Introduction to AAC and AT

Who is this course for?
This course is suitable for Occupational and Speech and Language Therapists who are new to using Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and Assistive Technology (AT) or anyone who would like a refresher. It is particularly relevant to those working with students with severe complex communication needs and physical disabilities.

What is it about?
This course will provide you with an opportunity to address how AAC and AT can be integrated into your working practice, to change student outcomes.
The course includes:
- AAC and language development.
- General principles of using symbols.
- General principles for developing AAC and AT competencies.
- Low and light tech AAC.
- Alternative Access Methods, such as rollerball, switches, mouse, keyboard.
- Raise awareness of students who could benefit from AAC and AT.
- Laying the foundations for high tech AAC.

What will I get out of this?
This course aims to give you an increased awareness and knowledge about a range of AAC and AT equipment and their functions. We aim to present a broad range of products and resources that you will be able to consider.

Course Overview:
- Explain use of integrated frameworks used by Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Teachers.
- Demonstrate and discuss ways to introduce low and light tech devices and strategies for different levels of AAC and AT needs.
- Develop language skills and functions towards laying the foundations for high tech AAC devices.
- Look at how to develop the physical skills needed to control AT and increase independence.

Light refreshments are provided throughout the day

Dates and Times:
- Thursday 11 October 2018
- Tuesday 14 May 2019
- 09:30 am to 3:30 pm

Costs:
- Free to NHS staff and therapists working in Kent and Medway maintained Schools.
- £100 for independent or out of county professionals.

How to Book:
Please complete the booking form on the back of this flyer and send it in to us using the details above.

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Training Booking Form

Course Title: 
Course Date: 
Name: 
Job Title: 
Your Organisation: 
NHS ☐ KCC ☐ Academy ☐ Private ☐ Other: ☐
Full Address:
Telephone Number: 
Email Address:
Name of child on KM CAT case load you are supporting:
Please specify if you have any special requirements (assistance or dietary for example)

(If applicable)
Full Invoice Address: 
Purchase Order Number: 
Signature: 
Date: 

Course Booking Terms and Conditions

Please allow one completed booking form for each delegate, for each course they are requesting to attend.
If your place on the course is chargeable we will require a purchase order number in advance and the invoicing address. By submitting your form, you are agreeing that your employer is aware of your application and they have consented to cover any costs.

Cancellation Fees:
* 1 week or less = 25% of course fees + £12 Admin Costs.
* 48 hours or less = 50% of course fees + £12 Admin Costs.
* Non-attendance on course day = £75

For more information regarding services provided by the KM CAT Services, please contact us using the information below. Or you can find us on the KELSI website:

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