

## OSD Assistive Technology Resource Center Trainings 2025-2026 School Year

This guide provides information on OSD ATRC trainings for the 2025-2026 school year. Use the clickable Table of Contents to jump to your desired section.

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## 1. Communication Applications for iPads



 Virtual | Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Description:** Training on the TouchChat iPad app. Covers navigation, settings, customization, goal selection, implementation, and data collection. Intended for teams running an AAC trial or with current users.


**Dates:** 9/9/25, 9/25/25, 10/10/25, 10/23/25, 11/4/25, 12/3/25

**Registration:** Please register using the [Google Form](#) to receive the calendar invite and Meet link. Learning Hub Code: **57212**

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### TD Snap (Core First & Motor Plan)



 Virtual | Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Description:** Training on the TD Snap iPad app. Includes navigation, settings, customization, goal selection, implementation, and data collection. Intended for teams running an AAC trial or with current users.

**Dates:** 9/10/25, 9/25/25, 10/9/25, 10/24/25, 11/5/25, 12/4/25

**Registration:** Please register using the [Google Form](#) to receive the calendar invite and Meet link. Learning Hub Code: **57221**

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## LAMP Words for Life



Virtual | Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Description:** Training on the TouchChat iPad app. Covers navigation, settings, customization, goal selection, implementation, and data collection. Intended for teams running an AAC trial or with current users.

**Dates:** 9/12/25, 10/22/25, 12/2/25

**Registration:** Please register using the [Google Form](#) to receive the calendar invite and Meet link. Learning Hub Code: **57213**

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## GoTalk Now Plus



Virtual | Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Description:** This training provides an introduction to the software features of the **GoTalk Now Plus** communication application for the iPad. Participants will learn how to navigate pages, adjust settings for student needs, customize existing pages, and create personalized buttons. Please have a device with the GoTalk Now Plus application available during the session.

**Dates:** 9/11/25, 10/8/25, 11/6/25

**Registration:** Please register using the [Google Form](#) to receive the calendar invite and Meet link. Learning Hub Code: **64946**

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## Dedicated Devices

Trainings for dedicated AAC devices such as Tobii Dynavox I-Series, Saltillo NovaChat, PRC Accent and others are available upon request. Please contact your [AAC Itinerant](#) for more information.

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# 2. Additional AAC Related Trainings

## AAC Basics


Virtual and In-Person | Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (unless noted)

**Description:** This training covers foundational AAC concepts, including definitions, common myths, and best practices. Participants will explore a range of AAC software and systems, engage in introductory-level Q&A, and learn about additional AAC resources.

Formats and Dates:

 In-Person Sessions:

- Friday, October 10 – 10:00am - 12:00pm at the [Bucktown-Wicker Park Library](#) (1701 N Milwaukee)
- Friday, March 13 – 10:00am - 12:00pm at [Garfield Park Office](#) (2651 W Washington)

 Virtual Session:

- Thursday, September 4 – 10:00am - 12:00pm
- Thursday, September 25 – 12:30pm - 2:30pm
- Wednesday, September 17 - 10am - 12pm (in SPANISH/en ESPAÑOL)

**Registration:** Please register using the [Google Form](#) to receive the calendar invite and Meet link. Learning Hub Code: **70226**

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## 3. Assistive Technology (AT) Trainings

### Read&Write Plus and OrbitNote PDF Annotation

 Self-Directed / On-Demand | CPDUs not available

**Description:**


Everyday offers on-demand webinars for Read & Write Plus and OrbitNote.

- **Read&Write Plus** supports reading, writing, studying, and research with features like word prediction, online dictionaries, text-to-speech, speech-to-text, highlighting, and tools to simplify online text.
- **OrbitNote** allows annotation, highlighting, and collaborative commenting directly in PDFs to deepen understanding and critical thinking.

**Links:**

- [Back to School Webinars](#)
  - [Read&Write Plus Webinars](#)
  - [OrbitNote Webinar](#)
  - [More On-Demand Webinars](#)
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## Bookshare

 Virtual | 45 minutes | 1 ISBE hour

**Description:**

Bookshare provides free eBooks for students with reading barriers, visual impairments, or physical disabilities, offering formats such as audio with synchronized highlighting, braille, and large print. New this year, ATRC will pre-create participant accounts to allow time for hands-on practice adding students, assigning books, and answering questions.

**Dates:**

- 8/8/25 – GooglePalooza
- 9/5/25 – 2:00 PM
- 11/10/25 – 12:00 PM
- 1/23/26 – 10:00 AM
- 4/24/26 – 12:00 PM

**Registration:** Please register using the [Google Form](#). **Learning Hub Code:** 137762

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## Learning Ally Audiobooks

 **Self-Directed / Ongoing** | *CPDUs not available*

**Description:**

A vast library of high-quality audiobooks, including 500 titles aligned to the Skyline Curriculum, plus thousands more. Students can access grade-level content regardless of reading level.

**Dates:** [Learning Ally Training Calendar](#)

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## Empowering Every Student: Free Assistive Technology (AT) Tools

 **Self-Directed / Ongoing** | *CPDUs not available*


**Description:**

Learn to use [free AT resources](#), including built-in [Chromebook accessibility features](#), [eBook libraries with audio](#), and other tools to create more inclusive, [accessible learning environments](#).

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# 4. Self-Paced Google Classrooms

## OSD Augmentative & Alternative Communication Basics: Building a Foundation for AAC Success

 **Self-Directed / Ongoing** | 2 ISBE hours | Learning Hub Course Code: **57170**

**Description:**

An asynchronous course for staff new to AAC or needing a refresher. Covers core language, aided language input, chain of cues, and basic classroom implementation.


**Dates:**

- 08/26/24 – 11/15/24 (Learning Hub Class #129476)
- 12/9/24 – 5/15/25 (Learning Hub Class #129477)

**Links:**

- [Join Google Classroom](#) — use code **u7uc6yz**

## Emergent Literacy and AAC: Literacy for Students with Complex Communication Needs

 **Self-Directed / Ongoing** | 3 ISBE hours | Learning Hub Course Code: 55260 |  
Google Classroom Code: bypd2v2

**Description:**

Focuses on literacy instruction for AAC users with emergent literacy skills. Topics include Shared Reading, Predictable Chart Writing, Alphabet Knowledge, and more. Participants have 3 months to complete the course.

**Links:**

- [Join Google Classroom](#) — use code bypd2v2
- [Course Flyer](#)

## OSD Switch Use for Access to the Curriculum: Emerging Switch Skills (Part 1)

 **Self-Directed / Ongoing** | 3 ISBE hours | Learning Hub Course Code:


**Description:**

Introduces switch use for students with physical disabilities to access devices, toys, computers, and the environment. Covers steps 1–4 of *Linda Burkhart's Stepping Stones to Switch Access*, with resources and activities for skill development.

**Links:**

- [Join Google Classroom](#) — use code **3z445cf**

## OSD Switch Use for Access to the Curriculum: Advanced Switch Skills (Part 2)

 **Self-Directed / Ongoing** | 3 ISBE hours | Learning Hub Course Code: **54478**



### Description:

Builds on Part 1 by addressing advanced switch skills (steps 4–8 of *Linda Burkhart's Stepping Stones to Switch Access*). Includes strategies for communication and environmental control, plus resources and activities for practice.

### Links:

- [Join Google Classroom](#) — use code **zoy6ns3**

## 5. Quick View Calendar

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9/11/25	10:00 - 12:00	GoTalk Now Plus	 Virtual		<a href="#">Register</a>
9/12/25	10:00 - 12:00	LAMP	 Virtual		<a href="#">Register</a>
9/16/25	12:30 - 2:30	AAC Basics	 Virtual		<a href="#">Register</a>

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11/6/25	10:00 - 12:00	GoTalk Now Plus	 Virtual		<a href="#">Register</a>
11/10/25	12:00	Bookshare	 Virtual		<a href="#">Register</a>
12/2/25	10:00 - 12:00	LAMP	 Virtual		<a href="#">Register</a>
12/3/25	10:00 - 12:00	TouchChat	 Virtual		<a href="#">Register</a>
12/4/25	10:00 - 12:00	TD Snap	 Virtual		<a href="#">Register</a>
1/23/26	10:00	Bookshare	 Virtual		<a href="#">Register</a>
3/13/26	10:00 - 12:00	AAC Basics	 In-Person		<a href="#">Register</a>
4/24/26	12:00	Bookshare	 Virtual		<a href="#">Register</a>