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Learn how to create opportunities for spontaneous novel utterance generation beyond single words.

Seminar Objectives

1. Discuss the importance of Core Vocabulary, Communicative Intent, and Spontaneous Novel Utterance Generation and how they relate to typical child development and low tech AAC users.
2. List the features and functions of the Core Vocabulary Exchange System™ and determine the different communication users who will benefit from the CVES™.
3. Identify how to integrate the CVES™ into therapy and routines.
4. Teach functional communication skills for emergent communicators or those with complex communication needs.
5. Explain how to select and implement core and fringe vocabulary words in a low-tech AAC system and visual schedule.
6. Describe the benefits of removable and returnable icons to increase motor automaticity for language.



Learn how implementing an AAC program that incorporates both picture exchange and core vocabulary can eliminate the need for multiple AAC programs.

What Will I Learn?

How to implement a comprehensive, low-tech AAC program that can be used to:

- Incorporate picture exchange with core vocabulary.
- Present stimuli that allow for spontaneous novel utterance generation.
- Move beyond the single word level.
- Establish a two-way communication exchange between the individual and communication partner.
- Create a motor planning assist component that makes language learning easier.
- Create a program that is compatible with whatever teaching model is chosen including ABA.
- Create one program that will eliminate the need for several other boards and foldouts.

Seminar Description

While focusing solely on picture exchange is certainly beneficial for many children, successful outcomes using this approach still leave children unable to communicate in sentences and unable to say what they want to say when they want to say it. The challenge still remains on how to transition children to a more comprehensive communication system. Parents and educators often say things like “he is stuck at requesting”, “she is only asking for things”, “we can’t have a conversation beyond I want or I see.” And most often it is “I want to know what he is thinking” or “how can she tell me if something is wrong?”

Recently gaining momentum is the notion that it could be beneficial to incorporate picture exchange with core vocabulary in a low-tech AAC system for non-verbal children who are not functional communicators. This seminar will introduce the Core Vocabulary Exchange System™ (CVES). Participants will learn how CVES™ addresses these concerns of parents, educators and therapists by providing a means for children to transition to a more comprehensive communication system. Participants will leave this seminar with the knowledge and an approach to successfully implement a comprehensive, low-tech AAC program.

Content Disclosure: This presentation will focus on the Core Vocabulary Exchange System™. Other treatment approaches will receive limited or no coverage during this lecture. Presenter financial and non-financial disclosures may be found at NorthernSpeech.com/seminars.

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Houston, TX 77027
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7:30 – 7:55	Check In and Onsite Registration (<i>Coffee & Tea</i>)
7:55 – 8:00	Welcome and General Seminar Information
8:00 – 8:30	Background, History and Overview of CVES™: Addressing the Need and Rationale for Implementing a Pragmatic AAC Communication Program
8:30 – 9:00	Typical Language Development and Core Vocabulary
9:00 – 9:30	Practice Establishing Functional Communication Skills
9:30 – 10:00	Spontaneous Novel Utterance Generation (SNUG): Using the Core Communication Card To Elicit Conversational Exchange
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Break</i>
10:15 – 11:30	Evidence-Based CVES™ Principles <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multisensory Learning• Consistent Motor Planning for Removable and Returnable Icons• Backward Chaining• Aided Language Input and the Use of Core Adapted Visual Schedules and First-Then Schedules to Facilitate Language Learning
11:30 – 12:30	<i>Lunch on Own</i>
12:30 – 1:00	Traditional Language Facilitation Techniques and Hands On Practice
1:00 – 1:30	Getting Started with CVES™ Interventions: Data Collection and Icon Selection
1:30 – 1:45	<i>Break</i>
1:45 – 3:30	CVES™ Case Studies and Implementation
3:30	Adjourn, Sign Out and Certificates

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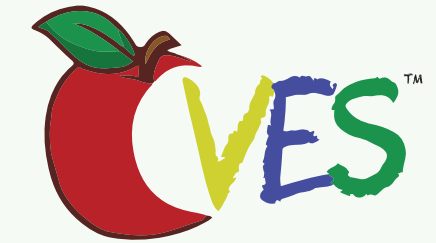
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