



## Communication Partner Training

**August 3, 2017**  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Metro ECSU, 2 Pine Tree Drive  
Arden Hills, MN 55112 (Level 1)

### Pragmatic Organization Dynamic Display (PODD)

The Pragmatic Organization Dynamic Display (PODD) approach provides strategies to support the design, production, and implementation of communication systems to enable genuine communication for a variety of functions in all daily environments. PODD enables the person using the communication system and their communication partners to move efficiently between levels (pages) to locate vocabulary they require. PODD assists quick access to predictable messages and access to a broad range of vocabulary for spontaneous, unpredicted messages.

This overview will provide teachers, para-professionals, parents, and other communication partners with an introduction to PODD communication systems. Participants will be given hands-on practice. Video and case examples will be shared. Assessment will not be covered.

### Topics

- How does learning to use PODD parallel typical language development?
- What is a PODD communication book?
- What are the purposes for using a PODD communication book?
- How does PODD differ from other communication aids and approaches to teaching symbols?
- Is this approach supported by current theoretical and research literature?
- Why is there so much vocabulary?
- Why use a paper book instead of a device?
- How will PODD use effect speech development?
- How is PODD used? When do I use it? What do I need to do?
- How do we teach the student to communicate?

### Presenter

**Linda Burkhart** is an internationally known pioneer in the field of simplified technology for children with severe challenges. She has developed a variety of adapted materials and innovative strategies for using these devices with students and has authored a number of books and software titles.

### Fee

**\$25** (includes lunch and workshop materials)  
Scholarships are available for family members who have a student with complex communication needs.  
Payment is due June 30, 2017

### Register at

<http://metroecsus.myquickreg.com/register/event/>

### Registration Deadline

**June 1, 2017**  
Waiting list available.

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