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## Just Because I Don't Talk, Doesn't Mean I Don't Have Anything to Say! The Nuts and Bolts of Building a Successful Communication System for Adults With IDD

Presented by Brittney Asher

Individuals experiencing Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) may require communication support to effectively communicate their needs, wants and wishes. This presentation will provide information to help care providers and support staff identify an individual's Levels of Communication and Symbolic Readiness (Level of Representation) to develop a successful, comprehensive Augmentative or Alternative Communication (AAC) system.

Characteristics of a Pre-Symbolic Emerging Symbolic through Abstract Communicators will be provided and a variety of low to high tech augmentative supports will be offered. Critical intervention goals for each of these levels of communicators will be discussed and steps to developing a Functional Communication System will be offered.

Attendees will leave with effective, easy ideas to support communication opportunities and build success within every environment.

### Learning outcomes

#### Participants will be able to:

- Discuss how an individual's level of symbolic readiness (Level of Representation) and Level of Communication impacts their success in understanding and using communication and visual systems.
- Describe the components of a comprehensive communication system that provides expressive and receptive communication support in a pre-symbolic and emerging symbolic communicator
- Identify critical nonverbal communication skills to develop in a pre-symbolic and emerging symbolic communicators to support successful exchanges

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#### About the Trainer

Brittney Asher, M.S., CCCSLP is a Speech Language Pathologist passionate about providing the tools to support and encourage all people to achieve their full potential!

Experienced in serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, Brittney has worked for over 19 years with individuals in the environments they live learn, work and play, specializing in supporting individuals with moderate to profound physical and/or intellectual developmental disabilities.