



Open House was a Success!

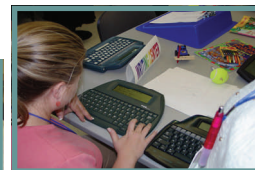
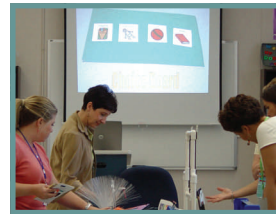
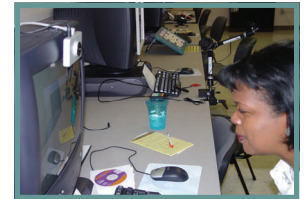
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Avery is using EZ Keys with word prediction to produce written work.

Our Open House was held on April 28, 2005 and it was a big success. There were over 34 visitors which included teachers, occupational therapists, speech therapists, technology coordinators, school board members, superintendents, and representatives from State Department of Education. Stations were set up throughout the room and the visitors were allowed to play. Many were amazed at the technology available to students today.



Upcoming Events

- 5/3-**
Regional Staff Meeting,
Gonzales
- 5/4-6-**
Solutions for AT
Conference, Baton Rouge
- 5/12-**
Region 1 Open House,
New Orleans
- 6/15-18-**
Summer Institute, Baton
Rouge

UPCOMING TRAININGS

AT/AAC Functional Assessment	8:30—3:30	July 19, 2005
Seating & Positioning	8:30—3:30	July 21, 2005
Adapting Story Books	8:30—3:30	July 26, 2005
Activities with Classroom Suite	8:30—3:30	July 28, 2005
Using AT/ACC All Day Long	8:30—3:30	August 2, 2005
Boardmaker & Beyond	8:30—3:30	August 4, 2005

Contact 225-621-2538 if interested in one or more of the trainings.

Using EZ Keys with Alicia Ketchum



Alicia Ketchum is a 25 year old woman who has athetoid cerebral palsy. All through her education, teachers pushed Alicia

to learn. Because of this, she graduated with a high school diploma and went to college. She was very successful in school and determined not to let her disability get in the way of her dreams. She earned a degree in drafting and is now employed by BodyTech. She uses her head and a computer with EZ Keys to control her computer and create keyguards using AutoCad.

Alicia is an inspiration to us all.



Using Color



The use of color in reading and copying tasks has been debated for decades. Color filters are low tech assistive technology tools which may help students with a variety of disabilities. Children report that “letters stop moving,” that the “fuzzy letters are gone” or that they can actually “see the spaces” between words. In other cases, students attend to the task for longer periods of time, claim much less eye strain, or show immediate improvements in their handwriting when copying.

Many word processors allow you to change text color. Some computer programs are set up to easily change text, background, and highlighting colors. Programs like these allow you to place two colors on the screen.

Color Tips

YELLOW	Background color for “an uneven arousal threshold”
NEON GREEN/ HOT PINK	Best affects ability to attend to reading or copying tasks for ADD/ADHD
NAVY	Background for visual impairments
YELLOW	Background for autism
RED	Background or text for developmental delays

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