

2023-24 AT Forward Community of Practice (CoP) Meetings

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<p>Tuesday, September 19, 2023 4:00pm-5:00pm.</p>	<p>3,2, 1...Launch! Welcome Aboard the AT Forward 2023-24 Liftoff to a New and Exciting School Year Journey!</p> <p>Join us for our first CoP meeting of the 2023-24 school year and learn about exciting new AT Forward learning and networking opportunities, which includes the launch of our AT Forward Community, the redesigned micro-credential website, and the introduction of new micro-credential badges.</p>	<p>Frank Devereaux Kathy White Stacy Duffy</p>	<p>Please register in advance for this Zoom meeting. Upon registration completion, you will receive a confirmation email with the meeting's details.</p>

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<p>Tuesday, October 10, 2023 4:00pm-5:00pm</p>	<p>Finding the Right Assistive Technology Fit: How to “Try it On”</p> <p>WisTech, Wisconsin’s Assistive Technology Act Program, wants to make sure that the AT solutions you choose are the right fit for your student, consumer, their family member, or caregiver. Many of us have ordered new clothes from an online retailer only to discover that the fit or function just was not “right”. The same thing can occur when selecting assistive technology. Unlike clothing, picking the wrong piece of AT can impact someone’s willingness to try other types of AT or it can lead to frustration and confusion. There may also be only one chance for funding of an AT solution so it’s important to get it right before using funding.</p> <p>This session will connect you with the WisTech’s WisconsinAT4ALL online inventory. AT devices available for short term loan, demonstration, and giveaway are listed on WIAT4ALL. During our time together you’ll be able to see how the website works and understand how to borrow AT devices from partners around Wisconsin.</p>	<p>Laura Plummer</p>	<p>Please <u>register</u> in advance for this Zoom meeting. Upon registration completion, you will receive a confirmation email with the meeting’s details.</p>

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<p>Thursday, November 9, 2023 4:00pm-5:00pm.</p>	<p>Executive Function Skills and Augmentative Alternative Communication Connections</p> <p>Executive Function skills are necessary to become independent in life and Language is necessary for a person to be able to develop Executive Function skills. What does this look like for a person who uses Augmentative Alternative Communication? We will do a crosswalk by looking at Executive Function checklists and various Communication and Language development checklists to see how these areas fit together. Strategies to support emotional control, sustained attention, and response inhibition will be shared and participants will practice picking vocabulary to support their student.</p>	<p>Paige Buckingham</p>	<p>Please register in advance for this Zoom meeting. Upon registration completion, you will receive a confirmation email with the meeting's details.</p>
<p>Thursday, November 14, 2023 4:00pm-5:00pm</p>	<p>Frequently Asked Questions Around Accessible Educational Materials (AEM)</p> <p>Do you have questions about determining the need for Accessible Educational Materials (AEM) or how to provide AEM to students? Then join us as the AEM team answers frequently asked questions from the field around Accessible Educational Materials</p>	<p>Stacy Duffy Daniel Parker Jacky Ramirez Dawn Soto Kathy White</p>	<p>Please register in advance for this Zoom meeting. Upon registration completion, you will receive a confirmation email with the meeting's details.</p>

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<p>Tuesday, November 28, 2023 4:00pm-5:00pm</p>	<p>UDL and Technology For All</p> <p>In order to intentionally and preemptively plan for barriers to be removed with the use of AT for our learners with IEPs, we need to leverage our student and family expertise, tech integrator input, social media networking, and even neighboring districts' feedback. This session will focus on how the educational support team can universally design for these resources when planning learning outcomes.</p>	<p>Frank Devereaux</p>	<p>Please register in advance for this Zoom meeting. Upon registration completion, you will receive a confirmation email with the meeting's details.</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 12, 2023 4:00pm-5:00pm</p>	<p>AT and IT: Together for Students</p> <p>Bringing Assistive Technology and Information Technology together in ways that enhance the outcomes for ALL students is at the core of this discussion. The School District of Janesville used creative and innovative internal structures to develop AT opportunities for ALL students. Join our discussion to learn how you too can take steps to enhance your students' use of Assistive Technology for the betterment of all.</p>	<p>Dr. Robert Smiley</p>	<p>Please register in advance for this Zoom meeting. Upon registration completion, you will receive a confirmation email with the meeting's details</p>

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<p>Tuesday, January 9, 2024 4:00pm-5:00pm</p>	<p>Assistive Technology Team: What does that mean to you?</p> <p>Across the country there are many ways to address the Assistive Technology (AT) needs of students. All of them require teamwork. As a result, there are many different ideas of what constitutes an AT team. And all of them can have merit, depending on your resources, expertise, and the circumstances of the individual student. This session will look at some of the commonly used models and how they can help you to design your agency's services.</p>	<p>Dr. Penny Reed Gayl Bowser</p>	<p>Please register in advance for this Zoom meeting. Upon registration completion, you will receive a confirmation email with the meeting's details</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 30, 2024 4:00pm-5:00pm</p>	<p>Accessible Educational Materials (AEM) and Curriculum Accessibility Considerations</p> <p>Coming Soon!</p>	<p>Jacky Ramirez Dawn Soto</p>	<p>Please register in advance for this Zoom meeting. Upon registration completion, you will receive a confirmation email with the meeting's details</p>

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<p>Thursday, February 8, 2024 4:00pm-5:00pm</p>	<p>Bridging the Gap: School Teams and Specialists</p> <p>This talk will address the value of collaboration between school teams and providers at outpatient specialty clinics for students who can benefit from augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) Tools and strategies. This webinar will provide attendees with the opportunity to explore their role in the collaboration process including highlighting the role of AAC finder, speech and language pathologist, educator, paraprofessional and /or family member. Additionally, an overview of how a collaborative program for school teams, families and providers can support students who benefit from AAC will be provided.</p>	<p>Jennifer Seale</p>	<p>Please register in advance for this Zoom meeting. Upon registration completion, you will receive a confirmation email with the meeting's details</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 27, 2024 4:00pm-5:00pm</p>	<p>Consider what? How to Match Features</p> <p>AT is everywhere. But how do you know you have chosen correctly? Feature Matching is an important concept in the field of Assistive Technology. It involves comparing the specific needs and abilities with various features and functions of AT tools. The goal of feature matching is to find the most suitable AT solution that aligns with the unique needs of a student. When conducting feature matching it is essential to consider factors such as the individual's physical and cognitive needs, the environment and the goal you are attempting to achieve. This session will look at a series of questions that will assist you in making informed decisions based on specific domains of needs.</p>	<p>Anna Cliff Kathy White</p>	<p>Please register in advance for this Zoom meeting. Upon registration completion, you will receive a confirmation email with the meeting's details</p>

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Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:00pm-5:00pm	Selecting Apps for Safety, Functionality, and Fit In 2009 Apple coined the phrase, "There's an app for that". Fast forward to the present and there are quite literally tens if not hundreds of "apps for that" so how do you select the best apps for your district? This presentation will walk you through one district's process for app approval, which includes evaluating digital tools for student safety, functionality with existing technology and systems, and fit with the district's curriculum and instruction.	Mike Sindahl	Please register in advance for this Zoom meeting. Upon registration completion, you will receive a confirmation email with the meeting's details
Thursday, May 9, 2024 4:00pm-5:00pm	TBD--Save the Date!		Registration information coming soon!