

## Core vs Fringe: Aligning Vocabulary Prediction and Selection in AAC with Language Development

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### ABOUT THE PRESENTER:

Bethany Frick Semmler recently graduated from The Ohio State University with her PhD in Speech and Hearing Science. She received her B.S. in Spanish and Communication Sciences and Disorders from Missouri State University and an M.A. in Speech-Language Pathology from The Ohio State University. During the Master's program, Bethany was part of the Leadership in Education and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) program. Her research is focused on early language learning on augmentative and alternative communication and features on speech generating devices.

### SEMINAR DESCRIPTION:

Core vocabulary lists are frequently referenced when Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs) and other stakeholders are selecting vocabulary for early symbolic communicators who use augmentative and alternative communication. But is core vocabulary appropriate for emerging communicators who use AAC? This webinar will aim to align core vocabulary with typical language development through understanding when the words on seven core vocabulary lists emerge in typical language development. Further, we will discuss strategies that SLPs typically use to predict and select vocabulary for early symbolic communicators who use AAC. Finally, we will discuss vocabulary prediction for early symbolic communicators who use AAC. In each of these studies, we will attempt to describe the role of core vocabulary, align findings with language development, and discuss the clinical implications of the findings.

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## **PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:**

1. Describe core vocabulary and how it contributes to a child's overall language development.
2. Summarize the findings of the studies described investigating vocabulary selection for early symbolic communicators who use AAC.
3. Outline how the findings of these studies can impact their clinical practice.

## **TIME ORDERED AGENDA:**

- 5 minutes: Introduction of speaker, USSAAC and topic
- 15 minutes: Introduction of core vocabulary, review of language development, discussion of early symbolic communicators who use AAC
- 15 minutes: Aligning core vocabulary with language development study methods, results, and conclusions
- 15 minutes: SLPs strategies used in vocabulary selection and implementation methods, results and conclusions
- 5 minutes: Summary
- 5 minutes: Q and A

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