

2024 Assistive Technology Expo Agenda

Exhibit Hall Opens at 8:30 a.m.

Exhibit Hall Closes at 4:00 p.m.

Session 1: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Community Resource Panel Discussion: Saving for the Future with the Palmetto ABLE Savings Program, Introduction to DisabilityRightsSC, and How to get connected with Family Connections

Presenters: Karen Crider, BA, Rebekah D. Spannagel, JD, Sherry Larson

Room Location: Carolina

CEU: TBD

Participants will learn about three community resources that can help people with disabilities and how to access these programs when needed.

Google Workspace and EdTech Tools Accessible for Everyone

Presenter: Melissa Ann Epps, Certified CTE/Business/Technology Teacher, Google Certified Trainer, EdS, Education Leadership, MS, Curriculum & Design, MA, Technology in Education, BS, Business Administration with Computer Information Science

Room Location: Lexington A&B

CEU: TBD

This session will provide an overview of Google Workspace accessibility for learners. Participants will discover practical strategies, best practices, and cutting-edge tools to make Google Workspace a more accessible and accommodating platform. Bring your own technology.

Easy AT for Living with Vision Loss

Presenters: Kelley Rawl, MED, CLVT-CPO, Amanda Stolz, COMS and TVI, and Samantha McGovern, COMS, CLVT, VRT

Room Location: Richland A

CEU: TBD

Participants will learn about commercially available products including low tech devices, talking devices, and smart technologies to assist people with vision loss in activities of daily living.

Early Implementation of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)

Presenter: Catherine Stromberg, MCD, CCC-SLP

Room Location: Richland B&C

CEU: TBD

Participants will learn evidence-based practices related to early implementation of AAC with different diagnoses including Selective Mutism, Autism, Apraxia, among others and the impact on functional communication. The presenter will share multiple case studies and the impact of AAC on functional communication with planned long term and short-term use. Ethical implications of short-term use of an AAC device will be discussed.

Session 2: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Assistive Technology & Medical Equipment Availability: Assessing Proposed Rule 504 Changes

Presenters: Dori Tempio, MS, Senior Director of Community Education and Mandy Halloran, Director of public Health and Disability

Room Location: Carolina

CEU: TBD

Participants will learn about the proposed regulatory updates and their impact on the availability of Assistive Technology and Medical Equipment. The presenter will share insight into how health equity is affected by limited accessibility to medical equipment and assistive technology. Rule 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 updates will be provided as it relates to medical equipment and assistive technology.

Microsoft Accessibility Checker Workshop

Presenters: Courtney Leach, CPACC and Madalina Tudora, ATP, Assistive Technology and Accessibility Consultant

Room Location: Lexington A&B

CEU: TBD

Do you know how to make documents and presentations accessible? This session will explore using the built-in accessibility checker in Microsoft Word documents and Power Point presentations. Bring your own technology.

Adaptive Parenting: AT Devices for Caregivers with Physical Disabilities

Presenters: Christey Kirk, COTA/L, ATP and Brittany Hawley, OTR/L, ATP

Room Location: Richland A

CEU: TBD

Participants will learn how to use the HAAT model to identify assistive technology for caregivers/parents with physical disabilities to safely perform childcare tasks. This presentation will address products and adaptive strategies used to assist with safe transportation, dressing, bathing, feeding, and infant social interaction will be discussed. Presenters will share further knowledge and resources on adaptive/assistive technology support for caregivers with physical disabilities.

Learning to Communicate with Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC): Implementing Best Practices and Avoiding Myths

Presenters: Sharon Walters, MA, CCC-SLP, PhD and Amy Welch, Teacher and School District AT Team Member

Room Location: Richland B&C

CEU: TBD

AAC communication can be an academic and behavioral game changer for students with limited communication skills. Some AAC users experience limited progress learning how to use AAC for functional communication. Teams may be unsure of how to facilitate the use of AAC with learners, especially those who demonstrate challenging behaviors. Participants will learn research-based techniques for teaching individuals how to use low and high tech AAC and will discuss AAC myths to avoid.

Session 3: 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Mobile Accessibility: Leveraging a Mobile Device for Accessible Technology Experiences

Presenters: Dow Hammond, CPACC and Mary Prouty, Digital Accessibility Developer

Room Location: Carolina

CEU: TBD

Join us in an interactive session on mobile accessibility as we dive into the power of virtual assistants (e.g., Siri, Google Assistant), accessibility settings, and apps designed to assist people with disabilities. This isn't just a talk; it's a dynamic session where you'll transform your understanding of mobile accessibility. Discover how mobile devices can be tech allies through an immersive experience for all participants.

Digital Accessibility Updates for School Districts from the SC Department of Education (SCDE) Accessibility Team and the Office of Education Technology and Accessibility (OETA)

Presenters: Valarie Byrd, MA, Lydia Hutto, MA, Sean Osborne, CPACC, Courtney Leach, CPACC, Madalina Tudora, ATP, Assistive Technology and Accessibility Consultant

Room Location: Lexington A&B

CEU: TBD

Participants will learn about various accessibility initiatives currently deployed statewide, digital accessibility training opportunities offered by SCDE, District Accessibility Courtesy Observations (DACO) Initiative, and other Accessibility and AT collaboration opportunities.

Combining Do It Yourself (DIY) and Purchased Assistive Technology (AT) in the Workplace

Presenter: Julie Dutchess, ATP, BA, Communication Disorders

Room Location: Richland A

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Participants will learn about the benefits of combining DIY and “off-the-shelf” AT to make accommodations and/or modifications in the workplace setting to allow individuals to be as independent and efficient as possible. Part One of the presentation will discuss and demonstration ideas of AT for individuals with varying impairments including sensory, cognitive, physical, and mental health in multiple types of employment settings and jobs. The presenters will review the process for AT decision making and ways to consider and use various levels of AT. When discussing DIY options, multiple materials and methods will be showcased. Part Two of the presentation will discuss how combining DIY and purchased AT can be beneficial in the work setting via case studies.

Assistive Technology in the WorkPlace Panel Discussion

Facilitators: Angela N. McLeod, PhD, CCC-SLP and Rachell Johnson, MCD, CCC-SLP, ATP

Room Location: Richland B&C

CEU: TBD

Assistive Technology (AT) can help a person gain, maintain, and improve functional skills in the workplace. Join this session to hear firsthand experiences of AT users in their work environments.