

*Central VT*  
*Augmentative Communication*  
*Thursday Afternoon Workshop Series*  
*3 - 6pm*

Sponsored by Vermont I-Team, Center on Disability and Community Inclusion  
Conference Room, Montpelier School District Central Office,  
58 Barre Street, Montpelier, VT



**Matching AAC Supports to Students – Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

See the range of tools from no-tech to high-tech that are available as part of an augmentative communication system. Identify the personal skills that are important for communication and look at specific tools that might be a good match for your student(s).



**Topic Boards and Communication Books - Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

We will discuss the difference between topic boards and communication books and how to determine which is best for your student. Learn how to select appropriate vocabulary, individualize pages and arrange content into a useable format. See a wide range of examples and get ideas for creative uses of these tools.



**How to Create and Use Visual Supports - Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

See how schedules, mini-schedules, and self-management tools can help your students work independently and successfully. See a wide range of examples and get ideas for creative uses of these tools.



**BoardMaker Make-It Take It – Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

You will have access to BoardMaker software and individualized instruction in specific BoardMaker functions. Participants view the range of samples on display for ideas of different supports then create their own personalized versions of these boards and books. The session is completely hands-on and self-paced for a range of skill levels. (Windows version used)



**Implementation of AAC Supports – Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Learn how to structure the student's environment to increase communication success by identifying appropriate intervention targets, choosing appropriate contexts, and defining partner's roles.

***The make-up date for any cancelled workshop will be Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.***

**Presenter:** Maureen Nevers, M.S. CCC-SLP, Augmentative Communication Consultant, Vermont I-Team. Maureen earned a M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Vermont including completion of a comprehensive training grant in Augmentative and Alternative Communication. She worked for Easter Seals in Massachusetts for eleven years before joining the University of Vermont as an Augmentative Communication Consultant for the I-Team.

**Eligible Districts:**

Participants from the following districts are welcome to join this workshop series:

Lamoille North	Orange Southwest	Washington NE
Lamoille South	Orange North	Washington West
Chittenden East	Montpelier	Washington South
St. Johnsbury	Barre	Washington Central

**Participants:** Sessions are appropriate for educators, instructional assistants, related service providers and family members who support individuals that require augmentative communication supports. We strongly encourage team participation for maximum benefit. Attendance at all sessions is encouraged.

**Registration:** All participants are asked to register prior to each workshop by emailing or calling using the information below. Please indicate the workshop name, your name, and a number and/or email where you can be reached in the case of changes or cancellation.

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