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AAC is More than a Communication Device

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Where: Highwood Library Community Room, 102 Highwood Ave., Highwood, IL 60040

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The handout may be posted online prior to the meeting (per presenter preference).

Activity Description: This presentation will focus on 2 good practices in AAC: 1) that communication systems be multi-modal, 2) that there should always be a lite tech option. The role of unaided, paper-based, and static display SGDs will be discussed. Practical examples of how to implement these types of systems will be provided.

Agenda:	5:30-6:00	Registration and business meeting
	6:00-6:05	Introduction of speaker and disclosures
	6:05-6:15	Definitions in AAC and AAC good practices
	6:15-6:30	Role of unaided AAC
	6:30-7:15	Role of paper-based AAC
	7:15-7:45	Role of static display SGDs and text-based systems
	7:45-8:00	Q&A

Learning Objectives:

The participants will:

1. Describe 3 types of augmentative alternative communication supports.
2. Explain why communication systems should have multiple modalities for expression.
3. Discuss the role of non-voice output methods of AAC in supporting communication development.

Disclosure

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