

AAC Evaluating 101: From Evaluation to Submission

Friday, October 9, 2020 (NEOEA Day) 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

0.2 ASHA CEUs (Introductory Level, Professional Area) or 2 PDCH

OSSPEAC Members - \$30.00 Non-Members - \$45.00 Students - \$10.00

This training will cover the funding and evaluation process for a medically necessary speech generating device (SGD) that is being funded by Medicaid, Medicare, Tricare military insurance, and/or private insurance. The session will begin with a brief review of the role of the speech-language pathologist and outline necessary evaluation team members. It will then discuss, in depth, common funding sources, completing and writing a medically based SGD evaluation, and submitting the paperwork. Tips for providing AAC assessment and implementation virtually will also be shared. The session will conclude with some tips on getting started once the speech generating device has been approved and shipped to the client. This session is intended for speech-language pathologists interested in learning about the funding and evaluation process for SGDs.

MEET OUR PRESENTER:

Connie McCafferty, M.Ed., M.A., CCC-SLP earned both her Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech and Hearing Sciences and Master of Education degree in Deaf Education and Elementary Education from The Ohio State University. She completed her Master of Arts degree in Speech-Language Pathology from The University of Cincinnati in 2009. Prior to joining PRC in 2015, Connie was an itinerant teacher for the hearing impaired and low-incidence educator in Southeastern Ohio for over 15 years. During this time she traveled among multiple school districts and worked with students and teachers providing training and educational programming for children with a wide variety of hearing impairments as well as children with multiple disabilities and autism. Upon completing her Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology, Connie worked as a public school Speech Language Pathologist, where she focused on evaluating and treating children with complex communication disorders. She also helped supervise the low incidence units and coordinated the assistive technology team for the district. Additionally, Connie has provided speech therapy through home health agencies to children and adults with complex communication needs. Connie holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and a state license in Speech-Language Pathology from the State of Ohio. Connie McCafferty is employed by PRC-Satillo and receives a salary. She has no relevant non-financial disclosures.

Brittany Toney, M.A. CCC-SLP earned a Bachelor's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Miami University in 2009. After receiving her Bachelor's Degree, Brittany studied abroad at a language school in Madrid, Spain to improve her Spanish speaking abilities, then went on to pursue her Master's Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from the University of Cincinnati in 2012. Prior to joining PRC-Satillo in December 2019, Brittany served as a speech-language pathologist for over 7 years in the private pediatric sector, serving children ages 18 months to 23 years of age. For 5 years, Brittany worked primarily with children and young adults on the Autism Spectrum, as well as individuals with developmental disabilities at a private school-based treatment facility. Brittany fostered a passion for assisting nonverbal clients in obtaining alternative and augmentative means to communicate, and completed AAC evaluations, directed treatment, as well as implemented classroom programs with school support staff in order to assist students in generalizing skills across environments. In addition, Brittany provided speech-generating device use and implementation trainings to staff, parents, and other service professionals to aid the entire team in understanding AAC, and how to foster independent, functional communication with clients across a variety of settings. Brittany holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), as well as a state license in Speech-Language Pathology from the State of Ohio. Brittany Toney is employed by PRC-Satillo and receives a salary. She has no relevant non-financial disclosures.

Learner Outcomes:

Participants will be able to:

1. Identify the role of a speech-language pathologist who is evaluating for a speech generating device (SGD).
2. Determine at least three different diagnoses which may indicate the need for augmentative and alternative communication (AAC).
3. List at least three different funding sources for the purchase of an SGD.
4. Name the main components of an SGD evaluation.

Tentative Agenda

- 10:00 - 10:05 Introduction and Housekeeping
- 10:05 - 10:10 Introduce the SLPs ROCK framework
 - Recognize a need
 - Organize a team
 - Complete the evaluation
 - Know the resources
- 10:10 - 10:20 Recognize the Need
- 10:20 - 10:25 Organize a Team
- 10:25 - 11:15 Completing an AAC Evaluation
 - Check funding sources
 - Complete the evaluation
 - Submit the paperwork
- 11:15 - 11:35 Online Resources/Tele-Assessment
- 11:35 - 11:50 Know the Resources/Tele-Therapy
- 11:50 - 12:00 Summary and Questions

APPROVED PROVIDER



The Ohio School SLP Ed. Audiology Coalition is approved by the Continuing Educational Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language

pathology and audiology. See course information for number of ASHA CEUs, instructional level and content area. ASHA CE provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.

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Registration will be limited to 100 and will close on Tuesday, October 6th at 6:00 p.m. Participants will receive instructions and login information on Wednesday, October 7th via email. If you don't receive login info., please contact Ellen at info@osspeac.org or 888-258-1032.