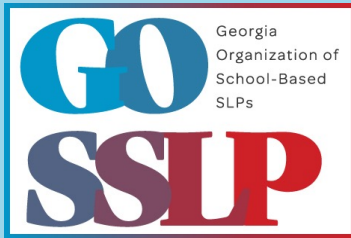


GOSSLP PRESENTS

A full day multi-program conference featuring:
Vicki Clarke, MS, CCC-SLP & Cortney Maholz, MS, CCC-SLP
Monday, October 15, 2018
Middle GA State University | Macon, GA

FALL CONFERENCE

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Vicki Clark, MS, CCC-SLP

Vicki Clarke is a speech language pathologist who has specialized in augmentative and alternative communication for over 25 years. Vicki is the CEO of Dynamic erapy Associates, Inc. and Director of DTA Schools, a division providing multi-district AAC services. Vicki supports school districts in AAC evaluation, equipment procurement, and implementation for individual students in the academic environment. In addition, DTA Schools supports district-wide AAC implementation through the Classroom Communication Goals Project, training, and supporting all team members in classroom AAC implementation.

Speaker Disclosure: Vicki Clarke receives a speaker's fee for the conference. There is no other relevant financial or non-financial relationship.

Cortney Maholtz, MA, CCC-SLP

Cortney Maholtz graduated from the University of Maryland in 2009 with a Masters of Arts in Speech Language Pathology. She has worked in a variety of settings, including rehabilitation, private practice, and the school system, and with a variety of disabilities. Her clients have ranged the life span; Cortney has worked with clients from birth to geriatric age on a variety of skills, including augmentative and alternative communication (AAC). Cortney has worked with clients with AAC needs for seven years. In June 2017, she began working for Saltillo supporting clients and devices in Georgia.

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REGISTRATION	BEFORE 9/3	AFTER 9/3
GO SSLP Member	\$75	\$85
Conference Registration & Membership	\$110	\$120
Conference Registration & Student Membership	\$85	\$95
Non-Member	\$150	\$160

COURSE INFORMATION

More Than A Score: Language and Communication Assessment in Minimally Verbal and Pre-Verbal Students

Vicki Clarke, MS, CCC-SLP

Standardized language tests for our minimally verbal students often result in dismal scores that don't accurately reflect our students' skills and knowledge. A standard score of "Less than 55" does little to help us understand a child's language skills. We still have to be able to clearly describe a child's current level of communication and language functioning so that we can target appropriate goals and show progress. How do we accurately assess language and communication skills when we can't sit down at a table, present picture cards, and expect a succinct spoken response to our questions? Come join the discussion as we troubleshoot the communication and language assessment process for our early communicators and AAC users. We will explore tools that allow us to measure even the earliest communication skills through formal testing, watching, and listening. With video examples, discussion, and exploration of tools, we will develop a plan of action for assessing your most communicatively challenged students' communication and language skills.

Objectives:

Participants will be able to describe the value and use of standardized test instruments for minimally verbal students. • Participants will be able to identify several tools for assessing language and communication skills in minimally verbal or non-verbal students. • Participants will be able to identify a hierarchy of communication skills from pre intentional communication to formal language use. • Participants will be able to identify 4 basic functions of communication.

Achieving Authentic Communication: Implementation Tool Kit

Cortney Maholz, MA, CCC-SLP

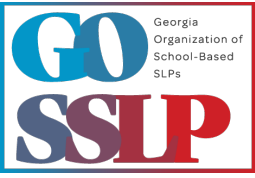
This course will review elements of implementation to help participants achieve authentic communication with their clients. Participants will learn about communication, a complex multimodal process, involving the interaction of three elements: functions of communication, the environment, and communication partners. This will include a discussion about how to move beyond requesting and what to do as the communication partner. Additionally, participants will learn about the importance of creating communication opportunities, and how to do so for their clients. Examples will be used throughout the seminar and participants will have hands on experience using several tools to help clients achieve authentic communication.

Objectives

Participants will identify functions of communication. • Participants will define authentic communication. • Participants will identify communication partners and their roles. • Participants will define a communication opportunity. • Participants will analyze the environment and identify how to create communication opportunities.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Participant Check-In & Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Presentation 1 (with a 15-minute break)
11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)
12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Presentation 2
3:00 p.m.	Adjourn



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Register Early!

Please note that **pre-registration is required** for this conference.

The deadline to register is October 1st. If there is space, onsite registration will be announced and the fee will be \$185. GO SSLP members have first priority for conference registration. If you are not a member, use the registration form to join GO SSLP and secure your seat at the conference! You can also join/renew and register online at www.gosslp.org.

Inclement Weather:

In the event of inclement weather, the conference may have a delayed start time. Check www.gosslp.org for updates on the morning of the conference. Weather-related registration refunds will not be provided.

Meeting Location:

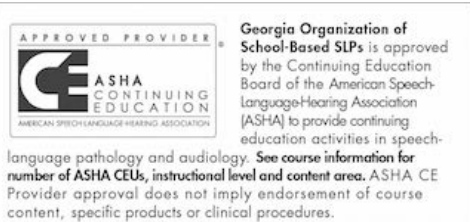
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 Macon, GA 31206
 Visit www.gosslp.org for hotel suggestions.

Handouts:

Handouts for the conference will be provided on the GO SSLP website (www.gosslp.org) one week prior to the conference. Printed handouts will not be provided.

ASHA CEUs:

This course is offered for up to .5 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate level, Professional area)



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