



Region 3 AT Center

A PROJECT OF THE LOUISIANA ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

GET SETT FOR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY WITH JOY ZABALA A GREAT SUCCESS!!!

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Joy Zabala conducted a two day training on February 8-9, 2006 at the Terrebonne Parish Main Library in Houma. The SETT (student, environment, task and tools) framework is one of the leading models for determining assistive technology needs for students with disabilities.



There were 83 participants who attended the training which included special education teachers, regular education teachers, speech pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists,

pupil appraisal and university personnel.



The presentation began with 10 things everyone should know about AT to include laws, overview of AT tools, and how AT services follows a student-centered process with a team approach. Joy then took the participants through the SETT



framework in which participants worked in groups to go through the process of looking at the Student, Environment and Tasks before determining the Tools.

"Enjoyed the training— great presenter"

"Joy made the workshop fun and is so knowledgeable"

"SETT forms will be most useful in developing a plan for students"

"My favorite part was the interaction with other attendees in group activities"

"Ms. Zabala was easy to listen to and follow"

"Helped me organize the knowledge that I had somewhere"

SUMMER INSTITUTE

The Assistive Technology Summer Institute is an annual training project of the Louisiana Assistive Technology Initiative (LATI). The 2006 institute will provide training in the following three strands: AT for Reading, AT for Writing, and AT for Math and Study/Organizational Skills. Each strand consists of a 3-day training module that will provide information, hands-on activities, lesson plans and correlation to LA content standards. Participants

JUNE 27–29, 2006

may register for one strand and must be present for all three days of the institute. Single day registration is not permitted. Seating is limited!!!

The institute will be June 27-29, 2006 from 8am to 4pm and will be at LCET on the Louisiana School for the Deaf campus. Register by going to:

www.solutionswhere.com/ldoe/cw/showconference.asp?427

“AT” AT A GLANCE FOR DYSLEXIA CENTER

On February 1, 2006 the Louisiana Center for Dyslexia and Related Learning Disorders at Nicholls State University hosted an “AT” at a Glance that was conducted by our center. The presentation consisted of a continuum of AT tools from low tech to high tech solutions. Stations of tools were set up to assist students with writing, reading, copying and math. Faculty and students were able to come during the day



“I learned that different colors help certain people with reading”



to look and try different AT tools. Many students were excited to see new tools that could assist them in the classroom and to become more independent. They even taught us some strategies and tools that they already use.

If your parish or agency would like to host an “AT” at a Glance please contact Kristie or Sharon at (225)621-2538

REQUEST A TRAINING

Need a specific training for your school/parish? We at the Region III AT Center can help you. We have many trainings designed that would be beneficial to our Region. However, the area of assistive technology is very broad and we can customize trainings specifically for your schools/parishes/organizations needs.

We can offer trainings at our center or come to your school/parish/organization.

The trainings can be after school (1 1/2 hours), 1/2 day (3 hours) or a whole day (6 hours). These trainings are beneficial to all populations including speech therapists, OT’s, special education teacher, administrators, pupil appraisal, parents, students, other service providers, etc.

To request a training for your school/parish/organization or have any questions, please contact our center at 225-621-2538.



Intellikeys & Overlay Maker 3



PixWriter/Writing with Symbols



Alphasmart/Neo/Dana



Tools for Communication

2006 SOLUTIONS FOR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

It is time once again for the annual Solutions for AT Conference put on by Adaptive Solutions. The conference will be on May 3-5 at the Marriott Hotel in Baton Rouge. It will be three exciting and informative days featuring the devices and

software crucial in the field of Assistive Technology.

The Region 3 AT staff will be presenting “Functional Use of AT Across Daily Routines” -so come and join us.

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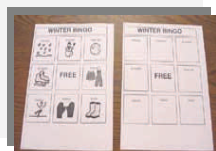
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INTEGRATING AT INTO THE CLASSROOM

Theme: Winter Bingo

Adaptations from: Julie Maro

- ◆ Select your target vocabulary.
- ◆ Create bingo boards using Boardmaker. Boards can be created to address symbol or picture matching and/or word matching.



- ◆ Print duplicate copies of the bingo boards and cut apart one copy.
- ◆ Laminate Bingo boards and symbols. If necessary, attach Velcro to bingo boards so symbols won't come off.

Theme: Hibernation (Brown Bear, Brown Bear)

AAC/AT

- ◆ BIGmack/One-Step: Program "What do you see?"
- ◆ Overlays of animals and colors

Fine Motor: Bear Cave

- ◆ Have a big box ready with a hole cut out in front big enough for the kids to crawl into.
- ◆ Paint/decorate box as a cave - use your imagination!

Gross Motor: Brown Bear, Brown Bear, Sleep

- ◆ Play as Duck, Duck, Goose
- ◆ Kids sit in circle around bear cave
- ◆ BIGmack: Program "Sleep", Step-by-step or Randomizer: Program: "brown bear"

brown bear" "sleep"

- ◆ When a student gets caught they have to crawl into the cave and "sleep"



The Special Education Technology—British Columbia (SET-BC) has a wonderful website that provides a wealth of resources and training modules regarding educational strategies and assistive technology solutions for students with disabilities.

Resources and training modules are broken down into categories: vision, access, augmentative communication and general technology.

www.setbc.org

AT Tips

Organization Tips

Rain gutters can be mounted low on a classroom wall to keep books and overlays within easy reach.

Mounting Symbols

Picture symbols can be mounted on a variety of mediums including:

- Styrofoam bakery plates
- Business card magnets
- Frozen juice container lids
- Clear acrylic picture frames

Choice Boards

Make choice boards using foam core board. Check local picture framing places for discarded pieces of foam core. Check with businesses that use a sturdy material for in-store signs. See if they will donate them when done with them.

BoardMaker Ideas

Use “search by initial letter” to locate pictures for articulation/phonology targets.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| March 3, 2006 | Accessibility with Classroom Suite, Region 3 AT Center |
| March 7, 2006 | Low Tech Make & Take, Region 3 AT Center |
| March 20–25, 2006 | CSUN, Los Angeles, CA
www.csun.edu/cod/conf/index.htm |
| March 28, 2006 | Stages & Evaluware, Region 3 AT Center |
| March 30, 2006 | Alphasmart/Neo/Dana, Region 3 AT Center |
| April 7, 2006 | Switches: 1&2 Step Scanning, Region 3 AT Center |
| May 3-5, 2006 | Solutions for AT Conference, Baton Rouge
www.adaptive-sol.com/conference.htm |
| May 9, 2006 | Things You Want to Know About MS Word, Region 3 AT Center |
| May 11, 2006 | Symbol Processors, Region 3 AT center |
| May 16, 2006 | Low Tech Tools for Inclusive Education, Region 3 AT Center |
| June 27-29, 2006 | LATI 2nd Annual Summer Institute, Baton Rouge
www.doe.state.la.us/lde/specialp/1538.html (coming soon) |
| July 5-7, 2006 | NECC, San Diego, CA
center.uoregon.edu/ISTE/NECC2006/ |