

## November 2014 Activities

### Important Grant Dates:

**November 5<sup>th</sup>** – Family Facilitator Phone Conference @ 10 am

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** – Deadline to enter School Quality Indicator Data Online

Deadline to register for Jan. 22, 2015 Event for new teachers-Supporting Students With Disabilities in the Classroom

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Date	Time	Focus Area	Topic	Webinar URL
11/19	3:00 pm	Inclusive Practices	New SPED Teacher Webinar Part 1: A Brief Overview of Assistive Technology	<a href="http://connect.lsu.edu/nsped1atoverviewnov/">http://connect.lsu.edu/nsped1atoverviewnov/</a>

### Upcoming Events Hosted By Other Entities:

- \*REACH 2014 hosted by Louisiana APSE-November 7 in Baton Rouge (see attached flyer)
- \*Louisiana Department of Education Coursewhere Events <http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/main.asp>
- \*Pyramid Community Parent Resource Center Events <http://www.pyramidparentcenter.org/index.php?id=3>
- \*Louisiana Autism Spectrum and Related Disabilities Project (LASARD) – free online workshops  
[http://www.hdc.lsuohsc.edu/pdf/Workgroup\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.hdc.lsuohsc.edu/pdf/Workgroup_flyer.pdf) and <http://www.hdc.lsuohsc.edu/lasard/>
- \*Louisiana Parent Training & Information Center (LAPTIC) Events <http://www.laptic.org/TrainingsAndEvents/index.php>
- \*Louisiana Assistive Technology Initiative (LATI) Events listed on subsequent pages

### **AT For the Struggling Writer**

**Central Region AT Center**

**11/3/2014 Online**

In this 2 week ONLINE course, participants will explore a variety of low to high tech tools to help students who struggle with motor skills involving writing, mechanics of writing, as well as written expression.

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?3849>

### **PARCC Assessment Accessibility Features**

**South Central AT Center**

**11/3/14 and 11/11/14**

The PARCC assessment accessibility features offer many opportunities to customize the test experience to meet the needs of students. This training will introduce users to the PARCC test interface. It will also offer an in depth look at features available to all students, accessibility features and test accommodations. Participants will become familiar with PARCC features, accompanying documents and other resources available through the LDOE and PARCC.

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?4102>

### **Vision Awareness Seminar**

**South River AT Center**

**11/6/2014**

Come join us for a RED HOT presentation filled with creative ideas for low vision technology in the classroom! Low Vision, Etc. and DeafBlind Project of LA will provide a morning packed full of hands on experience with low vision devices, simulation of deafblind situations, DeafBlind Project of LA updates, and resources for educators and parents.

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?4108>

### **iPads for Beginners**

**South Central AT Center**

**11/10/14 Online**

iPads for Beginners provides the new user with a basic overview of the iPad hardware, the iPad operating system software and the vast array of available apps. The course will last 3 weeks. <http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?3808>

**Kurzweil: The Ultimate Academic Tool****South River AT Center****11/10/2014 ONLINE**

Kurzweil 3000 is reading and writing software that has many features designed to support students who are struggling with reading comprehension and written output. The program can be used as a word processor or it can be used to scan documents, like textbooks or worksheets, which can then be read aloud or completed within the program. One of the strengths of the program is its ability to read text aloud. In this 3 week course, participants will learn how to use the various text reading features and tools to read text in a word processing document, text in a scanned document or text on the internet. The program also provides a supportive environment for those students who need help with written output. All activities must be completed to receive CLU credit. A total of 15 CLU credits will be awarded at the conclusion of this course. YOU MUST HAVE ACCESS TO KURZWEIL or be able to DOWNLOAD THE DEMO version in order to participate in this course. <http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?3659>

**You Have A Device: Now What?****South River AT Center****11/12/2014 WEBINAR**

Vocabulary selection has a tremendous impact on whether an AAC system is successful. If the vocabulary on a board or device is not meaningful, functional, or taught to a student then most likely it will seldom be used. Vocabulary selection is a dynamic process that attempts to capture the changing experiences, interests, and knowledge of the person who uses an AAC system. This one hour webinar will discuss types of vocabulary and methods of vocabulary selection for AAC tools.

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?4061>

**Cool Tools: Web 2.0 to Support Common Core Standards****Central Region AT Center****11/17/2014 Online**

The learner will explore free Web 2.0 Resources to support the Common Core State Standards for both ELA and Math in this 3 week course.

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?3824>

**Expanding Expression Tool: Christmas Theme****Northwest AT Center****11/18/2014**

Come join us as we share activities, resources, and ideas for Christmas themed lessons using the Expanding Expression Tool.

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?3964>

## **Learning Through Pictures**

**South River AT Center**

**11/19/2014 WEBINAR**

This one hour webinar will focus on visual supports in daily curriculum activities. Students with special need benefit from making language and literacy activities visible and easier to comprehend. Participants will take away ideas and materials that can be used immediately in their classrooms. <http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?4058>

## **ONLINE Early Childhood AT Tool Box**

**Central Region AT Center**

**12/8/2014 Online**

Participants will explore assistive technology tools for the Early Childhood Classroom in this 2 week online course. Participants will research various commercially available AT items and learn ways to use and adapt everyday objects for teaching tools.

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?3845>

## **Expanding Expression Tool: Snow Theme**

**Northwest AT Center**

**12/9/2014**

Come join us as we share activities, resources, and ideas for snow themed lessons using the Expanding Expression Tool.

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?4067>

## **Unique Learning**

**South River AT Center**

**12/10/2014 WEBINAR**

The Unique Learning System uses instructional targets to bridge between standards and the curriculum content for students with disabilities. The Instructional Targets are aligned to the Common Core Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Join us in for a webinar to show how to use Unique Learning as a supplemental instructional tool. <http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?3931>

## **Say it with an App**

**South River AT Center**

**12/11/2014**

Using iPads/iTouches have endless possibilities. This training will provide participants with information on how to incorporate these devices into therapy and the classroom. Join us in exploring a variety of free or low-cost apps to aid students with articulation, behavior, communication, fluency, language, organization and reading.

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?3654>

## **Sorting Through AAC Apps**

**South River AT Center**

**12/11/2014**

Are you overwhelmed with the number of AAC apps available? The world of AAC has become a popular breeding ground for new apps, but not all are created equal. Come explore the various features and customization options that will assist you in determining the best AAC app for your students.

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?3859>

## **Create AIM with MS Word**

**South River AT Center**

**1/12/2015 Online**

This 2 week course addresses several features that make Microsoft Word accessible to a wider range of users, including those who have limited dexterity, low vision, or other disabilities. Teachers want their students to succeed, but a one-size-fits-all approach to education simply does not work. How can teachers respond to individual differences? This course will teach participants how to edit toolbars, get a word count, create tables and forms, and use the auto correct features of MS Word to support student writing. They will also learn about a new add on feature that allows MS Word to talk and highlight the spoken word. All activities must be completed to receive CLU credit. You will earn 10 CLUs when you complete the course.

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?3663>

## **AT Tools for Writing**

**South River AT Center**

**1/14/2015 Webinar**

This one hour webinar will provide participants with an overview of a wide variety of assistive technology tools and devices designed to address writing challenges.

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?4059>

## **Fun with Foldables**

**South River AT Center**

**1/15/2015**

Participants will create various low tech manipulatives for students to access curriculum. This workshop is designed to acquaint participants with the basic premise of UDL and to provide hands-on experience in adapting their curriculum to provide for ALL learning styles and abilities.

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?3645>