

SWAAAC TRAININGS

November 13-14, 2006
SWAAAC 101
8:00-4:00
ATP

December 8, 2006
Distance Education
Switch Implementation
8:30 – 4:00
Philip Schweigert

Vendor Trainings at ATP

November 7, 2006
Advanced Functions with PRC
Devices 9:00-4:00

December 15, 2006
Microsoft Accessibility
(MARC) training 3:00-4:30

Open Labs at ATP 3:30-5:30

November 9, 2006
AT & Learning Tools



Supporting Learning Through Assistive Technology

What's New

SWAAAC Newsletter

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide up-to-date information for all SWAAAC members. We will publish this newsletter October, January and April to help keep you informed and remind you of what is happening in the state.

Distance Education

In our continuing effort to provide you with quality training in various areas of expertise, don't miss the Distance Education Class on Switch Implementation presented by Philip Schweigert. December 8, 8:30 – 4:00. The morning session will be on *Early Communication and the Role of Microswitch Technology for Children with Severe and Multiple Disabilities*. The afternoon will focus on *Tangible Symbol Communication for Learners with Multiple and Severe Disabilities*. This promises to be a very informative session. Space is limited!! Please sign up with Sarah Barthel at Sarah.Barthel@UCHSC.edu or 303-315-1276.

SWAAAC 101

SWAAAC 101 (SWAAAC Revisited) or everything you need to know about SWAAAC is coming your way November 13-14. If you have a new SWAAAC team or are new to SWAAAC this is a great introduction to what you will do.

New IDEA Regulations

Very soon we will be providing you with a brief highlight of the assistive technology components of the new IDEA which will have an impact on future education in Colorado.

Assistive Technology Conference 2007

The date for The Rocky Mountain Collaborative Assistive Technology Conference 2007 will be June 21-23 at the Hyatt Regency Tech Center, Denver.

Conference Accessible Classroom

There is a group helping to organize the classroom for the 2007 Conference. We are looking for unique and clever ideas for adapting the classroom. We will gather photos for display as the year goes on so if you have any photos of your classroom or know of a classroom that should be included, send them to Diane at Diane.Brians@UCHSC.edu.



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Mark Your Calendar!

Nov. 10 – 11, 2006

Low Vision Device
Training (CDE)
(Designed for certified
teachers of students with
visual impairments and
orientation and mobility
specialists.)
www.cde.state.co.us

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New Resources in the Loan Bank

Our Loan Bank adds new resources every year at your request and this year is no different. We have added new communication devices, portable computers, word processing devices and much more!

New arrivals include Boardmaker Activity Pad, A Handwriting Kit, Start to Finish Book updates, Cosmos Learning Center, Meville to Weville...just to name a few.

The Loan Bank staff looks to you for ideas about what to order each year so please help by making recommendations to the staff if you see any exciting new equipment.

Please feel welcome to stop by our ATP offices to see and try the new items in the Loan Bank. Please call Miya at 303-315-1280 to set up a time.

SWAAAC Yahoo Group

Visit SWAAAC@yahoogroups.com for a chance to network with other SWAAAC members. Current topics include CSAP and CSAP A, Working with I.T. Departments and Technical Assistance. Join in and share your expertise and experiences, ask questions, obtain new resources!

Meet Your SWAAAC Advisory Committee

The SWAAAC Advisory Committee spends many extra hours helping to develop resources for SWAAAC team members.

Members Include:

Ann Marie Scott	Marcia Martin	Maureen Kasa
Alison Montana	Marcia Blum	Maxine Anderson
Tami Cassel	Barb Langley	Linda Cordts
Dave Karisny	Lori O'Hare	Christina Perkins
Liz Rusch	Diane Brians	Sarah Barthel
Maureen Melonis		

Thanks for all your hard work!

Meet Our Staff....

Here are the people who are responsible for running your SWAAAC office.

Maureen Melonis, MNS CCC SLP – Project Coordinator, Assistive Technology Specialist, Technical Assistance, Conference, Outreach, Education.

Liz Rusch, PT, DPT – Assistive Technology Specialist, Loan Bank, Conference, Community Outreach, Education.

Sarah Barthel, MS – Loan Bank Manager.

Christina Perkins, MS CCC SLP - Assistive Technology Specialist, Technical Assistance, Conference, Outreach, Education.

Diane Brians, BA – Assistive Technology Specialist, Loan Bank, Conference, Education.

Lauren Rogers – Student Intern, assists with Loan Bank.