

**Title: AN INTEGRATED MODEL OF COMMUNICATION INSTRUCTION**

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**Biography:**

Pati King-DeBaun is a speech language pathologist who has specialized in communication for children with severe and multiple disabilities for the past 25 years. Pati speaks and consults in a variety of classrooms nationally and internationally on the topics of interactive communication, augmentative communication, and early literacy for children with disabilities. Pati is known for her hands-on and practical work with children and the use of case and video samples in her instruction. She has written numerous articles and published materials on the topic of augmentative communication and early literacy skills for children with disabilities. She has worked with numerous universities world wide teaching courses and seminars on emergent literacy, communication development and disabilities. Pati has been instrumental in developing and collaborating on a wide range of innovative literacy and communication materials for children with disabilities.

**Abstract:**

This in depth workshop is designed for anyone interested in improving the quality of instruction available to students who use alternative and augmentative communication (AAC) with a range of student ability levels and devices, (light to high tech). Too often in therapy or educational programs designed for children who use AAC systems the skills ( linguistic, literacy and social) are taught in isolation rather than in an integrated manner. Learning in isolation fragments communication and often one or more component of communication is underserved. An integrated communication model that focusing on three major areas of instruction; literacy, social (conversation), and linguistic skills for successful communication competence and it's implications for successful AAC use will be examined. A variety of practical and creative strategies will be demonstrated including; video modeling, interactive scripts and explicit instructional strategies for linking core linguistic and literacy skills. Highlights of this session will include, video case examples, the selection of motivating and engaging content for School age students.