

Supporting Gestalt Language Processors with AAC

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PRESENTED BY: *Caroline Gaddy*



ABOUT THE PRESENTER:

Caroline Gaddy, MFA, MA, CCC-SLP (they/she) is a speech-language pathologist, AAC specialist, disability advocate, and neurodiversity educator. They are a Learning Consultant for Tobii Dynavox and also provide education and consultation on neurodiversity-affirming practices through their business, Vibrant Minds, LLC. Caroline worked for many years in school settings as a teacher and an SLP, and also worked in medical settings with adult and pediatric populations, often specializing in supporting communication access for people with multiple disabilities. They have presented at both state and national conferences and co-authored articles on neuro-affirming practices, AAC, and Autistic communication styles. Caroline is passionate about disability justice and inclusion, and firmly believes that communication is a fundamental human right.

SEMINAR DESCRIPTION:

This webinar discusses common aspects of early analytic and gestalt language development for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) users. It reviews features within communication software that may facilitate language development with Gestalt Language Processors and discusses communicative functions of echolalia. Participants will learn page setups and customizations that may support language learning and authentic expression.

MODERATED BY: Michelle Phillippy

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PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:

1. Discuss two AAC software features that support Gestalt Language Processors who are AAC users.
2. Identify three functions of echolalia that serve in communication.
3. Contrast two common aspects of early analytic language development and gestalt language development.

TIME ORDERED AGENDA:

- 5 minutes: Introduction of Speakers, USSAAC and topic
- 17 minutes: Review of Gestalt Language Processing & Development
- 16 minutes: AAC features that may support Gestalt Language Processors
- 17 minutes: Options for AAC programming for GLPs
- 5 minutes: Q & A

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Speakers

Financial: Caroline Gaddy is a full-time employee of Tobii Dynavox for which she receives a salary. She is owner of Vibrant Minds, LLC through which she receives compensation.

Nonfinancial:

Caroline Gaddy is on the board of the Disability Caucus of ASHA.

Moderator

Financial:

Michelle Phillippy has no financial disclosures to report.

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Michelle Phillippy is a USSAAC Board Member

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