

February 2010 Workshops from AT:LAST, Inc.

Boardmaker Plus: Moving from Static to Interactive Materials

February 17, 2010: 9:00 am to 3:30 pm (\$84 Members / \$99 non-Members)

This hands-on session is designed for participants with some experience using Boardmaker but who are new to Boardmaker Plus. You'll learn to add the on-screen interactivity of voice, animation, and video to Boardmaker's Picture Communication Symbols to revolutionize instruction by creating both print and interactive learning materials to address standards, adapt curriculum, and provide alternate assessments.

Target Audience

This hands-on session is designed for participants with some experience using Boardmaker but who are new to Boardmaker Plus. Ideal participants include special educators, speech/language pathologists, early childhood professionals, ESOL professionals, and parents supporting students with communication impairments in need of a more powerful and flexible learning and communication tool.

Description of Experience

Boardmaker Plus adds the on-screen interactivity of voice, animation, and video to Boardmaker's Picture Communication Symbols to revolutionize instruction by creating both print and interactive learning materials to address standards, adapt curriculum, and provide alternate assessments. The day will cover the programming and user settings of Boardmaker Plus as well as linking boards; pop-up boards; writing boards; communication boards; classroom activity boards such as interactive schedules, interactive matching boards, and many, many more!

Participants will have the opportunity to take paper-based boards and transform them into interactive ones. Once you see your own work transformed you'll marvel at both the time savings and the increased quality of your instruction!

Learning Objectives

- Recognize a variety of ways to improve and adapt the environment using this software
- Discuss strategies for involving and motivating students to communicate during all classroom activities
- Identify the specific individuals in your population who would benefit from a more engaging and interactive classroom experience
- Design and link communication pages
- Design an interactive "matching" activity using Boardmaker Plus
- Modify existing static classroom activities into interactive activities