

AAC Goal Writing and Documentation in the IEP

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PRESENTED BY:

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ABOUT THE PRESENTERS:

Betsy Caporale, M.S., CCC-SLP has worked in the field of AAC/AT for over 30 years. She earned her Competency Certificate in Communication Assistive Technology Applications from The National Association of State Directors of Special Education and an Assistive Technology Specialty Certificate in Communication Services from the University of South Florida. While working for the California Department of Education she developed and taught an AAC Assessment and Services Certification Course, certifying over 200 SLPs in educational settings. Betsy is the owner of Augmentative Communication Solutions, LLC, which supports students with complex communication and learning needs in school districts throughout California. She currently serves as the Director of Professional Affairs for USSAAC.

Sharon Redmon, Ph.D., ATP, is a seasoned educator with over 25 years of experience spanning Special Education (SpEd), General Education (GenEd), and Assistive Technology (AT) specializations. She holds a Ph.D. from Penn State in Special Education. She was part of the AAC Doctoral Leadership Project (U.S. Department of Education, H325D220021). She also has an M.S. in Adaptive Education: Assistive Technology from St. Norbert College and is an Assistive Technology Professional (ATP). She is currently an assistant professor in the College of Education, Special Education Department at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Her varied career placements within WI, WA, and overseas schools have given her unique opportunities to combine her passion for Assistive Technology, AAC, and literacy. She is passionate about sharing her experiences with others so that we can all continue to learn together.

SEMINAR DESCRIPTION:

During this upcoming session, participants will learn how to develop functional, meaningful IEP goals across the curriculum for students with complex communication and learning needs, specifically implementing AAC tools and strategies. Our discussion will cover:

- Tips for differentiating instruction and assisting students in reaching their IEP goals using a collaborative team approach.
- Reviewing sample goals and examining the quality of an IEP
- Documenting AAC in the IEP

Participants will be provided with tools to share with IEP team members to support a collaborative approach in developing goals which incorporate the use of AAC.

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PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:

1. Develop meaningful, practical IEP goals for students with CCN based on their strengths and challenges.
2. Examine the quality of an IEP using an IEP development guide.
3. Describe how AAC tools, strategies and services are documented in a student's IEP.

TIME ORDERED AGENDA:

- 5 minutes: Introduction of Speakers, USSAAC and topic
- 10 minutes: Identifying the unique needs of students who use AAC
- 10 minutes: Including low-tech and high-tech AAC tools and strategies in academic goals
- 15 minutes: Examining the quality of the IEP
- 10 minutes: Documenting AAC in the IEP
- 10 minutes: Q & A

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Speakers

Financial:

Betsy Caporale is the owner of Augmentative Communication Solutions, LLC.

Sharon Redmon works as an assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point. She received funding from the AAC Leadership Grant (US Dept. of Educ.) at Pennsylvania State University.

Nonfinancial:

Betsy Caporale is a USSAAC board member and chairs the Education Committee.

Sharon Redmon is a member of the USSAAC Education Committee, the Wisconsin AAC Network and is a founding member of WATRN

Moderator:

Financial:

Alison Pentland has no financial disclosures to report.

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Alison Pentland is a USSAAC board member.

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