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Assistive Technology (AT) Teams Training Project Applications Now Available

Applications are online now for this year's *AT Teams Training Project*. School districts, ESD's and EI/ECSE programs are invited to apply to participate in this year's training project. Up to seven teams will be selected to participate in three, two-day team training events at little or no cost, in February, March and April of 2012. The focus of the training is to help teams create systems that make sense for their district or program's local needs, demographics and resources. For more information about training events, dates, and to access the application, go to <http://www.otap-oregon.org/Pages/ATTeamsProject.aspx>. If you have questions, please call Diana Roberts at 541-957-4834, or email diana.roberts@douglasesd.k12.or.us.

AT Now! Conference

MARCH 1 & 2, 2012



Mark your calendars for the AT Now! Conference, March 1 & 2, 2012, at the Northwest Regional ESD, in Hillsboro. Now in its second year, the conference features a full-day general session keynote speaker followed by a second day of half-day and day-long, in-depth breakout sessions by local and nationally-known experts in assistive technology. The conference is geared for special and general educators, AT specialists, Speech-Language Pathologists, parents or anyone who has a student with special needs in the classroom.

KEYNOTE

This year, our keynote speaker will be Dr. Denise DaCoste, OTR, Special Educator, and AT specialist, presenting on "AT Service Delivery: Building Capacity in a Digital Age". Her 5-1/2-hour session will focus on the use of technology to support all students in accessing the learning environment and instructional materials. At mid-day, we will break for small-group discussions on current issues in assistive technology provision.

BREAKOUT SESSION PRESENTER APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Day two will feature a variety of half-day and full-day breakout sessions on the many uses of technology for students with disabilities. Both lecture and computer lab sessions will be offered on topics such as technology tools to enhance literacy, assistive technology assessment and implementation, technology for computer access, and augmentative communication. We invite you to submit a breakout session proposal. **Presenter Proposal Forms** are available at the following link with a deadline to submit of November 14, 2011. <http://www.otap-oregon.org/Pages/Annual Assistive Technology Conference.aspx>

POSTER SESSIONS AND VENDOR EXHIBIT APPLICATIONS

Vendor exhibits will be on Friday. If you are a **VENDOR**, we invite you to

Coming Events

Assistive Technology Industry Association World Conference – ATIA

November 3-5, 2011
Chicago, IL

January 26-28, 2012
Orland, FL

ATIA will showcase the latest innovations in Assistive Technology and offer hundreds of excellent professional development opportunities. For more information call 877-687-2842 or check the web at www.atia.org.

2011 TASH Conference

November 30-December 3, 2011
Hilton Atlanta in Atlanta, Ga.
Visit www.tash.org/2011tash to learn more and register.

CSUN 2012 Conference

February 27- March 3, 2012
San Diego, CA.
California State University, Northridge Center on Disabilities' 27th Annual International Technology and Persons with Disabilities Conference. Visit conference@csun.edu

OTAP Assistive Technology Conference - AT Now!

March 1 & 2, 2012
Northwest Regional ESD, Hillsboro OR
Keynote: Dr. Denise DeCoste "AT Service Delivery: Building Capacity in a Digital Age". For more information, visit our website at: www.otap-oregon.org. Click on the Trainings Link.

Web Classes

Offered through Portland State University

Winter Term 2012

Collaborative Assistive Technology Assessment
Deadline to register: December 9, 2011

Spring Term 2012

After the Assessment: Implementing Assistive Technology Programs

download an application from our website, at:

[http://www.otap-oregon.org/Pages/Annual Assistive Technology Conference.aspx](http://www.otap-oregon.org/Pages/Annual%20Assistive%20Technology%20Conference.aspx)

Concurrent with Vendor exhibits, Poster Sessions will be offered to nonprofit providers, whose services are free of charge. To apply, contact Terry Christenson in the OTAP office to request an application be sent to you.

Watch for registration information about the AT Now Conference at www.otap-oregon.org after January 2, 2012.

Training Opportunity from Don Johnston

Workshop: AIM: How to Make Curriculum Accessible to Struggling Students
Presenters: Jason Burke, Don Johnston, Inc.
Nate Dallimore, Care Innovations (*makers of Intel Reader*)
Date: Tuesday, November 15. **Register by: November 7, 2011**
Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (lunch included)
Cost: Free
Location: Multnomah ESD - East/West Room
11611 NE Ainsworth Circle, Portland, Or 97220
To Register: Contact Terry Christenson by November 7, 2011
terry.christenson@douglasesd.k12.or.us or 541-440-4791.

Discover new resources for delivering accessible instructional material (AIM) for students who struggle with print text and tools that transition from reading to writing. Proven tools and resources will be explored including Read: OutLoud, the Intel Reader and Bookstream; the new cloud service for simplifying your eBook library. If there is time we will discover other intervention solutions offered by Don Johnston including Co:Writer. Hands-on workshop and group discussion.

NEW in the OTAP Library

iPads! and other Great Assistive Technology Now Available

Communication iPad: Comes with Proloquo2go and many other communication apps. It is housed in a hard plastic shell that protects and enables portability with a handle. The apps support many different levels of AAC and articulation. **Item #256**

Motor Development iPad: Loaded with apps to enhance fine and gross motor development, including Fruit Ninja, WhiteBoard, Kids Draw, iWritewords, and many others. This iPad also includes a wireless keyboard and stylus. **Item #260**

Academic iPad: This iPad comes loaded with a number of electronic reading apps, and other apps for math, word prediction, time-telling, vocabulary, and many more. Easy to use for people who are deaf or hard of hearing, or who have a vision impairment. Comes with VoiceOver, the first gesture-based screen reader for users who are blind. Supports more than 30 Bluetooth wireless Braille displays. The zoom function allows magnification of the entire screen for any application, and will zoom up to five times the normal size. Closed captioning displays subtitles for users who are deaf or hard of hearing. **Item #265**

Panasonic ToughBook: This laptop has a touch screen which folds into a tablet for taking handwritten notes which can later be converted into printed text. The tablet may also be used with cause and effect software. This laptop is very durable- drop,

For further information, visit <http://www.otap-oregon.org/Pages/OTAPClassesontheWeb.aspx> or contact Terry Christenson at 541-440 4791 or email terry.christenson@douglasesd.k12.or.us.

Assistive Technology Custom Workshops for Your Staff

Each year, OTAP offers workshops on assistive technology which can be delivered to your staff on-site. Topics range from hands-on training on adaptive software programs, to information and facilitated discussion on AT services and district processes. To view the list of trainings, click on the following: <http://www.otap-oregon.org/Pages/ProfessionalDevelopmentOpportunities.aspx>

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shock and spill resistant. **Item #254**

Netbook: A small portable laptop with an assortment of writing tools installed. This is for evaluation to determine if a smaller portable device meets an individual's needs better than a typical sized laptop. Items installed are Read:Outloud, Natural Reader, Balabolka and Microsoft Word. **Item#273**

Intel Reader with Stand: Point, shoot and listen for quick reading. High resolution camera quickly converts print to digital text and reads it aloud. Download and play content such as MP3's, DAISY books, or text from a PC or Mac. **Item #255**

Quick Start Environmental Control Kit: Designed for assistive technology trainers, speech language pathologists and educators, this kit includes a Power Link 4, Jelly Bean Switch, Switch Latch, Jelly Beamer and Battery interrupter, everything needed for training, assessment and classroom startup. **Item #257**

Chat PC Silk+: Designed for the individual who primarily uses symbols/pictures for communication, the Silk is typically used via picture selection, but also includes a basic alphabet page for spelling letter-by-letter words and phrases. Choose the *Silk+* model for individuals who are not yet functionally literate and who still primarily use pictures for communication, but who are demonstrating emerging and actively developing literacy. Includes word prediction, letter prediction, abbreviation/expansion, ability to edit and save text files, and switch scanning. **Item #258**

AT /AC Contact Lists

OTAP would like to create a listing of Assistive Technology and Augmentative Communication contacts throughout Oregon. The list will serve as a point of contact for collegial networking, information sharing, and communication between providers when a student is seen in a clinic or moves from one district to another. If you or a colleague would like to be included in either an AT or an AC contact list, please send your email, phone, agency name and mailing address to terry.christenson@douglasesd.k12.or.us. Be sure to include AT or AC Contact List in the subject line.

Announcing...

- RFB&D has changed its name to *Learning Ally*. In addition, there is now a cost for individual memberships. See Learning Ally's Oregon Support page at <http://www.learningally.org/oregon/>.
- Bookshare now has an iPad app. Look for *Read2Go*, from Benetech, in the App Store. Use the app to browse, download, and read books directly from Bookshare using your Bookshare membership. \$19.99.
- FAAD, www.FreeappADay.com. Selected apps daily, free for 48 hours.

2011-12 OTAP Workshop Offerings

To access a listing of OTAP's 2011-12 Workshop Offerings, click on the following link (link) or go to www.otap-oregon.org