



PODD 2 Day Introductory Workshop Multi-Modal Communication Strategies



for Children Who Have Complex Communication Needs

Dates: August 3 - 4, 2020 (you **must** attend both days)

Time: 8:30am – 4:30pm each day – Check in 8:00 August 3rd .

Location: Winters Mill High School

560 Gorsuch Road Westminster, MD 21157

Audience: *Speech and language pathologists, assistive technology specialists, special educators, parents, and others working with children with complex communication needs.*

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Molly Riggs and Melissa Freeman, certified PODD presenters

Molly Riggs is a Speech Language Pathologist and Assistive Technology Practitioner and certified PODD presenter with over 27 years of experience in the field of assistive technology and augmentative communication. She has trained extensively with Linda Burkhart, Assistive Technology Specialist, and Gayle Porter, the author of the PODD communication books.

Melissa Freeman is a Speech Language Pathologist and Assistive Technology Professional with 16 years of experience in the field of assistive technology and augmentative communication. She has presented with Gayle Porter and is a certified PODD trainer. Melissa has trained extensively with Linda Burkhart.

Learning Outcomes: At the conclusion of the two days, learners will be able to:

- Describe the challenges faced by professionals creating communication systems in terms of vocabulary organization, layout, design, range of access strategies and customizing for individual requirements
- Discuss the importance of receptive language input and creating a language learning environment
- Discuss the features of a PODD communication system in terms of vocabulary organization, layout, design, range of access strategies and customizing for individual requirements
- Use PODD generic template resources to produce customized communication books
- Discuss the teaching and learning strategies for implementing PODD communication systems with students and team members



Breakfast snacks and all materials are included.
Bring your own coffee and water.
Lunch is on your own.

This course has been submitted for approval for 13 contact hours/ 1.3 CEUs for SLPs to the Maryland Board of Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech Language Pathologists. A certificate will be provided at the completion of the course. You must attend both days in full in order to earn the CEUs.

Maryland teachers may be able to earn 1 MSDE credit.



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Registration

Please complete and return via email to the addresses below:

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

School/Agency _____ Position _____

School/Agency address _____

School/Agency email _____

Please email a copy of your registration to Stacey Welsh at spwelsh@carrollk12.org by July 1, 2020.

Please make **checks payable to CCPS Finance Department** in the amount of \$200.

Mail payment and a copy of your completed registration to:

Attn: Stacey Welsh
Assistive Technology
Carroll Springs School
495 South Center Street
Westminster, MD 21157

Registration is limited to the first 50 seats – please register early
No refunds for cancellation of a paid registration, but you are welcome to send another staff member if you have paid for a seat. Please be sure to email your updated registration information.
Thank you.