

# 2019 Assistive Technology EXPO

## **Exhibits and Workshops showcasing assistive technology for people of all ages**

Imagine everything you need, all under one roof! The SC Assistive Technology Expo is the go-to source for people with disabilities, their families, seniors, educators, veterans and healthcare professionals. Every year the event opens your eyes to new technologies, new possibilities, new solutions and new opportunities to change your life. Where else can you discover ability-enhancing products and services and attend informative workshops on this scale in only one day?

## **Explore the Exhibit Hall for the latest products and services**

Attendees experience cutting-edge products and services for people with a wide range of disabilities. They discover mobility products, devices for people with developmental disabilities, medical equipment, home accessories, daily living aids, products for seniors, equipment for people with sensory impairments, and much more.

## **Attend Workshops**

A series of compelling workshops which address pressing disability issues are offered free-of-charge to all attendees. Free continuing education credits are available.

## **Event Sponsors**

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## **Special Accommodations**

Contact Lydia Durham at 1-800-915-4522 or 803-935-5263 or email [lydia.durham@uscmed.sc.edu](mailto:lydia.durham@uscmed.sc.edu).

## **Free Admission**

## **Open to the Public**

**Free parking in convention center parking lot and in 1007 Park Street parking garage**

**Date:**

**Tuesday**

**March 5, 2019**

**Time:**

**8:30 am**

**Registration and Exhibit Hall Open**

**9:30 am**

**Classes begin**

**Place:**

**Columbia**

**Metropolitan**

**Convention Center**

**1101 Lincoln Street**

**Columbia, SC**

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# ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY EXPO 2019 SESSION SCHEDULE

## SESSION 1 - 9:30 AM TO 10:30 AM

**<sup>1,4</sup>The Basics of ABLE-Karen Crider** ABLE accounts are tax-advantaged savings and investment accounts that allow individuals with disabilities to save money and plan for the future while maintaining important benefits. Learn about program eligibility, benefits, qualified disability expenses, the online enrollment process, and more.

**<sup>1,4</sup>Sensory for Cents-Elizabeth Moore** Sensory needs are found not only in special education classrooms but in general education classrooms as well. See and have hands-on experience with a variety of inexpensive and DIY sensory tools that can be made and implemented with ease, explore virtual sensory tools for computers and tablets, and receive resources about all content covered.

**<sup>1,3,4</sup>Home Accessibility Solutions-Megan Fitzpatrick** See many different ways to modify a home to maintain or increase independence. Learn about a broad spectrum of equipment that is readily available that can be incorporated into your home along with other modifications that can be done to maximize accessibility within the home.

**<sup>1,2,4</sup>Creating Successful Employment Opportunities for Individuals Who Use Augmentative Communication-Celeste Helling** Obtaining and maintaining employment is extremely difficult for persons who use augmentative communication. As a result, these individuals are less likely to achieve the life satisfaction or financial independence that results from successful employment. Examine barriers to successful employment as well as key components for successful employment for persons who rely on augmentative communication.

## SESSION 2 - 11:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

**<sup>1,4</sup>Assistance and Therapy Dogs-Jen Rogers, Dori Tempio, Kristin Hartness, Phyllis Beasley** Assistance and therapy animals help individuals with disabilities in a variety of ways. See how assistance dogs allow individuals with disabilities to integrate into the community, in both personal and professional settings. Learn how therapy dogs provide affection, comfort and love to people in a wide variety of settings.

**<sup>1,3,4</sup>The Journey from “Learning to Read” to “Reading to Learn”: Your Travel Essentials-Madalina Tudora** The literacy journey begins with early reading skills built around communication and social-emotional experiences, and it continues throughout life into adulthood. Explore tools, strategies and resources designed to support all learners in becoming successful readers.

**<sup>1,4</sup>Screen Readers: What are they, who needs them, and what can they do for you?-Thomas Spittle** See the two most common screen readers, JAWS and NVDA being demonstrated. Learn how a screen reader can be an important tool in the personal life and career of a blind individual. Find out how using a screen reader can help someone who is losing their vision later in life. See what other options are available and how much they cost.

**<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>So Many SGD and App Options: How do we decide?-Carol Page** Compare the hardware and software of several speech-generating devices (SGDs) and apps prescribed in the state of SC including iPads and apps. Feature matching results will be applied to augmentative communication decisions for specific people.

## SESSION 3 - 1:30 PM TO 2:30 PM

**<sup>1,3,4</sup>App Smackdown-Gandy Britt** Learn about favorite applications that can benefit students with disabilities. Explore new apps for organization, memory, communication, behavior, and speech recognition, text to speech, learning disabilities and so much more. Attendees should bring their own tablet and be ready to share their favorite apps.

**<sup>1,4</sup>Assistive Technology and the IEP: The “What, Where and How” of Assistive Technology Documentation-Madalina Tudora** Assistive technology documentation includes important elements that begin with careful and thorough assistive technology consideration. In this session you will explore key roles, essential elements, and resources designed to support IEP teams in creating a compliant IEP that includes assistive technology.

**<sup>1,4</sup>Assistive Technology to Maximize Communication for the Hearing Impaired and Implantable Devices Utilizing Assistive Listening Technology-Jason Wigand** With many options available for people with hearing impairment, knowing which medium and accessories to use can be confusing. Learn about complimentary devices that accompany hearing and implantable solutions and therapeutic interventions for an individual’s unique needs.

**<sup>1,2,4</sup>Promoting Inclusive Lives for Transitioning Students Using AAC-Tracy Rackensperger** Person-centered planning, strengths-based approaches, and self-advocacy/self-determination building activities play significant roles in the lives of students using augmentative communication. Receive strategies to help students using AAC live inclusive lives from post-secondary education to college degree programs and from supported to independent living.

<sup>1</sup>CEU credits have been applied for from AHEC for the disciplines: Nursing, Social Work, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, and Long Term Care/Residential Care staff.

<sup>2</sup>Eligible participants can earn ASHA CEU’s for this course.

<sup>3</sup>CEU credits have been approved by BabyNet.

<sup>4</sup>CEU credits have been applied for by Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification.

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