

'App-y' Hour

Thursday, Sept. 24, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Join fellow conference attendees for a networking opportunity! A complimentary beverage and appetizers will be served and a cash bar will be available. Please RSVP on your conference registration form.

Accommodation

Guest rooms at the newly renovated Saskatoon Inn can be reserved for the nights of September 23, 24 and 25 at a special rate of \$154 plus taxes per night (standard two Queen).

Please book early to ensure availability by calling the reservations desk at 1-800-667-8789 and identify yourself as an "Assistive Technology Conference" participant. Reservations must be made prior to August 24, 2015 in order to receive this rate. 24-hour notice is required for cancellation of any booked rooms.

Who Should Attend this Conference?

Parents
Teachers
Educational Assistants
Speech-Language Pathologists
Occupational Therapists
Recreation Therapists
Psychologists
Administrators
Consultants

Organizations represented on the conference planning committee include:

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools
Saskatoon Public Schools
Saskatoon Health Region
Regina Public Schools
Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region

General Information

Location: Saskatoon Inn
2002 Airport Drive
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Registration Fee: \$200

(Due to the affordability of this conference, single day registrations are not available)

** Conference registration includes continental breakfasts, lunches, and coffee breaks.*

** Exhibitors will be in attendance during breaks and over lunch.*

Registration Deadline: September 11, 2015

Registration Procedures:

Fee must accompany registration
Please make cheques payable to *Assistive Technology Conference*

Mail completed registration form and cheque to:

Cameron Allen
Practice Leader, Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology
Room 425 - Ellis Hall
Royal University Hospital
103 Hospital Drive
Saskatoon, SK S7N 0W8

Registration receipts will be distributed at the conference. Please provide an email address for confirmation of registration and any other conference related email messages.

Refund Policy:

Cancellations made in writing or sent via email and received before September 11 will receive a full refund less a \$50 processing fee. No refunds will be given after that date including on the day of the conference.

For more information contact Cameron Allen at: cameron.allen@saskatoonhealthregion.ca or by phone at (306) 655-2471.

Where It's

AT

Assistive Technology for Children and Youth Conference

**September 24 & 25, 2015
Saskatoon, SK**



Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

(Conference registration begins at 8:00 a.m.)

Presenter: Erin Sheldon

Students with significant disabilities and complex communication needs are at high risk to stagnate in their literacy development.

These students have unique challenges accessing literacy instruction and language development. Without oral language, these children often lack opportunities to comment on the shared reading experience, to direct their reading partner, to explore and manipulate the sounds of language, to experiment with rhyme and alliteration, to draw and write, to enjoy books, and to tell their own stories. These students need strategically planned support to access language exploration and participate in early literacy experiences.

This workshop will demonstrate how school teams can ensure that every child has access to comprehensive literacy instruction, including: the tools to interact during shared reading; accessible texts for independent reading and book exploration; alphabet and phonics instruction; and writing and story-telling.

The workshop will conclude with the description of a framework that assists school teams to integrate the student's AAC into daily instruction and long-range lesson planning.

About Erin Sheldon

Erin Sheldon earned her Masters of Education studying emergent literacy development in students with Angelman syndrome.

Erin works as an assistive technology consultant with a focus on supporting students with complex learning needs to access the general curriculum in inclusive classrooms. She founded the Angelman Literacy Project, an initiative to support families and school teams to help all students access language through literacy. Erin presents workshops and webinars across North America and Europe and has authored manuals, book chapters, and journal articles.

Erin is the mother of Maggie, a 12-year old with Angelman syndrome. She lives with her family in Kingston, Ontario.

Friday, Sept. 25, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Presenter: Christopher R. Bugaj

More Than One Way to Skin a Cat - Practical (And Fun) Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

Enjoy fun - yet practical - activities and lively discussions to illustrate the principles of UDL. An assortment of tools and strategies, spanning the spectrum of low- to high-tech, will be demonstrated.

Strengthening and Streamlining Your AT Practice

Explore a methodology for how to assess what technology a student requires and learn strategies for building the collaboration essential for recognizing that technology should be universally instructional and assistive.

Common Recommendations Using (Mostly) Free Resources

Learn 10 or more strategies, most of which are already at your fingertips, that can be used to increase accessibility and student performance.

Getting to the Core of Language

Explore strategies for teaching students how to become effective, functional communicators. Learn how to implement strategies that focus on the key elements of core vocabulary, aided language stimulation, and motor planning.

About Christopher R. Bugaj

Christopher R. Bugaj, MA CCC-SLP, is a founding member of the Assistive Technology Team for Loudoun County Public Schools in Virginia.

Chris hosts The A.T.TIPSCAST podcast featuring strategies to assist educators in providing more options for all learners. He is the co-author of The Practical (and Fun) Guide to Assistive Technology in Public Schools and has designed and instructed online courses on the topics of Assistive Technology and Universal Design for Learning. He is also the author of ATEval2Go, an iPad app that helps education professionals perform assistive technology-related consultations and evaluations.

Chris has presented over 150 live or digital sessions. Learn more at: <http://bit.ly/bugajpresentations>.

Registration Form

Where It's AT

September 24 & 25, 2015

Registration Deadline: September 11, 2015

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Work Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

I give permission to share my name and contact information with other participants

Registration fee of \$200

I plan to attend Thursday evening (free of charge)

Cheque enclosed (payable to *Assistive Technology Conference*)

Special dietary considerations: _____
