



Pre-Conference Sessions

December 3, 2008

AT Expo

December 4 – 5, 2008

North Raleigh Hilton

Raleigh, NC

Sponsors:

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Program Description

The Assistive Technology Expo is an exciting three-day event designed to increase awareness and provide current information on assistive technology.

Program Objective

To learn about the latest in assistive technology devices, services, strategies and community resources.

Who Should Attend

Professionals in a variety of disability related fields such as rehabilitation, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and language, regular and special education, health and recreation and rehab engineering.

People with disabilities and their family members.

Product vendors, employers and human resource managers

Credits

DPI CEUs: Attendance on both days = 1.0 unit of renewal credit. Infant-Toddler Certification credits: Attendance on both days = 0.8 and pre-conference Session 1 = 0.6. Pre-approved CRC continuing education credits are available for both days of conference and pre-conference Session 2. With verification of attendance CRC credits will be mailed. Recreation Therapists can request documentation for license renewal credits for both days of conference and pre-conference Session 2.

AT Awards of Excellence Nominations

Awards of Excellence in the assistive technology field are presented at the Expo. The nomination form is available for downloading at www.ncatp.org. For a hard copy call 919-850-2787 ext. 224. Deadline for nominations is October 16, 2008.

Scholarships

Expo scholarships are available to help people with disabilities offset some of the Expo expenses. To apply, complete the Scholarship Application Form and the Expo Registration Form. Funds are limited. Hotel room cost can ONLY be used for rooms at the North Raleigh Hilton. Applicants will be notified if they will be receiving scholarship funds. Checks will not be mailed prior to the Expo but can be picked up at the Expo Registration Desk after 9:00am on December 4th. Application Deadline is October 16, 2008.



Keynote Speaker Olegario D. Cantos VII

Blind since birth, Olegario "Ollie" D. Cantos VII became one of the highest-placed people with a disability in the federal government today when he accepted a commission from Former Attorney General John D. Ashcroft in August 2004 to serve as Special Assistant to Assistant Attorney General R. Alexander Acosta in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Responsibilities include fostering closer ties between the Department and disability rights leaders at all levels, enhancing roll-out of Project Civic Access, expanding the ADA Business Connection, increasing the number of state building codes to become ADA certified, and establishing and strengthening new cross-agency partnerships to enhance national disability rights enforcement. Prior to his current tenure, Ollie was the first and only person ever to serve as General Counsel and Director of Programs for the now-100,000-member American association of People with Disabilities, the largest cross-disability national membership organization in the country.

Hotel Accommodations

North Raleigh Hilton

3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC

Expo room rates: Single/Double: \$129.66 (includes tax)
Triple/Quad: \$134.17 (includes tax)

Room Reservations Deadline: November 2, 2008

Limited number of accessible rooms available

Contact the Hilton at 919-872-2323 or at

<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/RDUNHHF-ATE-20081202/index.jhtml>

Specify you are attending the "AT Expo" and use the Group Code "ATE"

Expo Accessibility For People With Disabilities

Submit requests on the Expo Pre-registration Form no later than November 2, 2008. Accommodations available at the Expo are:

- Assistive listening devices
- Audio description
- Program in Braille or large print
- Sign language interpreter
- Wheelchair access
- Handouts in large print or on disc

Make & Take Sessions

Seven Make & Take sessions will be available on Thursday and Friday. Space is limited and participants will be admitted on a first come – first served basis. There will be an additional fee for all Make & Take sessions to be paid at the door.

Pre-Conference Sessions Wednesday December 3, 2008

Fee: \$75 per session (box lunch included)

*Must pre-register by November 2, 2008

Session 1: AAC and Emergent Literacy for Young Children with Significant Disabilities: "Yes They Can: Young Children with Significant Disabilities, Including Deaf-Blindness as Communicators, Readers & Writers"

*0.6 Infant-Toddler Certification credits

9:00am – 4:00pm

Presenters:

Karen Casey, MA, CCC-SLP, ATRC Consultant, Durham CDSA, Durham, NC

Betsy Cordle, M.Ed, AT Specialist and Laura Lewis, MS, CCC-SLP, AT Specialist, Wake County Public Schools, Raleigh, NC

Shirley Hand, and Dee Martin, Teachers of the Visually Impaired, Governor Morehead Preschool Program, Raleigh, NC

Dr. Gretchen Hanser, Associate Director of School Age Services, Center for Literacy and Disability Studies, UNC, Chapel Hill, NC

Robbin Newton, MA, OTR/L, BCP Duke University Med. Center, Durham, NC

Dr. Patsy Pierce, Associate Director of Early Childhood Services, Center for Literacy and Disability Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, NC

Jenna Ramsey, Parent

Many young children with significant motor and communication impairments, including deaf-blindness, have great difficulty engaging in meaningful communication, reading and writing activities. Knowing where to start with this population can be overwhelming to many professionals and families. Current research suggests that these children benefit from the same early language and literacy opportunities as typically developing children. Presenters will give an overview of these important milestones and how they use adapted materials and specific strategies for communication and literacy development such as partner assisted scanning, co-constructed sequenced social scripts and "alternative pencils" to make these experiences accessible to children. Participants will receive a CD of resources, including switch accessible PowerPoint books and instructions for creating PowerPoint activities.

Session 2: Using Cognitive Prosthetics and Orthotics as Effective Tools for Individuals with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury

*6 CRC credit hours available. With verification of attendance, CRC credits will be mailed. Recreation Therapists can request documentation for license renewal credits.

9:00am – 12:00pm

Presenters:

Katina Sokol, MS, CCC-SLP and Melissa Oliver, MS, OTR/L
McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Richmond, VA

Traumatic Brain Injury, resulting from injury sustained in either military or civilian life, presents challenges for successful integration back into everyday life. Learn the signs and symptoms of mild TBI, blast injuries and specific rehabilitation needs of service members returning from Iraq. Gain information about how injuries interfere with service members' ability to complete independent activities of daily living, integrate back into civilian life and fulfill their roles as husband/wife, father/mother and employee. Presenters will review information on the types of devices that are available and the criteria for choosing a device and discuss how cognitive prosthetic devices are incorporated into interdisciplinary treatment and goals.

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Presenters

Lynne Deese, MA, ATP and April Furr, MS, CCC-SLP
NC Assistive Technology Program, Raleigh, NC

See cognitive orthotics demonstrated and learn strategies for using them to assist with memory, planning and problem solving difficulties. By using examples from their work with military veterans and others, presenters will show how incorporation of these devices in everyday life can bring success at home, in school, or on the job.



Thursday December 4th Highlights

- 8:00am-4:00pm** Registration
- 10:00am-11:00am** Keynote Address & Awards Ceremony
- 11:00am-12:30pm** Lunch on your own

Exhibit Hall – Thursday Only

9:00am – 4:00pm and 5:00pm-6:30pm

The Exhibit Hall displays a wide range of adaptive products that are both high and low tech including communication devices, computer access products, aids for daily living, devices for people who are blind or have hearing loss, environmental control units, products for senior citizens, wheelchairs and modified vans. The Exhibit Hall is open to the public and is **FREE**.

Silent Auction – Thursday Only

9:00am-4:00 pm

Bid on a variety of items that range in value from \$25.00 and up: every thing from assistive technology to arts and crafts. Bids are accepted in one-dollar increments. All proceeds are used to provide scholarships for people with disabilities and their families to attend the Assistive Technology Expo. Winners will be announced at **5:00pm** in the grand ballroom during the Exhibit Hall Celebration. Winning Bidders must be present. **Only checks and cash accepted.**

NEW!

Concurrent Sessions

12:30pm-4:30pm

Twenty concurrent sessions are available to meet the needs and interests of people from various backgrounds. Training tracks cover a wide spectrum of topics that cross age and disability groups and areas of assistive technology.

Vendor Track

- “Lite” by PRC—See, Learn and Explore the Difference
- Using Text Reader Software with your Students: What the Research Says
- UbiDuo: The Power of Face to Face Communication

Recreation/Leisure Track

- Find the Player Within: Experience learning a new activity. See a video on a variety of adaptive sports and hear about the opportunities and benefits of being an active sports participant.
- Lexi’s Voice: AAC in the Community
- Library Services for People with Vision Loss and Physical Disabilities

Employment Track

- Walgreens: This Place Changes Everything
Learn about the success of the Walgreens Distribution Center in Anderson, South Carolina to employ about 180 people with a variety of disabilities within its workforce. Find out about the community partnerships that were involved and the accommodations made to ensure both internal and natural supports were in place to guarantee success.
- Panel Discussion: Employment Strategies for Clients with TBI
- Disability Program Navigators: Raising the Disability I.Q. of the Workforce Development System

Education Track

- Making Literacy Activities Accessible and Meaningful Using AT
Learn how children having difficulty achieving grade-level literacy skills can benefit from modified print materials and writing tools. Low-cost and multi-modality solutions for modifying books and modes of writing as well as a list of useful websites will be provided.
- Creating Elementary Science Lessons for Inclusive Classrooms

Make & Take Track

- First come- first served, \$10 fee payable at door
- Dot to Dot with Tots
- Nature Crafts for Adults with Memory Challenges

AT for Young Children Drop In Room

12:30pm-4:30pm

Drop in to explore innovative uses of assistive technology to create play and learning opportunities for young children with disabilities. This is a hands-on experience provided by the Infant/Toddler Assistive Technology Resource Centers.

Poster Sessions

12:30pm-4:30pm

Visit the poster sessions and be energized by the enthusiasm and creativity of college and university students as you learn about their assistive technology projects.

Exhibit Hall Celebration

5:00pm-6:30pm

This event will provide participants with additional opportunities to visit exhibitor’s booths and network with other participants. Hors d’oeuvres will be served outside the Exhibit Hall. Silent auction winners will be announced, door prizes awarded and much more!

NEW!

Friday December 5th Highlights

8:00am-2:00pm Registration

11:00am-12:30pm Lunch on your own

Concurrent Sessions

8:30pm-3:00pm

Twenty-eight concurrent sessions are available to meet the needs and interests of people from various backgrounds. Training tracks cover a wide spectrum of topics that cross age and disability groups and areas of assistive technology.

Vendor Track

- Victor Reader Streamer
- Supports for Students Struggling with Literacy: Study Skills and Test Accommodation
- High Tech AAC for Stroke and TBI

Employment Track

- SOAR with me and Select AT and Universal Design for Employment: Selecting assistive technology (AT) and equipment with universal design (UD) features as a job accommodation can be challenging. Learn tips for selecting equipment with UD features and a process for choosing AT including an introduction to the Job Accommodation Network's (JAN) interactive Searchable Online Accommodation Resource (SOAR).
- Challenges in Voice Recognition: Accents, Breath Support and More
- AT on the Job: Workers with Hearing Loss
- Employment Strategies for Clients with Vision Loss

Recreation/Leisure Track

- The Benefits of Using the Nintendo Wii as an Innovative Therapy Tool: Understand ways the Nintendo Wii is used in the rehab setting to benefit individuals with a variety of diagnoses. Experience this hands on, practical application of the Nintendo Wii looking at a variety of modifications while playing the Wii.
- Computer Enhanced Fitness Games for Individuals with Vision Loss or other Disabilities
- Promoting Fitness and Lifelong Physical Activity in Individuals with Cerebral Palsy
- Therapeutic Horseback Riding

Early Childhood Track

- Just Right—Goldilocks and the Three Principles in Obtaining Positioning, Mobility and Self-Help Devices for Young Children:
Improve skills successful clinical decision-making. Learn about the persons, principles, and factors involved in assessing, choosing and obtaining/funding positioning, mobility and self-help devices for young children.
- What North Carolina's Preschool Demonstration Programs Can Offer Early Childhood Professionals
- Is Two Too Early for Using Communication Devices?
- Adaptive Books: How to Begin Building Your Early Literacy Library

Education Track

- To Reach and Empower the Print Disabled Student
- AT Advocacy for Students with Disabilities
- Unleashing the Power of PowerPoint
- Educational Accessibility through AT for the Visually Impaired

Transition Track

- New Wave of Technology: Digital TVs (DTV) for People with Disabilities Analog TV to Digital TV transition will occur on February 17, 2009. Gain helpful tips on what every consumer should know about DTV transitions by comparing DTV and Analog TV.
- MS Connectors: A Collaborative Connection
- Transportation Resources: The Wheels on the Bus Go Round and Round
- AT and Living Independently in the Community

Make & Take Track

- First come- first served, \$25 fee payable at door
- Banking on AAC: Money Skills in School
- Baby It's Cold Outside: Making Adapted Story Units in the Cold Winter Months



2008 AT Expo Registration Form

Please complete the following information (print clearly or type):

Name: _____

Attendant/Sighted Guide Name _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip) (County)

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Employer/Affiliation _____ Position _____

Day(s) you plan to attend: Dec 4th Dec 5th Both Days

	People with Disabilities, Family Members, Students, People over 65	Professionals and General Public	\$ Fee
Pre-Registration (Received by Nov. 2, 2008)	\$25 for one or both days	\$150 both days \$100 one day	\$
On Site Registration	\$35 for one or both days	\$200 both days \$150 one day	\$
Presenters (Maximum 2 co-presenters)	No charge	No charge	\$
Pre-Conference Sessions (Choose One)			\$ Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> AAC and Emergent Literacy for Young Children with Significant Disabilities		\$75.00 (Box Lunch included) Pre-Registration Is Required By November 2, 2008. There Will Be No On-Site Registration. Space is limited so register early!	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Using Cognitive Prosthetics and Orthotics as Effective Tools for Individuals with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury			\$
Mail registration and check/money order (payable to P.A.T.) to: Partnerships in Assistive Technology, P O Box 886, Apex, NC 27502-9998		TOTAL FEES	\$

Accommodations For Persons With Disabilities

Check request(s) below. Requests must be received no later than November 2, 2008

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Program in Braille | <input type="checkbox"/> Handouts on disc | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistive Listening Devices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Program in large print | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair access | <input type="checkbox"/> Audio Description |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handouts in large print | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign language interpreters | <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Program in Spanish |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish Interpreter | |

Registration Information

- Complete a registration form for each person attending and send a check or money order for the total amount.
- Pre-Conference session requires pre-registration; there will be no onsite registration. You are **not** required to register for the entire Expo to attend the pre-conference session.
- There is no charge for one personal care attendant or sighted guide accompanying a person with a disability. Attendant must complete a registration form.
- Children under 12 and accompanied by a paying adult will be admitted free. Please complete a form for children under 12 attending.
- All registration fees include a non-refundable administrative fee of \$25.00. Cancellations must be in writing and received by November 9, 2008.
- Acknowledgement of your pre-registration will be sent via e-mail. Receipts will be available on site.
- Participants with/without disabilities who attend as part of their job are considered "professionals" and pay at that rate.

Continuing Education Credits

1.0 CEU credit is offered from NC DPI for attending both days of the EXPO. This will be passed out at the end of the last session on Friday. 0.8 credits (8 clock hours) toward Infant-Toddler Certification (Intervention Strategies). License renewal documentation for Recreation Therapists. CRC continuing education credits are available. With verification of attendance, CRC credits will be mailed.

I will be requesting renewal credit: (Circle One) DPI-CEU Infant-Toddler Recreation CRC



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