

August Follow-On Training Events

In honor of our Grand Opening, we offer the following opportunities for more in-depth training on various aspects of the items on display in our new Learning Center this month. You can register on-line at our website www.matcoop.org/training/htm or call 410-381-2667 for registration assistance. Special Grand Opening rates are just \$29 per session.

These trainings are designed as introductory overviews and are ideal for individuals with disabilities, their families, employers, and service providers.

A.T. IN THE WORKPLACE: TOOLS TO ACCOMMODATE EMPLOYEES WITH DISABILITIES

Tuesday, August 12th 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Denise Barton Schuler, MS, ATP

Assistive Technology Specialist; Maryland TAP: Maryland Department of Disabilities

This presentation helps businesses and employees understand how simple accommodations can support staff and maintain productivity while demonstrating how these accommodations can provide outreach to loyal and hard-working employees. It will give low- to high-tech examples of accommodations for someone with vision, hearing, physical and cognitive disabilities and how the technology can help with various work tasks. There will also be a hands-on, interactive component.

WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS WHEN YOU CAN'T SPEAK?

Tuesday, August 19th 9:30 to 11:30 am

Margaret (Peggy) Murphy, MS, CCC-SLP

Assistive Technology Specialist; Maryland TAP: Maryland Department of Disabilities

Diana Jurist, Program Associate, AT:LAST, Inc.

This session will provide an overview of the vast array of augmentative communication/speech generating devices on the market today. Participants will learn the important distinctions between static and dynamic displays, digital vs. synthesized voices, and integrated vs. "stand alone devices." The continuum of low-tech, mid-tech, and high-tech devices will be highlighted. Attendees will leave with a solid understanding of the different categories of devices and the populations they serve.

MAKING YOUR COMPUTER MORE ACCESSIBLE WITH BUILT IN FEATURES

Tuesday, August 19th 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Christina Schindler, MS

Assistive Technology Specialist; AT:LAST, Inc.

Did you know that built directly in your PC and Mac computers are multiple tools to help support people with disabilities? Come uncover these hidden tools and see how they can support people with a range of disabilities from vision impairments to hearing loss to learning disabilities. You're guaranteed to leave with new tricks to implement immediately . . . with software you already own!

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ALTERNATIVE ACCESS TO COMPUTERS

Wednesday, August 20th 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Denise Barton Schuler, MS, ATP

Assistive Technology Specialist; Maryland TAP: Maryland Department of Disabilities

Come see a demonstration of many various alternative access solutions. Whether one has carpal tunnel or repetitive stress syndrome to quadriplegia, it is still possible to access and navigate a computer. The presentation will include demonstration of many alternative keyboards, mice, and a complete computer system run totally with an eye-gaze. There will be time for hands-on trials of the devices.

A.T. FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING INDIVIDUALS: THE BROAD CONTINUUM

Monday, August 25th 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Denise Gagnon Perdue, MS, CSC

Assistant Director, Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Come explore A.T. that sends amplified sound directly to the listener; convey the meaning of sound by lights or vibration; or translate spoken language into print (captioning) or non-verbal languages (sign language) and convey it over various mediums, including remote transmission, to the listener.

Also learn how voice recognition and computer generated animated sign language characters are on the horizon to add to the continuum of technologies that are used to support learning in school, integration into the community and success in the workplace for deaf and hard of hearing people. Examine challenges faced when assessing the appropriate technology to the user and their need.

WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT? A GUIDE TO LOW-TECH AIDS FOR DAILY LIVING (ADLs)

Tuesday, August 26th 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Susan Garber, MS, C.A.S.E.

Executive Director, AT:LAST, Inc.

Explore the numerous low-tech ADLs that assist an individual with disabilities or functional limitations to maintain or regain independence for cooking, eating, dressing, grooming, self-medicating, and enjoying life's recreational activities. Participate in a fun quiz show format where "volunteer contestants" take their team to victory deciphering "What on Earth is That?" Also learn some tips for easy, practical, low-cost modifications that can make a big difference in your home or office.

OVERVIEW OF A.T. FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS

Thursday, August 28th 9:30 to 11:30 am

Mollyne Honor, MLS, ATACP

AIT Coordinator; Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Numerous assistive technology devices and software are providing persons with visual impairments access to computers, to print material . . . and to the world beyond. This overview and demonstration will help individuals, service providers, and employers explore some of the possibilities available today. Also learn about the many services available to you through the State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.