

# IN PERSON EVENING WORKSHOP

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## AAC...Easy as 1-2-3!

### School-Based AAC Strategies & Goals for Overall Language & Communication

(Augmentative and Alternative Communication)

For Teachers, Related Service Providers & Others

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Family of Kidz Corporate Office - Conference Room Lower Level

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**Audience:**  Teachers  School Leaders  Social Workers  Speech/Language Pathologists  LMHCs  Psychologists (Licensed & School)  
**Age Range:**  Preschool  Elementary  Middle School  High School **Course Level/Learning Methods:** Intermediate; Lecture

When thinking about Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC), many believe that it is only a device that provides voice output and is used only for students with no verbal speech. That is not always the case. There are many different forms of AAC, which can be used with a wide range of ages, academic skills, and disabilities.

This workshop will explore how to expand the implementation of AAC in schools for both new and experienced AAC users, and how to utilize AAC in both the classroom and related service settings. Participants will learn the speaker's "easy" explanation of AAC based on how it can be used to promote 1. Accessibility, 2. Academics, and 3. Communication.

The presentation will provide an overview of types of AAC and strategies for programming select systems based on the student's age, disability, and current academic/language skills. Participants will learn how to implement AAC systems, including instruction in the classroom and related service settings. Research-based methods that can be used to teach language and AAC use via a collaborative team approach will also be discussed.

**Learner Objectives** - As a result of this activity, participant will be able to:

- identify an appropriate AAC system based on an individual student and their needs
- explain how to modify programming for individual learners' capabilities
- discuss how to implement use of the device in different settings

#### Agenda

- Overview of Types of AAC (15 min)
- Background of AAC Programming (45 min)
- Break (15 min)
- Strategies for accessible AAC use in Classroom & Related Service Settings (105 min)
- Conclusion/Q&A/Review (15 min)

#### Biographical Information:

**Angela Paoli, M.A. CCC-SLP, TSSLD** is a NYS Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist and is currently an employee at Family of Kidz. She received her dual BA in Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences & Linguistics, and her MA in Speech-Language Pathology, both from Hofstra University. Prior to working at Family of Kidz, she worked with children with various disabilities and ages in public schools, private schools, preschools, homes, and clinics. She currently provides direct care to students with autism and multiple disabilities varying in ages 5-21, as well as AAC consultation and evaluation services. Her primary interests include autism and AAC use in varied settings.

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