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Munroe-Meyer Institute Guild
The Munroe Meyer Institute Guild is a volunteer organization committed to providing meaningful leadership and service to the Munroe-Meyer Institute for Genetics and Rehabilitation. The Guild strives to promote awareness of the Institute and is involved in fund raising to support Institute projects. The Guild supports MMI through an Annual Garden Walk, presently in its 39th year. This walk is June 11, 2006. The conference organizers wish to thank the Guild for their generous sponsorship.

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As the world’s leading provider of AAC solutions, DynaVox Technologies is dedicated to helping individuals challenged by speech disabilities make meaningful connections with the world, and supporting those who care for them. DynaVox Technologies creates quality tools that make it easier for individuals challenged by significant speech, language and physical disabilities to communicate and take control of their lives.

Nebraska Speech-Language-Hearing Association
The mission of NSLHA is to promote speech, language, and hearing services in Nebraska, to encourage education and research activities, and to advocate the rights of persons with communication disorders. We encourage education, service, and research activities within the speech and hearing profession leading to further understanding of the processes of speech, language, and hearing and to the development of improved preventive and remedial services.

ACREDITATION
NSLHA is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. This program is offered for 7 CEU credits (intermediate level, professional area). ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products, or clinical procedures. 7.0 Nebraska SLP Licensure CEU credit hours have been applied for through the NE Dept. of Health.

NEBRASKA AUGMENTATIVE & ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION

Summer Conference
Sponsored by the Munroe-Meyer Institute Guild

2 June 2006
Private Dining Rooms A/B/C
University of Nebraska Medical Center
Omaha, Nebraska

Featuring Guest Speaker
Gloria Soto, Ph.D.
San Francisco State University

Augmentative and Alternative Communication in Children:
Issues & Strategies

7 CEU's!
**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Dr. Gloria Soto has been preparing special education personnel to serve students with AAC needs in inclusive school settings. She currently directs an early intervention grant to prepare special educators & SLPs to serve children with AAC needs. Dr. Soto has coordinated multiple AAC outreach activities in the schools. Recently, she has investigated the effect of collaborative teams on academic & social participation of students with AAC needs in general education classrooms. Currently, she is examining intervention designed to improve narrative skills of children with AAC needs. Dr. Soto has presented & published in the areas of AAC, inclusive education, and cultural issues in AAC service delivery.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Dr. Soto will outline the use of AAC in school settings. A continuum of low & high technology AAC strategies will be described. Modifications to curricula necessary to support students who use AAC, so that they may access the general curriculum of the school will be described. The emphasis will be to maintain independence in daily living, to initiate and sustain social relationships, and to achieve academic success. Curriculum-based language intervention for use with students who use AAC will be highlighted to facilitate academic participation. Case examples will be used to illustrate key principles and in panel discussion.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of this course is to prepare educators & other human services personnel to design and utilize AAC options for children in school settings. The course will include information on aided/unaided approaches as well as high tech/low tech communication strategies. In particular, the course will focus on AAC assessment & intervention strategies using a collaborative interdisciplinary approach. The emphasis of this course will be on using AAC as a means to access the core curriculum. To this end, attendees will learn to adapt assessment and curricular materials to support the learning of students with AAC needs. Special attention will be devoted to language and literacy issues as well as issues of cultural diversity.

**FRIDAY, 2 JUNE 2006**

8:00-8:30 Registration

8:30-9:00 AAC Service Delivery in School Settings (0.5 CEU hrs)

9:00-10:00 Curricular Modifications & Accommodations to Support Access to the General Curriculum for Students who use AAC: Part I (1.0 CEU hr)

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-12:30 Curricular Modifications & Accommodations to Support Access to the General Curriculum for Students who use AAC: Part II (2.25 CEU hrs)

12:30-1:00 Lunch, included

1:00-3:00 Academic Participation of Students who Use AAC through Curriculum-based Language Intervention (2.0 hrs)

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15-4:30 Case Discussion (1.25 CEU hrs)

**DIRECTIONS & PARKING**

Parking is included in registration. From I-80, exit at 42nd St. North, Left on Emile. You may park in the Patient/Visitor Parking building (free Valet Parking available in front of Durham Outpatient Center). Enter the UNMC hospital lobby; take the escalators (or the elevator) to the 3rd floor. Walk forward, passing the elevators and quick shop, then turn Right toward Lied Transplant Center. Private Dining Room A/B/C is on the right side half-way down the hall; look for signs & registration.

**REGISTRATION**

Name: ____________________________

Workplace: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

City: ____________________________ State: __________ Zip: __________

Telephone: ________

Email: ____________________________

Please check your vocation:

☐ Speech-Language Pathologist

☐ Occupational/Physical Therapist

☐ Person who uses AAC

☐ Family member

☐ Teacher

☐ Other

COST: $80 postmarked by 5/12/06

$105 postmarked after 5/12/06

$50 students

Register early, space is limited!

Registration deadline (mail): 5/26/2006

A reduced fee may be available for persons who use AAC & their families. If required, contact Rose at (402) 559-6460.

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