



Communication  
Community of Practice

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Regional Meeting  
January 2017



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**RECORDING  
IN PROGRESS**

# WELCOME!!

Please Take a moment to introduce yourself using the chat feature located at the bottom right of your screen and/or your mic and voice.

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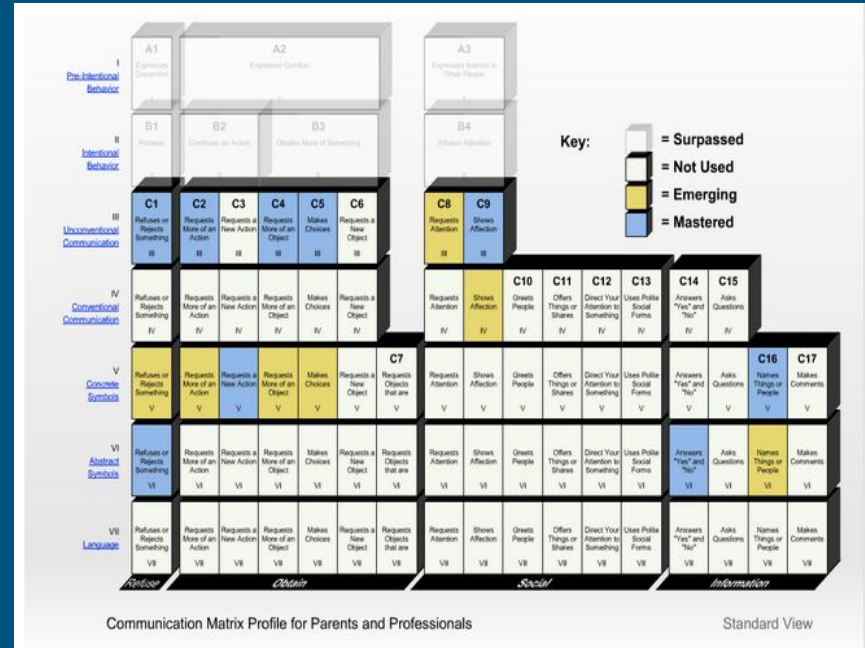
# Definition of CoP

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- Communities of Practice model of interdisciplinary collaboration-professionals from diverse disciplines, and representing diverse stakeholders, share ideas and strategies, via emergent processes, to promote a common shared agenda (Wenger, McDermott, & Snyder, 2002).
- As defined by the IDEA Partnership (2013), a community of practice (CoP) consists of a group of professionals who care deeply about a common issue and decide to work together voluntarily to improve practice related to that issue.

# AT Corner

## Communication Matrix



# Upcoming Trainings & Opportunitites

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## Indiana

LAMP Training  
Clark Middle School, St. John, Indiana  
March 23-24, 2017

**Language Acquisition through Motor  
Planning (LAMP) Extended Course:  
Highlighting Local Clients**

PECS  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
April 23-24, 2017

**Picture Exchange Communication Level 1  
Training**

## Elsewhere

Pittsburgh AAC Language Seminar Series.

**The Pittsburgh AAC Language Seminar  
Series provides the help you need to support  
language development with children and  
adults using Minspeak systems.**

FREE Online Courses through the AAC  
Institute

**[https://aacinstitute.org/legacy/welcometoaac  
issp.html](https://aacinstitute.org/legacy/welcometoaac<br/>issp.html)**



# PATINS Trainings

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For FREE trainings please  
peruse the PATINS Training  
Calendar for the most up to  
date trainings available.



# Opportunities in Your Area

Share  
Professional Development  
Trainings

Reasons to Celebrate!!



# AEM Shoutout



Please Share any strides  
your district, team or  
classroom is making with  
education and  
implementation of  
Accessible  
Educational  
Materials!

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# Shared Resources

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Bluffton Harrison MSD School Employees have created a series of youtube videos that address core words and words of the week. Check them out:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBgSa-fRpJAGYpvIQssuC1A>

# Topics to Discuss...

- AT in the General Education classrooms
- ALI in action, using google forms to collect data
- Discussions on different ways to implement AAC in the classrooms with multiple students/getting teachers & IAs on board.
- Activities/Ideas that incorporate the use of device/vocabulary training within the daily school routine
- Taking data on student use of a device/words used
- How to find time to train classroom staff/parents/peers on communication devices.
- Sharing treatment activities or ideas

# Central Feedback

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# Regional Feedback

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Words of advice: "Jump in without an expectation that the kiddo will respond"

Request for solutions to the expense of sending items back to the Lending Library:

- PATINS WILL offer return shipping on items borrowed. The details and logistics of how that will work will be shared soon.

How can I help students with limited interests/bag of tricks for Aug Com needs:

- Working on "on" "off" or "more." One SLP uses youtube music on her iPhone to gather interest
- Also mentioned is a focus on aided language stimulation for staff



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How can I help students with limited interests/bag of tricks for Aug Com needs:

- Simple Switch Games
  - <http://www.shinylearning.co.uk/freegames/>
  - <http://tarheelreader.org/2015/10/14/tar-heel-gameplay/>
- Providing lots of opportunities and establishing an environment rich with these options.

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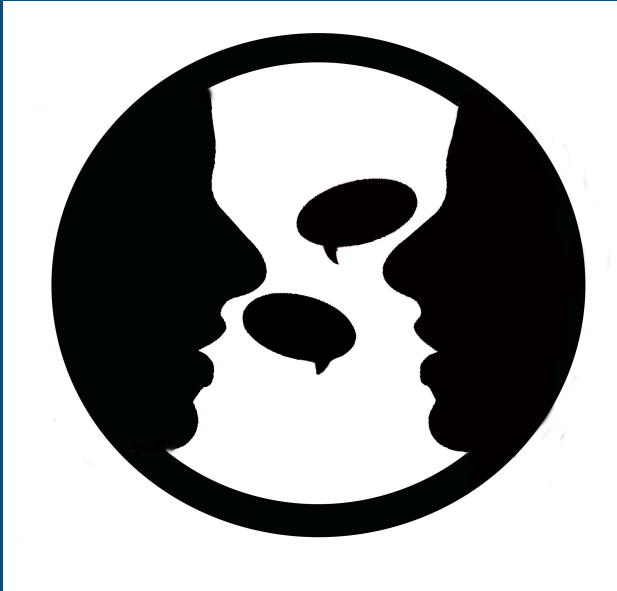
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How can I help students with limited interests/bag of tricks for Aug Com needs:

- Hex Bugs! An SLP and Aug Com expert from Chicago Public Schools shared this idea with our team: They sell them on Amazon and at Target. They make every kid perform for me! Start high with an iPad/app with almost everything hidden and work on “go” and “stop” with the bugs.



# Central



- Specific Student Cases
- Successes & Issues
- Problem Solving Suggestions
- Data Tracking
- Keeping services going from year to year

# Next Steps

- Future Meeting Times and Days
- Frequency of Meetings
- Meeting Topic Suggestions
- Questions/Comments

# PGP Points

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Please fill out this brief questionnaire for PGP points for today's meeting:

<http://bit.ly/ComCopPGP>