

Transitioning from School to Adult Life in the Context of AAC: One SLP's Perspective

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ABOUT THE PRESENTER:

Jennifer Seale is a speech-language pathologist and is the current director of the Waisman Center AAC program, where she engages in AAC research, clinical practice, education, outreach, training, and technical assistance. Seale is dedicated to clinical research that translates to practice and is informed by lived experience. She uses mixed-methodological approaches to examine experiences of all AAC stakeholders to gain a deeper understanding of variously situated augmented interactions. Seale has been practicing AAC and engaged in research for over fifteen years. She is also an active member of USSAAC's advocacy committee.

SEMINAR DESCRIPTION:

The transition from adolescence to young adulthood is an important life passage for everyone. This webinar will examine policy, supports and systems in place for individuals who use augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) when they are in school. Likewise, policy, systems and supports available to young adults who use AAC after leaving the school system will be examined. Many adults who use AAC have successfully navigated their transition from adolescence - proof can be found in the increasing presence of augmented speaker voices across all domains of the AAC field and beyond. Still, it is widely known that this transition from adolescence to adulthood can be challenging for many, for a variety of reasons. Considerations, strategies, and approaches specific to supporting successful transitions to young adulthood in the context of AAC will be highlighted.

MODERATED BY: Amy Goldman

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PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:

1. Describe at least 3 different points of transition.
2. Identify factors influencing transition in the context of AAC.
3. Understand considerations for transitioning with AAC.
4. Identify at least four resources, strategies and/or supports for transition planning.

TIME ORDERED AGENDA:

- 5 minutes: Introduction of Speakers, USSAAC and topic
- 5 minutes: Various types of transitions
- 20 minutes: Transition: What we have learned, are learning
- 15 minutes: Planning for transitions
- 10 minutes: Resources
- 5 minutes: Q & A

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Amy Goldman is the Past-President of USSAAC.

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