

**\$100/hour per presenter. Additional presenters may be needed for larger training sessions. Sessions are usually around 3 hours in length.  
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<b>Workshop/Software Title</b>	<b>Description</b>
All Things Mac	Did you know that your Mac computer has a variety of built-in accessibility tools, such as Sticky Keys and VoiceOver, that can help you navigate, read, and more? Come learn about all these features and how to use them. You'll also find out about other accessibility software that can be added to your Mac, iPod, and iPhone. Tools include software from Assistiveware, and free tools available only for the Mac. (appropriate for OS 10.4 and 10.5)
AT for Early Childhood	This workshop will provide a brief overview of the many assistive technology tools, devices, and resources available for families of young children with disabilities. Participants will learn about a number of statewide resources, as well as learn how to acquire and fund needed assistive technology. Presenters will review the Minnesota AT Manual and look into MN loan programs for ways to find used assistive technology. Participants will leave the workshop with an increased knowledge of current terminology, and hand-made "low-tech" materials to use with young children with disabilities.
Beginning the Road to AT	This workshop will provide a brief overview of the many assistive technology tools, devices, and resources available for families of children with disabilities. Participants will learn about a number of statewide resources, as well as learn how to acquire and fund needed assistive technology. Presenters will review the Minnesota AT Manual and look into MN loan programs for ways to find used assistive technology. Participants will leave the workshop with an increased knowledge of current terminology to use with children with disabilities.
Board Making Tools	Shrinking budgets, larger class sizes, and increasing case loads are opening the door to finding alternative low-tech, cost effective, assistive technology solutions for students with disabilities. Training professionals on how to implement and create visual strategies is one way to meet the budget crisis school districts are facing. Visual strategies have been proven effective to help in reducing challenging behaviors, improving communication, and enhancing literacy skills. In an

	<p>attempt to meet this need, this course will provide professionals who are working with children with disabilities an introduction to visual strategies. Professionals will learn how to create visual strategies using a variety of software programs. A hands-on portion will allow professionals exposure to popular board making tools.</p>
Boardmaker (Beginner and Advanced)	<p>A hands-on workshop for participants to learn about the basics of Boardmaker or a hands-on workshop for veteran users of Boardmaker who want to learn about the advanced features of Boardmaker. New skills and short cuts for making picture communication symbols, schedules, and charts will be demonstrated as participants learn how to create their own communication symbols, implement the symbols at home and in the classroom, and create a talking book.</p>
Boardmaker Plus	<p>In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn the basics and beyond of Boardmaker Plus! Participants will learn how to create their own symbols, how to implement them into the home and classroom, and how to import pictures from the Internet. New skills and shortcuts for making picture communication symbols, schedules, and charts will be demonstrated.</p>
Boardmaker with Speaking Dynamically Pro	<p>This workshop will allow participants hands-on experience with the newest version of Boardmaker and Speaking Dynamically Pro software. Participants will learn how to create their own symbols, how to implement them into the home and classroom, and how to incorporate symbols into Speaking Dynamically Pro.</p>
Buildability	<p>BuildAbility is a user-friendly authoring tool for creating multimedia activities. Build a project quickly by drawing or adding a picture, writing text, recording sound, and setting page transitions. This fun program includes Drawmation, which allows the user to push play and watch their drawing be recreated by the computer. In this training, participants will learn how to create their own BuildAbility activities and incorporate pictures, sounds, text-to-speech and more.</p>
Clicker 5	<p>Reading and writing is often a difficult task for many children with literacy needs. Clicker 5 can greatly boost self-esteem and make these tasks more enjoyable! With Clicker 5, a powerful yet easy-to-use writing support and multimedia tool, children can write with whole words, phrases or pictures. Participants will learn how to use the following major features of the software: Creating activities for supported writing with</p>

	<p>pictures</p> <p>Making digital, interactive books</p> <p>Computer access methods</p> <p>Download ready-made grid sets</p>
Comparison of AAC Devices	<p>This workshop will explore the many devices to aid in communication that are available in today's market and help straighten out some of the questions you may have. In this workshop, we will investigate a variety of devices (low, mid and high tech) and find out the differences among the more popular ones. Participants will leave this workshop feeling more confident about current AAC devices available, be aware of their similarities and differences, and find out their capabilities.</p>
Digital Books	<p>WMA, DAISY, BRF...Do you find digital book options bewildering? You aren't alone. This workshop will help you make sense of digital book options for students with print-related disabilities. Participants will learn about digital book formats including e-text and audio, resources for obtaining digital books, and software and hardware digital book players. Laws regarding accessible textbooks for students with disabilities will also be discussed.</p>
Dragon Naturally Speaking	<p>Through hands-on training and practice, you will become familiar with the basic training and dictation features of Dragon Naturally Speaking. You also will be taught strategies for teaching students how to use DNS for written expression. Presenters will also cover basic technical issues and troubleshooting for the software, microphone, and computer system.</p>
Edmark House Series	<p>The Edmark House Series includes four early learning software programs: Bailey's Book House, Millie's Math House, Sammy's Science House, and Trudy's Time and Place House. The Edmark House Series targets beginning skills such as letter and number identification, problem solving, listening skills, sorting, time telling, and many other important early learning concepts. In this training, participants will try several activities from each program in the Explore mode and the Question Mode. Participants will also learn how to navigate the Adult Options menu to customize the activities for each student and learn how to incorporate scanning and closed captioning into the programs.</p>
Freedom Box Pass Key	<p>FreedomBox makes computers and the Internet accessible to people who are blind or have visual impairments. At this hands-on workshop, participants will learn how this portable tool can help them access and navigate e-mail and the Internet with a keyboard, mouse, or simple voice</p>

	commands.
How to Find and Fund AT	Participants are invited to hear about state and local resources for trying and acquiring assistive technology. This will be a great opportunity to network with local partners in assistive technology and receive information about grant and loan programs.
Inspiration/Kidspiration	For visual thinkers and learners, Inspiration and Kidspiration are two software programs to help organize one's thoughts for writing. This software offers diagram and outline views so users can create graphic organizers and expand topics into writing. Inspiration helps students: Plan and organize Research and evaluate Comprehend and communicate During this beginner's workshop, participants will receive hands-on training of the software and information on obtaining a timed evaluation CD.
IntelliTools	Using IntelliTools Classroom Suite teachers can meet the needs of their diverse classroom ensuring curriculum is accessible to all students including those with special needs. Participants will learn how the integration of IntelliPics Studio 3, IntelliMathics 3, and IntelliTalk 3 can be used to offer a variety of K-8 curriculum activities in math language arts, social studies, and science. Participants will also learn to track student responses and quickly manage individual student performance.
Kurzweil	Kurzweil 3000 is a reading, writing and learning solution for individuals who have learning disabilities and are in middle school and beyond. This product encourages the ability to read the Web and features one-button OCR scanning, highlighted text-to-speech, word prediction, keyboard accessibility, and outline creation. During this beginner's workshop, participants will receive hands-on training of the software and a free demo CD to take home.
Low-Tech No-Tech Solutions	In this workshop, participants will learn about no-tech, low-tech assistive technology that can help their child with reading, writing, math, art, and communication. Presenters will share ideas about how to use and implement no-tech, low-tech assistive technology tools in the home and classroom settings. Participants will leave this workshop with a greater knowledge of no-tech, low-tech assistive technology and will create examples to take home.

Microsoft Accessibility Features	Discover how to make your Windows computer easier to see, hear, and use by taking advantage of Microsoft's built-in accessibility features. Participants will learn how to adjust computer settings to improve the visibility of the computer screen, make the mouse and keyboard easier to control, display captions for speech and sounds, speak text aloud.
Overboard	A hands-on workshop for participants to learn about the basics of Overboard. New skills and short cuts for making picture communication boards, schedules, and charts will be demonstrated as participants learn how to create their own communication boards, and implement visual strategies at home and in the classroom.
Overlay Maker	This workshop will be a hands-on opportunity to try IntelliKeys and Overlay Maker 3 software. Participants will learn how to use Overlay Maker 3 to create custom overlays for different learning applications. The workshop will also focus on overlay templates and importing a variety of graphic files.
Picture It	This hands-on workshop will give participants an opportunity to try this software tool for adding symbols to text material. Participants will learn how to symbol supported text for stories, communication boards and more.
Picture This	A hands on workshop for participants to become with this library of photographs and templates to create visual supports.
PixWriter	A hands on workshop to learn how to create writing grids for students who write with symbols.
Read and Write Gold	TextHelp's Read and Write Gold is a versatile literacy utility program that includes word prediction and one-touch scanning. Other unique features include: fact finder, folder, and mapping tools; web highlighting; a talking dictionary and scientific calculator.
Reading, Writing, and Math Tools	There are a vast array of technology supports that can be used to support students with special needs in the areas of reading, writing, and math. This workshop will immerse you in these technologies through hands-on activities, demonstrations, and presentation. You will take away many new ideas for helping your students gain confidence and experience success in the classroom.
Scan and Read Pro	Scan and Read Pro In this training, participants will explore Scan and Read Pro. This software helps make reading easy and enjoyable. Scan and Read Pro changes printed text into understandable sound. The program

	<p>provides reading and comprehension support by highlighting each word as it's read aloud. Various literacy features will be explored including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full Color or Black and White scanning</li> <li>Word View "cursor tracking" technology</li> <li>Talking Spell check with 250,000+ Word Dictionary</li> <li>Predictor Pro Industrial Strength Word Prediction</li> <li>Can create MP3 and WAV audio files</li> </ul>
SOLO Literacy Suite	<p>SOLO Literacy Suite is a software program that provides literacy support through a combination of four powerful tools: Read:Outloud, Write:Outloud, Draftbuilder, and Co:Writer. These programs can be combined to develop and enhance reading skills and written expression. In this workshop, you will learn how to use the SOLO Literacy Suite software program through several guided hands-on activities. You will also be shown how to create student assignments and outlines and how to track student progress.</p>
The Fundamentals of Switch Access	<p>Learn how switch access can promote inclusion and learning for students with disabilities. This session will introduce you to the world of switch access from the ground up. Through lecture, demonstration, and hands-on time, you will learn about switch access to computers, appliances, communication devices, and toys. Presenters will also offer strategies for switch assessment, switch placement, switch use training, and selection of switch software.</p> <p>Presentation Objectives:</p> <p>Participants will be able to identify how switch access can promote inclusion and independence for students with physical or other disabilities.</p> <p>Participants will become familiar with common methods for setting up computers, appliances, toys, and communication devices for switch access.</p> <p>Participants will gain hands-on experience with switch devices, switch accessible software, and switch accessories, including switch interfaces and mounting devices.</p> <p>Participants will be able to identify basic strategies for switch assessment, switch use training, and selection of switch software.</p>
TheraSimplicity	<p>A hands on workshop to learn about this web based tool for creating a variety of materials including communication boards, social stories, and visual supports. Participants will learn how to navigate the site and access the hundreds of pre made worksheets.</p>
Universal Design for Learning	<p>The central idea of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is that a curriculum should include</p>

	<p>alternatives to make it accessible and appropriate for individuals with different backgrounds, learning styles, and abilities. This free workshop will explore what UDL is and how to implement UDL in the classroom. Participants will also see demonstrations of technology that supports the UDL concept.</p>
<p>What Parents Need to Know About AT</p>	<p>Professionals and parents of children with disabilities will be introduced to Assistive Technology and the legal consideration requirements under IDEA. Tips will be given about selecting appropriate assistive technology devices and be introduced to the Minnesota Assistive Technology Manual. Presenters will provide state and local resources for trying and acquiring assistive technology. This will be a great opportunity to receive information about grant and loan programs.</p>
<p>WYNN</p>	<p>WYNN Wizard is a dynamic reading, writing and studying solution for individuals who have learning disabilities and are in middle school and beyond. This product features one-button OCR scanning, color-coded toolbars, and the ability to read word processing documents, PDF files, text files, and the Internet. During this beginner's workshop, participants will receive hands-on training of the software and information on obtaining a timed evaluation CD.</p>
<p>Zoomtext</p>	<p>ZoomText Magnifier is one screen magnifier option that can make a computer easier to see and use. In this hands-on workshop, participants will discover various features available in ZoomText including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flexible Magnification</li> <li>Font Enhancement</li> <li>Mouse pointer options</li> <li>Text Finder</li> <li>And more!</li> </ul> <p>Participants will also receive information on downloading a free trials.</p>