Upcoming Events and Trainings

Title: **IM Able**   
Date:  February 21-22, 2014  
 **IM ABLE**  is led By Dr. Dianne Wormsley. This workshop is a hands on training about functional braille.

**Location**: Guesthouse Inn and Suites   
19103 SR2, Monroe, WA (360) 863-1900.  
**Contact**: PNAER Tracy Gaver  
**Cost**: workshop is full

Title: **Communication Matrix Training with Phil Schwiegert**

March 28, 2014 9:00-3:00

**Location**: WSSB, Fries Auditorium

2214 E. 13th St.

Vancouver, WA 98661

**About**: Meaningful intervention begins with informative assessment. The Communication Matrix (2004) by Dr. Charity Rowland is such a tool. It is designed to provide clear and constructive insights into how learners with severe and multiple disabilities are expressing themselves and what next steps to considers as you work to promote their progress as competent communicators.

**Contact**: Craig Meador, [craig.meador@wssb.wa.gov](mailto:craig.meador@wssb.wa.gov), 360-696-6321 ext 124.

**Cost** 25.00, lunch provided

**Registration Opens**: February 7, 2014 [www.wssb.wa.gov](http://www.wssb.wa.gov)

Title: **SAM Training with Millie Smith**

**Date**: May 16-17, 2014, 9:00 -4:00

**Location**: WSSB, Fries Auditorium

2214 E. 13th St.

Vancouver, WA 98661

**About:** SAM, an APH product is a program to help learners develop the conceptual foundation, based on experiences with high quality sensory information, necessary for the use of meaningful symbols. SAM is for students with visual and multiple impairments and pre-school children with visual impairments who are just beginning to use symbols—the late sensorimotor, early preoperational stage of cognitive development. SAM can be used create daily learning opportunities and provide direct instruction in natural environments.

**Contact:** Craig Meador, [craig.meador@wssb.wa.gov](mailto:craig.meador@wssb.wa.gov), 360-696-6321 ext 124.

**Cost** 50.00, lunch provided both days,

**Registration Opens**: March 7, 2014, [www.wssb.wa.gov](http://www.wssb.wa.gov)

Title: **Combined Summer Institute** Vision Strand

July 24-25, 2014

Location: Seattle University

About: This year’s CSI is a two-day event on the campus of Seattle University. Day one will be a strand covering Braille and Nemeth, Day 2 will be a focus on assistive technology. A possible alternative may be the Smarter Balance Assessment. Housing will be available in the Dorms. More information will be made available later this spring.

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Title: **Cortical Visual Impairment Mentor Workshop (part 1) with Dr. Christine Roman-Lantzy**

**Dates:** Aug 3-6, 2014

**Location:** WSSB

2214 E. 13th St.

Vancouver, WA 98661

**About:** This program is an inclusive program appropriate for parents, teachers, specialists and anyone that is interested in learning how to provide a high quality program for students with CVI. At the end of the course participants will:

1. Have a an understanding of Cortical Visual Impairment understanding diagnosis and characteristics, medical reasons for CVI
2. Understand the CVI range and use of assessment tool, learn interview, observation and assessment instruction
3. Understand current trends and research conducted regarding CVI
4. Learn interventions for literacy, communication and technology

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**Cost**: 195.00, covers breakfast and lunch each day and housing on campus.

Space limited to 60 participants

**Registration Opens**: March 7, 2014, [www.wssb.wa.gov](http://www.wssb.wa.gov)

**Title: Cortical Visual Impairment Mentor Workshop (part 2) with Dr. Christine Roman-Lantzy**

**Dates**: Aug 7-8, 2014

**Location:** WSSB

2214 E. 13th St.

Vancouver, WA 98661

**About:** This is part 2 to the CVI workshop. This workshop is **only** open to those participants from the 2013 CVI Mentor Workshop Part One.

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**Cost**: $110.00, covers, breakfast, lunch and housing

**Registration Opens:**  March 7, 2014 [www.wssb.wa.gov](http://www.wssb.wa.gov)