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Calendar of Events

2015-2016 REGIONAL MEETINGS
Benton-Stearns Ed District Office, Sartell MN   9:00 A.M. – 11:30 P.M.

 September 15—Processes in AT: SETT, Consideration, Assessment
 October 7—Sample Language for Processes in AT
 November 4—Components & Issues for Technology: Writing & Keyboarding
 December 2— Components & Issues for Technology: Early Childhood
 January 6— Components & Issues for Technology: Reading & Literacy
 February 3— Components & Issues for Technology: Math
 March 2— Components & Issues for Technology: Transition
 April 6—Components & Issues for Technology: App Evaluation Systems
 May 4— Components & Issues for Technology: Content Areas

33rd ANNUAL CLOSING THE GAP CONFERENCE
Minneapolis MN

 Pre-Conference Sessions: October 12-13, 2015
 Conference Sessions: October 14-16, 2015

CHARTING THE CS CONFERENCE
Arrowwood, Alexandria, MN

 Pre-Conference Sessions: April 24, 2016
 Conference Sessions: 25 & 26, April 2016

AT Information: Listservs

AT Listserv
The AT Listserv is a wonderful resource for educators who work with students who use technology for learning. Members ask questions, share information, and discuss topics that are relevant to our day-to-day work with students ages birth through 21.

How to Join: To subscribe, visit https://webmail.mnet.state.mn.us/mailman/listinfo/assistive-tech or send a message with the word "help" in it to the request address, assistive-tech-request@lists.statemn.us for further instructions.

To Post on the Listserv: Send message to assistive-tech@lists.state.mn.us. Complete the subject line identifying the topic of your post. Type your message and send it. Remember confidentiality when posting!

QIAT Listserv
The Quality Indicators for Assistive Technology (QIAT—pronounced quiet) listserv is a place to share resources, questions ideas, and problem-solving in an on-going email discussion (there are archives and a website of resources to assist you, too). To sign up, go to the following website http://qiat.org and follow the links to join the listserv.

Resources for Transition

Assistive Technology and Transition

This Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative document provides a *Procedure Guide for Assistive Technology and Transition Planning.* The packet has a protocol that addresses the student's level of independence in daily living, use of transportation, tolerance, mobility, communication, computer access, literacy, and problem solving skills. There is also a section for addressing *AT Device Specific Skills,* as well as a section for *AT Management Skills* and *Goal Setting Skills.* The next section includes a portfolio for students who are transitioning that assists the team in collecting documentation for the portfolio on assistive technology.

Assistive Technology and Transition Planning

This short document talks about writing the IEP when writing Transition Plans.

Assistive Technology and Transition to Adulthood

This PowerPoint addresses different systems and means of obtaining assistive technology, the rights and responsibilities for successful transition, and the practices for coordinating agencies during transition.

Family Information Guide to AT and Transition

This pamphlet addresses the topics of assistive technology and transition for families. Sections in the pamphlet address definitions, information to be included in the IEP, accommodations for work and life situations, laws governing transition, postsecondary, and a glossary of terms and resources.

Hey! Can I Try That?

This manual by Gayl Bowser and Penny Reed was developed to give students a voice in choosing and using assistive technology for school tasks. It has a worksheet format that allows the student to answer questions for decision making.

Making the Move

This presentation addresses the transition students make from early intervention through post-secondary and how assistive technology fits into the process of transition for each age level.

Postsecondary Education and UDL

An article on Universal Design for Learning that is helpful in defining needs for postsecondary options in curriculum.

Student Transition Portfolio

This document assists the team in recording the steps and needs of the student through transition by age. The document is from the Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative.

Supporting Transitions of AT Users

The slide presentation from the Texas Assistive Technology Network reviews the state and federal laws regarding transition planning, using AT for independence, self-determination, and transition planning.

Work, Assistive Technology & Transition-Aged Youth

This manual walks users through funding for assistive technology for older students. The information starts with students on IEPs and works through the Medicare/Medicaid and Vocational Services programs.

Apps of the Month

Choiceworks Calendar

By Bee Visual, LLC
$4.99 on iTunes
Requires iOS 7.1 or higher
Updated 10/22/15
iPad

"The Choiceworks Calendar is a powerful picture-based learning tool that helps children learn what is happening day-to-day throughout each month. By presenting the abstract concept of time in a structured, visual format, Choiceworks Calendar helps children organize their lives as well as understand sequence and time."

Schedule Planner HD

By DIGI117 LTD
Free on iTunes
Requires iOS 7.0 or higher
Updated 5/22/15
iPad

"Schedule Planner HD is a daily planning aid that helps users to organize their tasks by category and priority. The app features a practical and simple user interface that allows users to create day plans from scratch or by editing pre-existing plans from external calendars (like Google Calendar) to save time."

It's Time!—Task & ToDo Lists

By iTech Development Systems Inc.
Free on iTunes
Requires iOS 8.2 or higher
Updated 5/16/15
iPhone, iPad, iPod touch

"It's Time! Will help you to easily manage your daily tasks. It will become your best companion to your everyday life events.

"It's Time! Is an easy but powerful to-do and reminders app that will make you more productive in no time!

"It's Time! Includes support for Apple Watch so you can easily check your task and go back to what you were doing almost instantly.

"It's simple and easy to do. You can create customized lists, tasks and reminders.

"You can also unlock some additional features that will allow you to attach files, pictures, videos and audio files to your tasks."