Communication and Emergent Literacy

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Agenda

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| Section 1 | *Introduction*15 min | Review of Agenda, Learning Outcomes, and Handouts. |  |
| Section 2 | *Core Vocabulary* | Why Core vocabulary can be such a powerful communication support | * Universal Core Board: 36 Location Board
* Convey a Message with a Single Word or in Combination
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| Section 3 | *Beginning Communicators* | How adults can make meaningful connections between the intent of the observed behavior and related symbols. | * Ways to communicate
* Use classroom examples to make connections between behavior and symbols.
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| Section 4 | *Aided Language* | Demonstrating symbol use for beginning communicators. | * Communicating with Symbols: Encouraging or Requiring?
* Connecting Symbols to Expression
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| Section 5 | *Individual Access* | Information on providing individualized access to the core vocabulary and an introduction to a selection tool for getting started. | * Decisions Regarding Initial Universal Core Formats
* Discuss the Speech Generating Device support
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| Section 6 | *Daily Routines* | Using universal core vocabulary to take advantage of every opportunity for educators to teach and students to learn. | * Taking Advantage of Classroom Routines
* Supporting Each Other
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| Section 7  | *Academic Instruction* | Discuss how to support interaction and teach communication as students engage in academic instruction across the school day. | * Review the *Project General Core Self-Reflection & Observation* form
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| Section 8 | *Evaluations and IEPs* | Discuss procedures for obtaining AAC Evaluations. Discuss how to include Communication goals in goals and objectives for IEPs. | * Generate possible IEP goals.
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