

# Telehealth and AAC: Feature Matching, Intervention, and Contemporary Issues

## Course Description

Speech-language pathologists (SLP) often report limited training in augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) (ATIA, 2012; Johnson & Prebor, 2019). Since early 2020, an outbreak of COVID-19 required many clinicians to transfer their caseloads from in-person to telehealth services. Limited training in this service modality may result in additional barriers to high-quality AAC services. The purpose of this presentation is to prepare SLPs to deliver effective AAC assessments and evidence-based interventions via telehealth. Barriers and potential solutions for assessment and treatment will be discussed. The presenter will also review contemporary issues related to telehealth service delivery in AAC.

**Saturday, March 6, 2021 – 8:30 am – 12 noon PST**  
**Streaming live on ZOOM**

## **6<sup>th</sup> Annual OSHA SPRING CONFERENCE**

With five years of informative topics and motivating speakers, the OSHA Spring Conference has become an important annual event for speech-language communities in the Northwest. The 2021 Spring Conference will be live-streamed to individual participants on ZOOM.



## About the Presenter

Brandon Eddy (he/him) is an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Speech & Hearing Sciences at Portland State University (PSU). He is also an SLP at Shriners Hospitals for Children, and a Research Associate with the REKNEW Lab at OHSU. Brandon primarily serves children and families who use AAC, and he has a particular interest in serving clients with alternative access needs. He teaches graduate coursework at PSU and the University of Montana in AAC, and has presented at the state, national, and international levels on topics related to AAC practice and training. At PSU, he supervises a graduate training clinic providing telepractice services to clients who use AAC.

## Presenter's Disclosures

Financial: Brandon Eddy receives an honorarium from OSHA to deliver this presentation. He receives a salary from his employment at PSU as an Assistant Clinical Professor.

Non-financial: Brandon Eddy is an OSHA member.

### Learning Objectives

After completion of this conference session, participants will be able to:

1. Develop a criterion referenced tool to evaluate an AAC feature via telehealth
2. Demonstrate three intervention approaches appropriate for beginning communicators utilizing AAC
3. Explain a current reimbursement issue related to telehealth and AAC service delivery

### Time-Ordered Agenda

8:30-9:30:	Introductions, AAC feature matching review, assessment strategies for telepractice
9:30-9:45:	Break
9:45-10:45:	AAC Interventions adapted for telepractice
10:45-11:00:	Break
11:00-12:00:	AAC interventions adapted for telepractice and contemporary issues

### **Thank you to the planning committee for the 6th Annual OSHA Spring Conference:**

Megann McGill, Teresa Roberts, Jessica Fanning, and Kate Cochran.

## Continuing Education Information

**ASHA CEU Processing Fee:** There is a \$5.00 processing fee for the Oregon Speech-Language & Hearing Association to report your CEUs to ASHA. This fee is charged by OSHA, not ASHA. In order to record your ASHA CEUs, you must include \$5.00 with your registration fee and complete an ASHA Participant form and course evaluation form before leaving the event. These forms will be included in the registration materials of those who prepay for CEUs.

**Program Completion Requirements:** Participants are expected to be present for the entire program. Individuals who are not present for the full program will not be recommended for ASHA CEUs. You must sign out at the end of the day to earn CEUs. No partial credit will be provided.

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**State Licensure Hours:** A Certificate of Attendance will be provided at the conclusion of the conference. Retain the certificate for upcoming license renewal with Oregon Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.



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## How to Register

Completed registration (online or paper) must be received by the OSHA office by February 21 to be eligible for the early registration discount. Online registration will remain open until March 2. If you need to register after March 2, contact the OSHA office at 503-378-0595

## Additional Policies

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## Registration Fees

<b>Early Registration on or before February 21:</b>	<b>Registration after February 21:</b>
\$55.00 Professional, OSHA member	\$75.00 Professional, OSHA member
\$55.00 Professional, Affiliated State member	\$75.00 Professional, Affiliated State member
\$70.00 Professional, non-OSHA member	\$90.00 Professional, non-OSHA member
\$35.00 SLPA/Paraprofessional, OSHA mbr	\$55.00 SLPA/Paraprofessional, OSHA member
\$45.00 SLPA/Paraprofessional, non-member	\$65.00 SLPA/Paraprofessional, non-member
\$15.00 Student, OSHA/NSSHLA member	\$25.00 Student, OSHA/NSSHLA member
\$25.00 Student, non-member	\$35.00 Student, non-member
\$ 5.00 Optional - ASHA CE Processing Fee	\$ 5.00 ASHA CE Processing Fee
\$15.00 Optional – Sponsor a Student	

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