

Developing Communication in Students with Vision Impairment and Multiple Disabilities

This workshop will address the effects of vision loss on communication development and at how a lack of communication impacts a student's behavioral regulation. In addition, it will address how to develop communication in students who are visually impaired with additional disabilities through the use of tactile calendar systems and presentation of tangible symbols. Participants will have the opportunity to make a tangible symbol to take with them at the end of the day as well as receive additional materials to use with students.

When: September 26, 2014
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. registration)

Where: J.D. McCarty Center – Conference Center
2002 East Robinson Street
Norman, OK 73071

Presenter: Elizabeth Torrey, M.S., CCC-SLP

Elizabeth Torrey has worked as a Speech and Language Pathologist in the Early Learning Center at Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, MA, for over 20 years. Her work has focused on developing communication and feeding skills in students experiencing vision impairment or blindness in conjunction with other disabilities. Elizabeth has developed and taught workshops both nationally and internationally for teachers, related service providers and parents, address: communication development, feeding and mealtime skill development, professional collaboration, calendar systems, tangible symbol use, echolalia, creation of learning environments and how to incorporate parents into educational teams. She is a state instructor for Vision Impaired In-Service in America (Project VIISA), was an author of the Perkins Panda Early Literacy Kit and of the "Tangible Symbols" webinar on the Perkins School for the Blind website.

Who Should Attend: Special education teachers, paraprofessionals, parents, speech pathologists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, teachers of visually impaired, hearing impaired specialists, and early interventionists.

Costs: Free

Registration: Return registration form to okdeafblind@ou.edu or

Mail to: Oklahoma Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project

820 Van Vleet Oval, Rm. 320

Norman, OK 73019

Email confirmation of registration will be sent by September 19, 2014.

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Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

School or Agency Name: _____

School or Agency Address: _____

School or Agency Phone Number: _____

Do you currently serve a child with deaf-blindness: (please circle)

YES

NO

If you need special accommodations, please contact us.

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Registration deadline: September 12, 2014

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For more information, please contact: Lisa Lawter at okdeafblind@ou.edu or (405) 325-0441.

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