



Our 2021-2022 Educational Webinar Schedule

Math Whiteboard: When Universal Design For Instruction Meets Accessibility

Date: September 9, 2021 | 12:00pm-1:00pm EST

Presented By: Adam Kosakowski; AT Specialist

Cost: FREE to NEAT Members; \$25 for general public

Description: With how education has changed during the pandemic, hybrid instruction is making universal design more important than it has ever been. And this goes doubly for math! But, how can teachers make math instruction accessible in a hybrid environment? Well, a great start is by using tools that focus on universal design, like Math Whiteboard. This webinar will introduce participants to the **free web app** called Math Whiteboard. It will also demonstrate how the app can make math instruction more universal and accessible to help meet the learning needs of many students

Getting The Most Bang For The Bucks! An Exploration Of Inexpensive Tools To Support Low Vision Or Blindness

Date: October 7, 2021 | 12:00pm-1:00pm EST

Presented By: Steve Famiglietti; Blind Services Vocational Manager

Cost: FREE to NEAT Members; \$25 for general public

Description: October is Blindness Awareness Month. To celebrate, let us take a look at some items that are low cost that can make a large difference for people with low vision or blindness. During this presentation, I will highlight ten items which have made great impacts on the lives of many people over the years. All of the items that will be shown will cost less than \$100.00!

Using AT To Work With PDF Documents And Worksheets Part 1: Working With PDFs On Chromebook

Date: October 13, 2021 | 12:00pm-1:00pm EST

Presented By: Jamie Martin; AT Specialist

Cost: FREE to NEAT Members; \$25 for general public

Description: During the 2020-2021 school year, PDF files were in the spotlight. Remote and hybrid learning models necessitated more work to be completed digitally, and teachers often provided learning materials to their students in PDF format. That practice will likely continue, even as students return to classrooms and schools start to feel “normal” again. This three-part webinar series focuses on specific assistive technology tools that can help students with (and without) disabilities read and annotate PDF documents and worksheets with greater efficiency and independence.

There are multiple Chrome tools that allow students to use familiar AT features like text-to-speech, dictation, and word prediction while working with PDF documents. This webinar will highlight practical uses for tools like Texthelp PDF Reader, Snap&Read Universal, and Kami for Google Chrome.

#SevenTimes Series – Communication and Education: Tools For Ending The Sexual Assault Epidemic For People With I/DD

Date: October 20, 21, and 22, 2021 | 12:00pm-1:30pm EST

Cost: FREE to the general public

Description: Oak Hill, with generous sponsorship from the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism and the CT Tech Act Project, is taking action against this statistic by hosting a free awareness and skill-building webinar series. Over the course of three lunch hour sessions, professionals with a variety of backgrounds will discuss the barriers and unique safety risks that individuals with autism and other disabilities face. Participants will learn strategies for prevention, response, and reporting, as well as ways to build a culture of consent that supports safe, healthy, fulfilling relationships of all kinds. Resources, including assistive technology suggestions, will be shared to offer participants next steps for collectively breaking down these barriers. Human services professionals, school teams, legal advocates, administrators, family members, and more are all invited to join the conversation.

Part 1 – Wednesday, October 20th

"Knowledge is Power – Using Education to Prevent Violence and Support Healthy Relationships"

Brenna Doyle, MA, MS, *Sexual Health Educator and Consultant for CRSE*

Part 2 – Thursday, October 21st

"Attacking the Sexual Assault Epidemic with Communication"

Elena Fader, M.A. CCC-SLP, *Director of Assistive Technology Services at NEAT*

Part 3 – Friday, October 22nd

Expert Panelist Discussion

Robin Moyher, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LBA

Moyher Applied Behavior Analysis Consulting

Kaitlyn Fenner, LCSW

Program Manager-Outpatient Services at Marne Street Clinic/Clifford Beers

Lisa Murphy-Cipolla, LMFT

Clinical Services Coordinator, Greater Hartford Family Advocacy Center of Saint Francis Hospital

Monica Madigan, LCSW

Lead Social Worker-Forensic Interviewer at Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital Child Advocacy Center

Heeeey Switch! Different Types Of Switches And Who Can Use Them

Date: October 27, 2021 | 12:00pm-1:00pm EST

Presented By: Ramon Hernandez; AT Specialist

Cost: FREE to NEAT Members; \$25 for general public

Description: Switches. Switches. Switches. You use them at home, at work, and even while you are driving. But what if I told you, I could offer you an Assistive Technology tool to turn on a toy for a child with mobility challenges or Voice Output Device for an adult with communication differences? The presenter will demonstrate the numerous types of switches in NEAT's Lending Library and then some. I will explain how they are used and, who they are perfect for. Time to Master the Switch!

Switch It Up! An Introduction To The Ins And Outs Of Switch Access On iPads

Date: November 10, 2021 | 12:00pm-1:00pm EST

Presented By: Adam Kosakowski; AT Specialist

Cost: FREE to NEAT Members; \$25 for general public

Switch access is an amazing way to give students with motor challenges access to an iPad, whether it be access to communication via their AAC app, writing, general iPad access, etc. This webinar will cover the basics of 1 and 2 switch access on iPads so that you can feel confident in setting up switch use on your own for your students

How To Download And Use AAC Emulators On Your Computer

Date: November 18, 2021 | 2:00pm-3:00pm EST

Presented By: Margaret Hislop; AAC Specialist

Cost: FREE to NEAT Members; \$25 for general public

Many clinicians turned to AAC emulators or other mirroring software when services quickly shifted to the virtual format. However, even if you're back to working in person with students, AAC emulators are still very useful. They can be used to make changes to a student's device, create visuals, and provide staff training. Thankfully, many emulators are free! In this webinar, you will learn which AAC emulators are available on Windows versus macOS devices, where to download the software, and the basics of how to use them. Some of the software that will be reviewed include TD Snap, NuVoice (CoreScanner), Empower (Unity and LAMP WFL), Chat Editor (TouchChat), and Proloquo2Go.

Using AT To Work With PDF Documents And Worksheets Part 2: Working With PDFs On An iPad

Date: December 15, 2021 | 12:00pm-1:00pm EST

Presented By: Jamie Martin; AT Specialist

Cost: FREE to NEAT Members; \$25 for general public

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There are multiple iPad tools that allow students to use familiar AT features like text-to-speech, dictation, and word prediction while working with PDF documents. This webinar will highlight practical uses for apps like ClaroPDF Pro, Snap&Read Universal, and Notability.

The AAC Funding Process: From Initial Assessment To Insurance Approval

Date: January 12, 2022 | 12:00pm-1:00pm EST

Presented By: Margaret Hislop; AAC Specialist

Cost: FREE to NEAT Members; \$25 for general public

The insurance funding process for obtaining an AAC device can feel daunting and convoluted. This webinar will review the process from completing an initial AAC evaluation to the final submission to insurance. We will touch upon what needs to be included in the report, trial requirements, and doctor prescriptions. You will be provided with resources and links to the funding information for various AAC companies that will help guide you through the process.

Using PowerPoint To Create Accessible Flyers

Date: January 26, 2022 | 12:00pm-1:00pm EST

Presented By: Adam Kosakowski; AT Specialist

Cost: FREE to NEAT Members; \$25 for general public

Some would argue that you cannot create beautiful flyers that are also accessible, well let's prove them wrong! Using PowerPoint and a little accessibility know how, you can create flyers that everyone can enjoy, even those using screen readers! When registering, please review digital accessibility basics, like headings, alternative text, and color contrast because knowledge of those accessibility features are prerequisites for this webinar. Get ready to learn a creative way to use your accessibility knowledge to create marketable materials!

Prerequisites: Knowledge about headings, alternative text, and color contrast. You might have even learned about these from a previous NEAT webinar!

Webinar level: Intermediate

Using AT To Work With PDF Documents And Worksheets Part 3: Creating Accessible PDFs With Mobile Apps

Date: February 16, 2022 | 12:00pm-1:00pm EST

Presented By: Jamie Martin; AT Specialist

Cost: FREE to NEAT Members; \$25 for general public

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For students to use assistive technology with PDF documents, those documents need to be accessible. There are several user-friendly mobile apps that utilize a technology called optical character recognition (OCR) to create PDFs with accessible text. This webinar will highlight practical uses for apps like Voice Dream Scanner, Prizmo, and Microsoft Lens.

What Is New In JAWS Version 2022

Date: March 2, 2022 | 12:00pm-1:00pm EST

Presented By: Steve Famiglietti; Blind Services Vocational Manager

Cost: FREE to NEAT Members; \$25 for general public

Each year, Freedom Scientific introduces new features into the JAWS for Windows screen reading software program. During this webinar, the presenter will demonstrate some of his favorite new features found in this new version. The audience will also learn from the presenter’s personal experiences about how these features have impacted him both in the workplace and at home.