Communication and Learning Strategies for Individuals with Rett Syndrome
Presented by Linda Burkhart

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Individuals with Rett Syndrome face a variety of challenges to communication and learning. Severe apraxia / dyspraxia, breathing challenges, anxiety, and associated health issues make it difficult for them to move their bodies according to their own intent. Neurologically driven hand stereotypies and the decreased ability to demonstrate what they know, often make them appear more cognitively impaired than they actually are.

Reaching these children’s underlying cognitive abilities is challenging. How do you help them to juggle the motor coordination, sensory processing, communication, language, and cognition needed to effectively communicate their thoughts? How can we begin to look at assessment as a dynamic process that is integrated into instruction through meaningful and purposeful contexts? How can you modify communication systems and classroom materials to be accessible? How do you teach them to access non-electronic and electronic communication systems? Practical strategies and case examples will be shared.

Participants will be able to:
• Explain how dyspraxia / apraxia and other neurological differences impact communication and learning for individuals who have Rett Syndrome.
• Describe practical strategies that enhance learning potential for children with Rett Syndrome
• Discuss strategies for teaching access to non-electronic and electronic forms of communication
• Explain strategies for modifying curriculum and describe how testing may be integrated into natural contexts.

About Linda
Linda Burkhart was a classroom teacher for fifteen years and then spent eight years working as an Augmentative Communication and Assistive Technology Specialist for the Centre for Technology in Education- a joint venture between the Johns Hopkins University and the Maryland State Department of Education. She is an internationally known leader in the field of assistive technology for children with severe challenges. She has developed numerous adapted switches and innovative strategies for using these devices with children. She is the author of a number of books and software titles on topics of assistive technology and augmentative communication. Currently Linda works as a private consultant and technology integration specialist
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