

## Cortical Visual Impairment: The Everyday Impact on People who use AAC

*Presented by Christine Roman-Lantzy, Ph.D.*



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**SEMINAR DESCRIPTION:** This webinar focuses on people in the AAC community who are at risk for cortical visual impairment (CVI). CVI is the largest cause of visual impairment in children. Because vision plays a key role in the development of language & communication, and because AAC approaches depend so heavily on vision, family members and AAC providers need to know about CVI. This webinar will increase awareness & provide strategies for assessing and planning interventions for individuals with CVI.

**PRESENTER BIO:** Dr. Christine Roman-Lantzy, Ph.D. is a world leader in furthering understanding, assessment, and intervention strategies for individuals with Cortical Vision Impairment (CVI). She created the widely used CVI Range - a functional vision assessment tool. Dr. Roman-Lantzy lectures internationally regarding CVI educational materials and strategies. She remains clinically active, working closely with children with CVI and their families. She has degrees in Elementary Education and Special Education/ Visual Impairment, with a Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh. Her research has demonstrated that the caregivers of infants are able to reliably report the presence or absence of characteristics of CVI. Dr. Roman-Lantzy is Director of the Pediatric VIEW Program at The Western Pennsylvania Hospital, Pittsburgh PA. She recently revised her book, *Cortical Visual Impairment: An Approach to Assessment and Intervention*, and is testing a screening instrument that identifies infants with CVI. She also works closely with AAC teams, helping family members and clinicians develop visual skills while building language, fostering communication, learning, and participation.

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## Participants will be able to:

- Discuss when to refer individuals for a CVI assessment based on (1) diagnosis, (2) interpretation of ophthalmologist report, (3) behavioral characteristics of CVI.
- List at least two tools /resources that can address vision while supporting language/ communication/other developmental areas concurrently, and do so across clinical everyday environments.
- Consider the key roles family members, SLPs, teachers, OTs and other providers play in optimizing access to language, learning and communication for children with CVI.

## TIME ORDERED AGENDA:

- 5 minutes Introduction of Speaker, USSAAC, and topic
- 5 minutes Introduction of CVI
- 10 minutes Diagnosis of CVI
- 25 minutes CVI Characteristics
- 10 minutes Interventions and Supports
- 5 minutes Q & A

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