

2011 - 2012
Specialized Communication Resources for Children
Workshop Summaries

Register by: fax (452-7152), phone (453-9821), or mail to 633 Wellington Crescent,
Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3M 0A8.

Session Information

Please share this information with all registrants.

- **Sessions are typically scheduled to last from 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. and will be held in the auditorium at the Rehabilitation Centre for Children.**
- **During the daytime, parking is free and available on both sides of Wellington Crescent after 9 a.m. Please do not park in patient parking. In the evening, please feel free to park on the RCC lot.**
- **Please note that we are a scent free facility.**
- **There are no food services in the building, however nutrition breaks will be provided. There are refrigerators and microwaves, vending machines and coffee available. One hour will be allowed for lunch. We encourage participants to bring a bagged lunch in order to maximize our time together.**
- **The temperature in the Workshop Room fluctuates with the season.**
For your comfort, please dress in layers.

Boardmaker Beginner Version 6 +

Cost \$25

Full Day

Presented by Marjorie Guertin
Assistive Technology Assistant

**Remember to bring materials you wish to create in Boardmaker ie: schedules, themes, communication boards, books, journal layouts, labels, social stories. These will be used during practise times for each skill.*

New Software!

Includes all of Boardmaker version 5's features with some new "Paint" tools, as well as some of the new time saving features. The "Freeform Button and Symbolate Button" will be featured in the Advanced Boardmaker Workshop. This class is a pre-requisite to the Advanced Class.

Participants: Family, Speech Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Educational Assistants, Resource Teachers, Teachers or anyone who will be responsible for producing paper communication boards and language stimulation boards will receive benefit from this session. Volunteers and technical support staff are welcome too.

Preparation: Make sure you are comfortable and proficient working in Windows-based computer operating systems and that you have access to Boardmaker at your workplace. Come with "language" needed for some boards you wish to create.

PLEASE bring a Read/Write CD or a USB memory stick/flash drive so that you might take your work with you.

Boardmaker Advanced

Cost \$15

Half Day a.m.

Presented by Marjorie Guertin
Assistive Technology Assistant

(Version 6+ (Intermediate 1): Including Symbolate, shuffling, swapping, enlarging/shrinking entire communication boards and more time saving tips).

New Software!

Includes new button shapes and the new **Symbolate** tool. Just choose the **Symbolate** tool and start typing, or copy and paste in a block of text and symbols will automatically appear. Many time saving features will be reviewed.

Participants: Anyone who has taken our Boardmaker Beginner class and will be responsible for producing paper communication boards and language stimulation boards will get lots of benefit from this session. Volunteers and technical support staff are welcome too.

Preparation: Complete our RCC Boardmaker Beginner Workshop. Make sure you are comfortable working in Windows-based computer operating systems and that you have access to Boardmaker at your workplace. Come with "language" needed for some boards you wish to create.

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Introduction to the Relate Program

COST \$25.00

9:15 - 3:15

Presented by Lianne Belton, Occupational Therapist, RDI® Program Consultant

This full day workshop introduces parents, family members and educators of our current clients to the Relate Program at RCC. Our program is based on Relationship Development Intervention®, a family centered program that targets the development of dynamic intelligence. The workshop will probe the topic of *dynamic intelligence*, and explore the importance of dynamic thinking and communicating in real life situations.

In the Relate Program, parents of children with autism and related developmental disabilities are systematically taught how to act as effective guides for their child. The workshop will explore *guided participation*, a natural, time proven method of teaching children. When children with challenges in dynamic thinking are systematically guided through developmental stages of thinking and communicating, they can improve their social competency, communication and ability to participate flexibly in our dynamic world.

Introduction to Becoming an Effective Guide

COST \$25.00

9:15 - 3:15

Presented by Lianne Belton, Occupational Therapist, RDI® Program Consultant

In this second full day workshop, parents, family members and educators of our current clients are introduced the essentials of guided participation. The workshop explores the concept of cognitive apprenticeship, and how the learning relationship between adult and child evolves. Topics covered include setting up active partnerships between guide and apprentice, programming in the zone of proximal development, becoming aware of our guiding actions, modifying the guide's communication style and creating positive memories of learning.

Promoting Flexible Thinking and Interaction with Your Child at Home

Registration for all seven sessions is \$25.00

Tuesday evenings, 7:00 to 8:30

River Room at Rehabilitation Centre for Children

Presented by Lianne Belton, Occupational Therapist, RDI® Program Consultant

This series of seven workshops is designed for caregivers only. We will be examining how children learn to be flexible in their ability to think and to communicate, and the impact of disability on this natural process and on family life. Small changes in the caregiver's approach to the child can have a big impact on the child's thinking processes; in each session there will be opportunity for discussion, practice, and a small homework assignment will help you to integrate the ideas once you get home to your child.

The information provided in each session builds upon previous sessions, so please try to attend the entire series.

Promoting Dynamic Communication and Social Interaction in the Child with Special Needs

Registration for all five sessions is \$25.00

Friday afternoons, 12:30 to 3:30

Facilitated by Stephannie Motuz, Speech Language Pathologist, RDI® Program Consultant and Lianne Belton, Occupational Therapist, RDI® Program Consultant

This series of five discussions is designed for professionals who have an interest in and/or background in relationship based developmental therapies. If you are new to this field, we recommend that you first attend the workshops entitled *Introduction to the Relate Program*, and *Introduction to Becoming an Effective Guide*.

Topics will include dynamic thinking and communicating, emotional memory and regulation, productive partnerships, presenting learning challenges in the zone of proximal development, and assessment and planning. Stephannie will be guiding, and hopes to spark discussion and perspective sharing from participants.