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Workshop Presenter
Able Opportunities, Inc.

- ◆ 30 years working in schools and adult service agencies, collaborating with teams to provide optimal service and clear choices to individuals with a broad spectrum of disAbilities.
- ◆ 26 years playing and working in the Deaf and Deaf-Blind communities of Seattle & Alaska
- ◆ 23 years consulting as a Deaf & Hard of Hearing Specialist and Deaf-Blind Specialist for schools and statewide service agencies
- ◆ 20 years specializing in concrete communication systems for individuals who are non-linguistic due to a range of diagnosis
- ◆ Expert witness, consultation for teams working with deaf, hard of hearing & deaf blind students.
- ◆ Positive vision and respect for all people, embracing our diversity and unique contributions
- ◆ Certified CRP and IL Vendor for DVR, DDD, DSB, L& I
- ◆ Nationally accredited thru CARF

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Recreation & Leisure is the focus of this weekend. Come have fun with options for communication strategies specific to enjoyable activities with children who are not fluent with formal language. Activities are designed for those with dual sensory loss and/or processing issues that cause a barrier to language access. Everyone leaves the weekend with a choice board and tangible symbols in hand. All participants receive a notebook with handouts for the construction and use of the tools discussed in this workshop, steps to build on these systems and resources for seeking further education.

Comments from previous Participants:

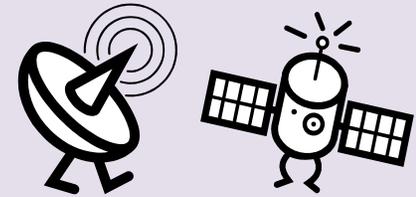
"I loved the hands on learning, the notebook of information, the communication tools we made and the tons of stuff in my head!"

"This training was very fun-a great way to learn! This information is applicable and relevant to everyone I work with."

"Usually I go to training and get a day long (sometimes longer) earful of huge, grandiose theories and political speeches, and as they say, the best way to kill a good theory is to put it into practice. But you train about the everyday steps that make huge impacts in the lives of the people I serve. Thank You."

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DAKOTA
FAMILY DEAF BLIND PROJECTS



Relationship Based
Communication Strategies

A Hands On Participatory

2-Day Workshop

By Jennifer L. White

Dates: Friday & Saturday
June 18th – 19th, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Place: La Quinta Inn & Suites
2355 46th St. South
Fargo, ND 58104
701-499-2000

Communication, You Don't Say...

► **THE WORKSHOP**

1. Identifying Formal and Informal Language and Strategies
2. Building Communication Systems
 - a. Relationship and Communication
 - b. File Cabinets of Life Experience/Information
 - c. Etiquette of Communication Modalities
 - d. Exercises – Building from Scratch
 - Sequential Thinking-Picture Stories/Toy Sculptures
 - Non-language Sentences, Concretizing Abstract Thought
 - Organizing communication for processing variance
3. Tactile Strategies/Tangible Symbols
 - a. Tactile Task Analysis, Teaching New Skills-Hand Under Hand
 - b. Sequence Boards/Calendars
 - c. Labeling Strips & Choice boards
 - Making the Tools/Hands on
4. Offering Choices, the Wellspring
5. Environments for Independence
6. Enjoyable Activities for Long-Term Success

Co-sponsored by the ND Dual Sensory Project and the National Consortium for Deaf-Blindness



► **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- ◆ No registration fees or material costs
- ◆ Please plan on attending both days
- ◆ A block of rooms will be held at La Quinta Inn & Suites under the ND Dual Sensory (Deaf-Blind) Project until May 24, 2010. Special rates of \$70 for Thursday and \$85 for Friday will be available for families and staff.
- ◆ Lunch will be provided on the first day. Attendees are on their own for lunch the 2nd day.
- ◆ Space is limited, so please register early by mail or by fax
- ◆ This is a fun, hands on workshop, please come dressed for comfort.
- ◆ For additional information or to request special accommodations contact:

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Workshop Registration

Sign up for: Relationship-Based Communication Strategies

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Organization

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We look forward to seeing you there!