKSHOP BY ITSELF

- Work & Toolkit Bundle: (recommended)  
\$595 before 10/26/07 (must receive by this date)  
\$625 after that date – and must register online.  
Or
- Workshop only:  
\$185 before 10/26/07 (must receive by this date)  
\$ 200 after that date – and must register online  
Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
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## QUESTIONS ???

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