

Registration Information

Thursday Schedule

7:30 – 8:15 am **Registration**

8:15 – 8:30

Opening remarks and welcome by Tricia Miller, Alberta Health Services South Zone East Manager (Speech Language & Hearing)

8:45 – 11:45

Early Language – Tips, Tricks and Techniques by Lorelee Eastland, R. SLP

Case examples and hands-on activities to help facilitate learning in preschoolers who have little verbal language.

11:45 – 1:00pm Lunch/Vendors

Concurrent Sessions: (Please rank session preference with a 1 or 2)

1:00 – 2:30pm

___ **Boardmaker I by Leslie Brooks and Catherine Young, SLP Assistants (Max. 10 participants)**

Hands-on beginner session using Boardmaker V.6.

___ **Techniques for Treating Childhood Apraxia of Speech by Allison Costar, R. SLP**

Therapy techniques to facilitate verbal communication for children with apraxia of speech.

2:45 – 4:00pm

___ **Understanding Aphasia by Nicole Exner, R. SLP**

Organization of the brain as it relates to speech & language and how it is affected by a brain disturbance.

___ **Augmentative Communication by Bonnie Baxter, R. SLP**

An overview of low-tech, high-tech and no-tech solutions. Hands on experience with devices and a make & take project.

4:00 – 5:00pm

Sharing/Interactive Discussion of Therapy Techniques by the SLPA Conference Group

Includes sharing of strategies, techniques and materials. Please bring some of your favorite ideas, tools or materials to share with the group.

Friday Schedule

8:30 – 11:30am

Imaginative Play by Staci Cooper, R. SLP

Discussing developmental aspects of pretend play skills and take-home strategies on how to develop these skills. Also relevance of teaching these skills to children on the autism spectrum.

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch/Vendors

Concurrent Sessions: (Please rank session preference 1, 2 or 3)

12:30 – 2:30 pm

___ **Prematurity and Impact on Language Development by Linda Langevin, Home Based Development**

Geared towards people working with populations 0-6 years and will cover all topics including prematurity, red flags and overall young child development.

___ **Aphasia Therapy by Nicole Exner, R. SLP**

Will focus on the basics of therapy targets, as well as discuss specific activities and materials available.

___ **Boardmaker II by Leslie Brooks and Catherine Young, SLP Assistants (Maximum 10 participants)**

Continuation of Boardmaker I.



To register:

Send a completed registration form with a cheque payable to:

Speech Language and Hearing Services

Medicine Hat Regional Hospital
Speech/Language Department
Alberta Health Services

Attn: SLP Assistant Conference

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Medicine Hat, AB T1A 4H6

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

\$ 80 cheque enclosed ___ Yes ___ No

The conference fee for the two-day event is only \$80. Lunch and snacks are provided both days.

Space is limited. Please register early. Deadline is September 9, 2011.

Please note we require payment with registration in order to reserve a space for you at the conference. Registrations are transferable but not refundable.