

PODD Communication
2 Day Introductory Workshop
presented by Linda J. Burkhart



Where: Bishop Gorman Catholic School
1405 E SE Loop 323, Tyler TX 75701

When: Fri and Sat, March 22 & 23, 2024
8:30am - 4:30pm on each day, with 1 hr lunch

Cost: early bird \$350, *incl. lunch & materials*
****\$400, MAR 1-15, \$450 after MAR 15th****

Children who have complex communication needs or have limited speech, often struggle to interact and communicate. This may include children who have physical disabilities, multiple disabilities, sensory processing challenges, limited social interaction skills, and/or a range of cognitive limitations and learning difficulties.

This two day course will demonstrate the Pragmatic Organization Dynamic Display (PODD) approach developed by Gayle Porter (Melbourne, Australia). Generic templates for multi-page “light tech” communication books have been carefully designed to support genuine communication functions throughout the day. These templates are customizable for individual needs.

Come learn strategies for creating multi-modal language learning environments that provide receptive models and expressive opportunities for language development. Learn strategies for teaching and using PODD with children and their communication partners. Videos and case examples will be shared. Participants will have an opportunity for hands-on practice with PODD Communication books.

After this course participants will be able to:

- Describe the challenges faced by professionals creating communication systems in terms of vocabulary organization, layout, design, range of access strategies and customizing for individual requirements.
- Discuss the importance of receptive language input and creating a language learning environment
- Discuss the features of a PODD communication system in terms of vocabulary organization, layout, design, range of access strategies and customizing for individual requirements.
- Use PODD generic template resources to produce customized communication books.
- Discuss the teaching and learning strategies for implementing PODD communication systems with students and team members.



Linda Burkhart is an internationally renowned teacher and leader in the field of assistive technology for children with severe challenges. She has developed numerous adapted switches and innovative strategies partnering with Johns Hopkins and Maryland Department of Education, and is the author of a number of books and software titles on topics of assistive technology and augmentative communication.

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