

# Supporting Children who use AAC

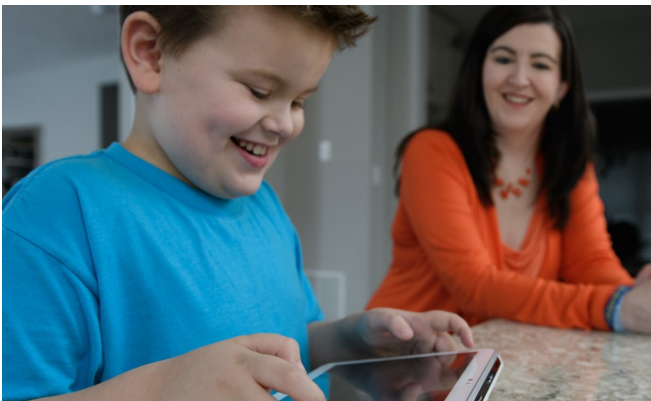
## Exploring assessment and implementation at home and school

**Join Link Assistive Speech Pathologists Charlene Cullen and Amy Litton to get practical with augmentative and alternative communication (AAC).**

This workshop is for anyone working with children with little or no speech who use or may benefit from augmentative and alternative communication (AAC). You will get practical and hands on strategies for implementing AAC with children from emergent communicators through to independent communicators. Free app and print-based tools available from the Link Assistive range will be used to guide learning and will serve as ongoing support after the workshop. Client examples will be used to help you practically apply a range of free resources available to support the implementation and assessment of AAC.

### THIS WORKSHOP WILL:

- Support participants in knowing where to start when implementing AAC for children with complex communication needs and discuss key teaching strategies
- Explore non electronic and electronic communication options from the Link Assistive product range (including Snap Core First, Grid 3, PODD Compass, Big Macks, Quicktalker).
- Explore a range of free resources and lesson plans to support the everyday implementation of AAC including Core First Learning, Boardmaker online, Pathways for Core First and Pathways for Snap Scene, MyTobiiDynavox
- Demonstrate the use of free implementation tools within Pathways for Core First to train others in key communication skills including videos and handouts
- Demonstrate the use of free assessment tools in writing goals for communication and monitoring progress including Access Screening Tool, AAC Needs Assessment, Dynamic AAC Goals Grid-2 and Pathways for Core First Goals Grid
- Discuss the research and development of the resources presented
- Provide practical strategies for using AAC at home and school



### DATES AND REGISTRATION

**Full Day Workshop (8:30am—4pm) \$195 per attendee**

**Darwin 21st October 2019** <https://www.trybooking.com/BDUZF>

**Hobart 11th November 2019** <https://www.trybooking.com/BDYNJ>

**Canberra 13th November 2019** <https://www.trybooking.com/BDYNL>

**Registrations Now Open!**

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# About the Presenters

## CHARLENE CULLEN

Charlene has worked as a speech pathologist for over 20 years in the disability sector for government organisations and private assistive technology suppliers. She currently works for Link Assistive providing support through consultation, training, presentations and technical support to users of AAC, their families, therapists and within community settings.

She enjoys creating online video resources and has presented webinars on using and programming a range of communication and educational softwares including Communicator 5, Boardmaker, Clicker and Compass.

Charlene has presented key notes and workshops both nationally and internationally at a range of schools, universities, expos and conferences including AGOSCI, ISAAC, Speech Pathology Australia, Motor Neuron Disease Symposium, AATC, ATSA and Inclusive Learning Technologies (ILT).

Her current passions are in eye gaze technologies, looking at ways to ensure device trials are successful, voice banking for people with progressive neurological impairments and looking at mounting solutions.



## AMY LITTON

Amy has worked for over 13 years as a speech pathologist in the disability sector with children and adults with complex communication needs within government, non for profit and private practice settings in Western Australia. Amy currently works for Link Assistive supporting therapists, schools and families throughout Australia. She also runs her own private practice where she works with children and young adults who use and Alternative Communication (AAC).

Amy has particular interests in working with schools in implementing whole school AAC strategies. Amy has worked with education support schools in Western Australia to develop school communication policies, training programs and assessment procedures.

Amy regularly presents workshops throughout Australia sharing her passion for giving all children a voice. She has presented at a range of conferences including Speech Pathology Australia, AGOSCI, Inclusive Learning Technologies, ISAAC and Australian Association Special Education (AASE).

Amy uses a range of AAC strategies both non-electronic and electronic. Amy has completed additional training in PODD and is a trained Key Word Sign Presenter.

