



**Title:** AAC Implementation in the Schools: Approaches, Ideas, and Next Steps

**Description:** This workshop provides essential and functional information for working with students who have complex communication needs. Fundamental principles of AAC will be reviewed and how it can work to promote communicative competence. Evidence-based practice methods will be explored to support goal development and vocabulary engineering for no-tech, low-tech, and dynamic voice output methodologies. A range of implementation methods relevant to different communicative contexts will be presented via case studies and emphasis on hands-on experience to promote understanding and generalization of material presented. Participants will be provided information which can be implemented immediately at their workplace.

**Presenter:** Dr. Christina Luna is a speech-language pathologist licensed in New Jersey and Florida. Since earning her bachelor's and master's degrees in communication disorders and deafness at the William Paterson University of New Jersey and her doctoral degree at Nova Southeastern University, Dr. Luna has worked with adults and children with swallowing and a wide variety of communication disorders in a range of settings for more than 25 years. A former adjunct professor and assistant professor at Kean University, Dr. Luna currently works in her partnership private practice with Donna Spillman-Kennedy, MS, CCC-SLP focusing on augmentative alternative communication services for clients across the lifespan with a variety of complex communication needs including autism, visual impairment, medical conditions, and physical challenges. Her practice also provides training for use of specific AAC systems and implementation and professional workshops. She is certified in LSVT LOUD and LSVT LOUD for Pediatrics and works with clients with developmental and acquired neurological conditions as well as executive function disorders. She is active in NJSHA, currently serving as the chair of the private practice committee.

**Date:** Saturday, April 20, 2024  
8:30 am - 9:00 am Sign-in (light breakfast will be served)  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm Presentation

**Place:** Summit Speech School  
705 Central Avenue  
New Providence, NJ 07974

**Credit:** 3 Hours Towards Licensure  
NJ Dept. of Ed. Registered Development Provider, ID# 1617

**Questions:** Contact carolazimm@verizon.net  
Please RSVP by April 13, 2024

Note: We must receive notice 48 hours before the program for cancellations. Sorry-no refunds after the 48-hour deadline.

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**UCSHA Registration Form**  
**Return by: April 13, 2024**  
**Checks Payable to: UCSHA**

**Return form with check to:**  
**Carol Zimmerman**  
**23 Glenwood Road**  
**Fanwood, NJ 07023**

**Conference Fee: (\$25 per participant)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home/Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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