

# Professional Development Guide

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## **Regional Center Trainings**

These trainings are offered through all of the Louisiana Assistive Technology Regional Centers. Please contact your district's assistive technology regional center for further information.



## **Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops**

### **Including the Cause/Effect Child in Literacy Activities**

- Contact:** Your Assistive Technology Regional Center
- Presenter(s):** Assistive Technology Regional Center Coordinators
- Overview:** This workshop gives an overview of difficulties in the reading process and how to foster emergent literacy for children with special needs. The workshop then reviews several books, assistive technology adaptations/devices, and corresponding activities that may be used when facilitating literacy interactions with children who are at the cause/effect level.
- Who Should Attend:** Teachers, therapists, paraprofessionals, parents, administrators
- Registration Requirements:** These are professional development workshops that are available upon request. To request this workshop please contact your Assistive Technology Regional Center.



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Testing Modifications and Accommodations for the AAC User

- Contact: Your Assistive Technology Regional Center
- Presenter(s): Assistive Technology Regional Center Coordinators
- Overview: A brief overview of definitions and laws is provided. Emphasis is placed on accommodations, the IEP, modifications that can be made in order for the students using AAC devices to engage in the assessment process.
- Who Should Attend: Service providers, including regular education teachers for students using assistive technology/AAC
- Registration Requirements: These are professional development workshops that are available upon request. To request this workshop please contact your Assistive Technology Regional Center.



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### **Making Books Accessible to All: Multimedia Programs to Adapt Books**

- Contact: Your Assistive Technology Regional Center
- Presenter(s): Assistive Technology Regional Center Coordinator
- Overview: Participants will create accessible books using various multimedia programs such as PowerPoint, Build Ability, Writing with Symbols, My Own Bookshelf, and more. Participants will learn how easy it is to scan the pages of a book, edit them, and record sound. These books can be accessible using different options and input devices such as switches, touch windows, and alternate keyboards.
- Who Should Attend: Regular education teachers, special education teachers, speech therapists, paraprofessionals, occupational therapists, physical therapists, parents, and students
- Registration Requirements: These are professional development workshops that are available upon request. To request this workshop please contact your Assistive Technology Regional Center.



## **Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops**

### **Functional use of AT across Daily Routines**

- Contact:** Your Assistive Technology Regional Center
- Presenter(s):** Assistive Technology Regional Center Coordinator
- Overview:** This workshop focuses on adapting preschool activities for students with verbal and motoric difficulties. Participants will learn how to incorporate the use of low to medium assistive technology tools and devices in the classroom. Each participant will have a chance to adapt a book, make communication boards and overlays, and make a baggie book. In addition participants will learn how to use Boardmaker, Writing with Symbols 2000, and My Own Bookshelf to create various activities throughout the day.
- Who Should Attend:** Regular education teachers, special education teachers, speech pathologists, paraprofessionals, occupational therapists, physical therapists, APE teachers
- Registration Requirements:** These are professional development workshops that are available upon request. To request this workshop please contact your Assistive Technology Regional Center.



## **Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops**

### **Universal Design for Learning**

- Contact:** Your Assistive Technology Regional Center
- Presenter(s):** Assistive Technology Regional Center Coordinator
- Overview:** This workshop will discuss the concept of Universal Design for Learning and its significance on the curriculum. A variety of software, devices, and teaching methods that incorporate universal design will be demonstrated and discussed.
- Who Should Attend:** Teachers, technology staff, administrators
- Registration Requirements:** These are professional development workshops that are available upon request. To request this workshop please contact your Assistive Technology Regional Center.



## **Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops**

### **Text to Speech Programs: A Comparison**

Contact:	Your Assistive Technology Regional Center
Presenter(s):	Assistive Technology Regional Center Coordinator
Overview:	This workshop will discuss the benefits of text to speech programs and then provide a comparison of three popular programs used by schools today.
Who Should Attend:	Teachers, technology staff, administrators
Registration Requirements:	These are professional development workshops that are available upon request. To request this workshop please contact your Assistive Technology Regional Center.



## **Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops**

### **A Comprehensive Overview of the SETT Framework and Quality Indicators in Assistive Technology**

- Contact:** Your Assistive Technology Regional Center
- Presenter(s):** Assistive Technology Regional Center Coordinator
- Overview:** This workshop provides school district personnel with best practices in assistive technology. The entire process including referrals, evaluations, and implementation strategies will be discussed. SETT and QIAT research based models will be reviewed.
- Who Should Attend:** District administrators, supervisors, principals, AT coordinators, pupil appraisal staff, and any persons directly responsible for ensuring the quality of assistive technology services in the school district
- Registration Requirements:** These are professional development workshops that are available upon request. To request this workshop please contact your Assistive Technology Regional Center.



## **Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops**

### **Seating and Positioning**

- Contact:** Your Assistive Technology Regional Center
- Presenter(s):** Assistive Technology Regional Center Coordinator
- Overview:** This workshop will explore the need to consider posture and seating as they relate to a person's functioning. Basic terminology related to seating and positioning will be covered.
- Who Should Attend:** Teachers, paraprofessionals, and parents
- Registration Requirements:** These are professional development workshops that are available upon request. To request this workshop please contact your Assistive Technology Regional Center.

## **Region 2 Professional Development Oppportunities**



## **Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops**

### **Policies and Procedures in Region II**

- Contact:** Karen Nelson or Kimberly Haynes, Region II AT Coordinators  
2525 Wyandotte St., Baton Rouge, LA 70805  
225-356-1147  
[karen@lati-region2.com](mailto:karen@lati-region2.com)  
[kim@lati-region2.com](mailto:kim@lati-region2.com)
- Presenter(s):** Region II AT Contacts
- Overview:** Information will be shared by Region II AT Contacts on policies, procedures, and forms used in the AT referral process in their respective LEA's.
- Who Should Attend:** School personnel responsible for assistive technology in their LEA
- Registration Requirements:** Contact the Region II AT Center two weeks prior to the training.



## **Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops**

### **Dynamic Display Assessment**

- Contact:** Karen Nelson or Kimberly Haynes, Region II AT Coordinators  
2525 Wyandotte St., Baton Rouge, LA 70805  
225-356-1147  
[karen@lati-region2.com](mailto:karen@lati-region2.com)  
[kim@lati-region2.com](mailto:kim@lati-region2.com)
- Presenter(s):** Region II AT Contacts
- Overview:** An overview of the AAC Assessment and Features of various dynamic display communication devices. Training will include strategies which can be used during the assessment in order to best determine the device features needed by a student in order to fulfill his/her IEP goals and objectives.
- Who Should Attend:** Speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, and physical therapists responsible for AT Assessments
- Registration Requirements:** Contact the Region II AT Center two weeks prior to the training.



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Switches and Simple Scanning

- Contact:** Karen Nelson or Kimberly Haynes, Region II AT Coordinators  
2525 Wyandotte St., Baton Rouge, LA 70805  
225-356-1147  
[karen@lati-region2.com](mailto:karen@lati-region2.com)  
[kim@lati-region2.com](mailto:kim@lati-region2.com)
- Presenter(s):** Region II AT Contacts
- Overview:** An overview of a variety of switches along with switch features. Simple scanning devices and scanning software options will also be demonstrated.
- Who Should Attend:** Speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, special education teachers, regular education teachers, parents, and any other school personnel working with special needs students
- Registration Requirements:** Contact the Region II AT Center two weeks prior to the training.



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### To Read Independently: The Goal for Students with Significant Disabilities

- Contact: Karen Nelson or Kimberly Haynes, Region II AT Coordinators  
2525 Wyandotte St., Baton Rouge, LA 70805  
225-356-1147  
[karen@lati-region2.com](mailto:karen@lati-region2.com)  
[kim@lati-region2.com](mailto:kim@lati-region2.com)
- Presenter(s): Jeremy Palese, Don Johnston, Inc.
- Overview: Expect results and experience success with reading and content area curriculum goals for older students with significant disabilities. Learn how to combine the *Beginning Literacy Frameworks* Emergent, Transitional, and Conventional texts, to address critical beginning reading skills. Materials are ready-to-use and age appropriate for both the student and teacher, as well as designed for authentic beginning reading experiences.
- Who Should Attend: Special education teachers, regular education teachers with special needs students, speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and parents
- Registration Requirements: Contact the Region II AT Center two weeks prior to the training.



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### ATLAS Toolkit Training

- Contact:** Karen Nelson or Kimberly Haynes, Region II AT Coordinators  
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[karen@lati-region2.com](mailto:karen@lati-region2.com)  
[kim@lati-region2.com](mailto:kim@lati-region2.com)
- Presenter(s):** Adam Wing, Laureate
- Overview:** The ATLAS Toolkit is a portable, easy to use, and affordable assistive technology and language assessment solution. It includes low-tech and high-tech tools to conduct a quick, easy, and accurate language assessment to ascertain a student's Language Functioning Stage and to determine appropriate language intervention software.
- Who Should Attend:** Speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, special education teachers, regular education teachers, parents, and any other school personnel working with special needs students
- Registration Requirements:** \$495.00  
Laureate Learning Systems  
Registration Code: #110405  
Attn: Karen Germaine  
110 East Springs Street  
Winooski, VT 05404  
Fax Purchase Order to: 1-802-655-4757
- Each participant will receive an ATLAS Toolkit containing over \$2300.00 worth of Laureate software along with a full day of training.



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Creating E-Books

- Contact: Karen Nelson or Kimberly Haynes, Region II AT Coordinators  
2525 Wyandotte St., Baton Rouge, LA 70805  
225-356-1147  
[karen@lati-region2.com](mailto:karen@lati-region2.com)  
[kim@lati-region2.com](mailto:kim@lati-region2.com)
- Presenter(s): Region II AT Contacts
- Overview: This hands-on workshop will provide information and training on creating e-books for the classroom.
- Who Should Attend: Speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, special education teachers, regular education teachers, parents, and any other school personnel working with special needs students
- Registration Requirements: Contact the Region II AT Center two weeks prior to the training.



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Report Writing

- Contact:** Karen Nelson or Kimberly Haynes, Region II AT Coordinators  
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225-356-1147  
[karen@lati-region2.com](mailto:karen@lati-region2.com)  
[kim@lati-region2.com](mailto:kim@lati-region2.com)
- Presenter(s):** Region II AT Contacts
- Overview:** This workshop will provide information on writing a comprehensive AT assessment report. A variety of report formats will be provided.
- Who Should Attend:** Any LEA school personnel responsible for conducting and writing AT assessment reports
- Registration Requirements:** Contact the Region II AT Center two weeks prior to the training.



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Written Assessments

- Contact:** Karen Nelson or Kimberly Haynes, Region II AT Coordinators  
2525 Wyandotte St., Baton Rouge, LA 70805  
225-356-1147  
[karen@lati-region2.com](mailto:karen@lati-region2.com)  
[kim@lati-region2.com](mailto:kim@lati-region2.com)
- Presenter(s):** Mary “Missy” Tatum, LOTR, ATP
- Overview:** Learn how to conduct an assessment for students who require written communication to meet their IEP goals and objectives. This 2 day workshop will cover various aspects of written communication and the technology available to meet the student’s educational needs.
- Who Should Attend:** Speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, special education teachers, regular education teachers, parents, and any other school personnel working with special needs students
- Registration Requirements:** Contact the Region II AT Center two weeks prior to the training.



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Low Tech Assessment

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2525 Wyandotte St., Baton Rouge, LA 70805  
225-356-1147  
[karen@lati-region2.com](mailto:karen@lati-region2.com)  
[kim@lati-region2.com](mailto:kim@lati-region2.com)
- Presenter(s):** Region II AT Contacts
- Overview:** Learn how to conduct an AAC assessment for students requiring no-tech to low-tech voice output communication devices. A variety of strategies, techniques and device features, equipment, and materials will also be demonstrated.
- Who Should Attend:** Speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, special education teachers, regular education teachers, parents, and any other school personnel working with special needs students
- Registration Requirements:** Contact the Region II AT Center two weeks prior to the training.



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Including the Cause/Effect Child in Literacy Activities

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[kim@lati-region2.com](mailto:kim@lati-region2.com)
- Presenter(s):** Region II AT Contacts
- Overview:** This workshop gives an overview of difficulties in the reading process and how to foster emergent literacy for children with special needs. The workshop then reviews several books, assistive technology adaptations/devices and corresponding activities that may be used when facilitating literacy interactions with children who are at the cause/effect level.
- Who Should Attend:** Speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, special education teachers, regular education teachers, parents, and any other school personnel working with special needs students
- Registration Requirements:** Contact the Region II AT Center two weeks prior to the training.



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### WYNN Test Taker from Freedom Scientific

- Contact:** Karen Nelson or Kimberly Haynes, Region II AT Coordinators  
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[karen@lati-region2.com](mailto:karen@lati-region2.com)  
[kim@lati-region2.com](mailto:kim@lati-region2.com)
- Presenter(s):** Bonnie Hill, Freedom Scientific, Learning Systems Group
- Overview:** Learn about WYNN PC software to enhance reading, to support writing, studying, comprehension and research. This software provides technology to integrate with the curriculum yet can be customized for each student.
- Who Should Attend:** Speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, special education teachers, regular education teachers, parents, and any other school personnel working with special needs students
- Registration Requirements:** Contact the Region II AT Center two weeks prior to the training.

# **Region 3 Professional Development Opportunities**



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Making Functional Overlays with Speaking Dynamically Pro

Contact: Kristie Stapler  
611 N. Burnside Ave.  
Gonzales, LA 70737  
225-621-2538  
[staplerk@apsb.org](mailto:staplerk@apsb.org)

Presenter(s): Sharon Edwards

Overview: Participants will get an overview of Boardmaker to make functional overlays with Speaking Dynamically Pro. They will learn to transfer these functional overlays into talking communication boards. This hands-on experience will teach basic programming skills, how to link boards and use video clips.

Who Should Attend: Regular education teachers, special education teachers, speech therapists, paraprofessionals, occupational therapists, physical therapists, parents, and students

Registration Requirements: Mail to: 611 N. Burnside Ave.  
Gonzales, LA 70737  
Fax to: 225-621-2525  
Email to: [staplerk@apsb.org](mailto:staplerk@apsb.org)

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## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Accessible Activities with Classroom Suite

Contact: Kristie Stapler  
611 N. Burnside Ave.  
Gonzales, LA 70737  
225-621-2538  
[staplerk@apsb.org](mailto:staplerk@apsb.org)

Presenter(s): Kristie Stapler

Overview: This workshop will demonstrate accessible activities using Intellitools Classroom Suite. The focus is to provide supports that allow students with moderate physical or cognitive delays and students with mild learning delays to participate in a multimedia activity with their non-disabled peers.

Who Should Attend: Regular education teachers, special education teachers, speech therapists, paraprofessionals, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and parents

Registration Requirements: Mail to: 611 N. Burnside Ave.  
Gonzales, LA 70737  
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## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Boardmaker and Beyond

Contact: Kristie Stapler  
611 N. Burnside Ave.  
Gonzales, LA 70737  
225-621-2538  
[staplerk@apsb.org](mailto:staplerk@apsb.org)

Presenter(s): Sharon Edwards

Overview: Participants will learn the basic features of Boardmaker and how to make communication boards, device overlays, schedules, worksheets, and adapted books. Participants will have an opportunity to create an activity and take it to use with their students.

Who Should Attend: Regular education teachers, special education teachers, speech therapists, paraprofessionals, occupational therapists, physical therapists, parents, and students

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## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Conducting an ACC Assessment

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611 N. Burnside Ave.  
Gonzales, LA 70737  
225-621-2538  
[staplerk@apsb.org](mailto:staplerk@apsb.org)
- Presenter(s): Sharon Edwards and Kristie Stapler
- Overview: Participants will learn how to conduct an assistive technology assessment in the area of verbal communication. Participants will be taken through the referral process, the screening process, the observation process, and the evaluation.
- Who Should Attend: Regular education teachers, special education teachers, speech therapists, paraprofessionals, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and parents
- Registration Requirements: Mail to: 611 N. Burnside Ave.  
Gonzales, LA 70737  
Fax to: 225-621-2525  
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## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Does Your Word Processor Talk? (Exploring Text to Speech Software)

Contact: Kristie Stapler  
611 N. Burnside Ave.  
Gonzales, LA 70737  
225-621-2538  
[staplerk@apsb.org](mailto:staplerk@apsb.org)

Presenter(s): Kristie Stapler

Overview: This workshop will feature software that supports Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles to provide for students with different learning styles and needs. Participants will be introduced to the features of text-to-speech, visual enhancement, and access options in various text-to-speech software. These features assist struggling readers to access the general curriculum.

Who Should Attend: Regular education teachers, special education teachers, speech therapists, paraprofessionals, occupational therapists, physical therapists, parents, and students

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## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Functional Use of AT across Daily Routines

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- Presenter(s):** Sharon Edwards
- Overview:** This workshop focuses on adapting preschool activities for students with verbal and motoric difficulties. Participants will learn how to incorporate the use of low-tech to medium-tech assistive technology tools and devices into the classroom. Each participant will have a chance to adapt a book, make communication boards and overlays, and make a baggie book. In addition participants will learn how to use Boardmaker, Writing with Symbols 2000, and My Own Bookshelf to create various activities throughout the day.
- Who Should Attend:** Regular education teachers, special education teachers, speech therapists, paraprofessionals, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and parents
- Registration Requirements:** Mail to: 611 N. Burnside Ave.  
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## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Making Books Accessible to All: Using Multimedia Programs to Adapt Books

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[staplerk@apsb.org](mailto:staplerk@apsb.org)

Presenter(s): Kristie Stapler

Overview: Participants will create accessible books using various multimedia programs such as PowerPoint, BuildAbility, Writing with Symbols, My Own Bookshelf, and more. Participants will learn how easy it is to scan the pages of a book, edit them, and record sound. These books can be accessed using different options and input devices such as switches, touch windows, and alternate keyboards.

Who Should Attend: Regular education teachers, special education teachers, speech therapists, paraprofessionals, occupational therapists, physical therapists, parents, and students

Registration Requirements: Mail to: 611 N. Burnside Ave.  
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# **Region 4/6 Professional Development Opportunities**



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Intellikeys/Overlay Maker 3

- Contact: Diane Sallinger  
318-487-5488  
[diane@atanswers.com](mailto:diane@atanswers.com)
- Presenter(s): Tammy Dupre, Charlotte Ducote
- Overview: Participants will learn a basic overview of using Intellikeys by exploring the set of standard overlays, the USB control panel, and the setup overlay. They will then be introduced to Overlay Maker 3 to learn the basic skills of creating overlays. Sample activities with overlays will be modeled.
- Who Should Attend: Teachers, paraprofessionals, staff, parents
- Registration Requirements: Registration by phone: 318-487-5488  
Online registrations: [www.atanswers.com](http://www.atanswers.com)



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### News-2-You

- Contact: Diane Sallinger  
318-487-5488  
[diane@atanswers.com](mailto:diane@atanswers.com)
- Presenter(s): Tammy Dupre, Charlotte Ducote
- Overview: *News-2-You* is a weekly current events online newspaper. Participants will learn how to download the newspaper along with related symbols to be used in Boardmaker. Saving and organizing your papers will be covered along with practical examples of how to use the paper will all students.
- Who Should Attend: Teachers, paraprofessionals, staff, parents
- Registration Requirements: Registration by phone: 318-487-5488  
Online registrations: [www.atanswers.com](http://www.atanswers.com)



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### AT Buffet

- Contact: Diane Sallinger  
318-487-5488  
[diane@atanswers.com](mailto:diane@atanswers.com)
- Presenter(s): Tammy Dupre, Charlotte Ducote
- Overview: An excellent opportunity for teachers to explore a variety of AT devices and software. Participants will be given a brief tutorial on how each device and/or software can be used in a classroom setting. Low-tech tools will also be demonstrated.
- Who Should Attend: Teachers, paraprofessionals, staff, parents
- Registration Requirements: Registration by phone: 318-487-5488  
Online registrations: [www.atanswers.com](http://www.atanswers.com)



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### AT Consideration/Overview

- Contact: Diane Sallinger  
318-487-5488  
[diane@atanswers.com](mailto:diane@atanswers.com)
- Presenter(s): Tammy Dupre, Charlotte Ducote
- Overview: Consideration for AT on the IEP will be the focus of this workshop. An AT checklist will be discussed with low-tech to high-tech suggestions for various disabilities. AT teams are encouraged to participate.
- Who Should Attend: Teachers, paraprofessionals, staff, parents
- Registration Requirements: Registration by phone: 318-487-5488  
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## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Boardmaker/Speaking Dynamically Pro

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318-487-5488  
[diane@atanswers.com](mailto:diane@atanswers.com)
- Presenter(s): Tammy Dupre, Charlotte Ducote
- Overview: This training will offer instruction on functional overlay making, using Boardmaker and Speaking Dynamically Pro. Participants will learn to use basic Boardmaker operational tools, personalize functional boards, save and organize boards, link and navigate between boards, save digital pictures in their picture libraries, insert movies, and launch applications through their boards.
- Who Should Attend: Teachers, paraprofessionals, staff, parents
- Registration Requirements: Registration by phone: 318-487-5488  
Online registrations: [www.atanswers.com](http://www.atanswers.com)



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Kurzweil 3000

- Contact: Diane Sallinger  
318-487-5488  
[diane@atanswers.com](mailto:diane@atanswers.com)
- Presenter(s): Tammy Dupre, Charlotte Ducote
- Overview: Participants will use text-to-speech software to read a brief story, enter answers on a test, and use a variety of study skills tools such as highlighters, notes, dictionary, thesaurus, and bookmarks. They will also learn to customize reading speed, reading voices, dictionary settings, and toolbar options to meet the individual needs of each student.
- Who Should Attend: Teachers, paraprofessionals, staff, parents
- Registration Requirements: Registration by phone: 318-487-5488  
Online registrations: [www.atanswers.com](http://www.atanswers.com)



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Clicker 4

- Contact: Diane Sallinger  
318-487-5488  
[diane@atanswers.com](mailto:diane@atanswers.com)
- Presenter(s): Tammy Dupre, Charlotte Ducote
- Overview: Clicker 4 is a reading and writing tool that enables teachers to create and modify activities to address the reading and writing needs of each student. It will cover learning how to modify grids, how to create grids, and how to download pre-made grids from the Internet.
- Who Should Attend: Teachers, paraprofessionals, staff, parents
- Registration Requirements: Registration by phone: 318-487-5488  
Online registrations: [www.atanswers.com](http://www.atanswers.com)

# **Region 5 Professional Development Opportunities**



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Switch Fundamentals

- Contact: Jackie Williams  
337-463-4534 ext. 113  
[jdw504@yahoo.com](mailto:jdw504@yahoo.com)
- Presenter(s): Trey Elliott, Jackie Williams
- Overview: The purpose of this workshop is to become familiar with switches and their characteristics through observations and hands-on training. Participants will identify each switch, its advantages and disadvantages, and determine which switch is recommended for a unique situation or work environment.
- Who Should Attend: Teachers, assessment personnel
- Registration Requirements: Email to: [jdw504@yahoo.com](mailto:jdw504@yahoo.com)



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Vision Overview

- Contact: Jackie Williams  
337-463-4534 ext. 113  
[jdw504@yahoo.com](mailto:jdw504@yahoo.com)
- Presenter(s): Lynn Gautreaux
- Overview: The purpose of this workshop is for participants to become familiar with specific visual-impaired products. Equipment includes: Braille NoteTakers with QWERTY and Braille Keyboards, Portable Magnification Systems (CCTV's), and software (JAWS, Kurzweil 1000, etc.).
- Who Should Attend: VI teachers, assessment personnel
- Registration Requirements: Email to: [jdw504@yahoo.com](mailto:jdw504@yahoo.com)

# **Region 7 Professional Development Opportunities**



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### ATLAS Toolkit Training

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- Tammy Kitchings  
318-549-6163  
[tammy.kitchings@bossierschools.org](mailto:tammy.kitchings@bossierschools.org)
- Presenter(s): Adam Wing
- Overview: In this workshop, each participant will receive and learn how to utilize Laureate Learning Systems' new ATLAS: Assistive Technology and Language Assessment Software Toolkit. ATLAS uses low-tech and high-tech tools to conduct a quick, easy, and accurate language assessment and determine appropriate language intervention software.
- Who Should Attend: Classroom teachers, speech language pathologists, assistive technology personnel
- Registration Requirements: Registration by phone: 318-549-6113



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Pre-School AT Assessment and Intervention

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- Tammy Kitchings  
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- Presenter(s): Daphne Washington
- Overview: The focus of this workshop will be on conducting a thorough and comprehensive assessment for AT services and AT intervention strategies for the birth-to-age-five populations.
- Who Should Attend: Classroom teachers, speech language pathologists, assistive technology personnel, pupil appraisal staff
- Registration Requirements: Registration by phone: 318-549-6113



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Visual Learning Strategies for Emergent Literacy Students

- Contact: Melissa Weaver  
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- Tammy Kitchings  
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- Presenter(s): Marsye Kaplan and Jeanne Noorisa
- Overview: In this workshop, the participants will learn how visual language strategies can be utilized to help students who are struggling with literacy. This is also a Make-and-Take workshop where participants will adapt The Kissing Hand using AT strategies and create manipulatives that will aid in facilitating reading for students at the emergent literacy level.
- Who Should Attend: Classroom teachers, speech language pathologists, assistive technology personnel
- Registration Requirements: Registration by phone: 318-549-6113



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Core Vocabulary

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Presenter(s):	Meher Banajee
Overview:	In this workshop, participants will be given extensive training on the importance of introducing core vocabulary to Augmentative/Alternative Communication Users.
Who Should Attend:	Classroom teachers, speech language pathologists, assistive technology personnel
Registration Requirements:	Registration by phone: 318-549-6113

# **Region 8 Professional Development Opportunities**



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### AT Devices: Usage with the Curriculum

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Jerrod Jackson: [jjackson@r8at.com](mailto:jjackson@r8at.com)  
888-368-9727  
[www.r8at.com](http://www.r8at.com)
- Presenter(s): Jerrod Jackson  
Amanda Tull
- Overview: Participants will learn a variety of AT devices and how they can be used in the classroom.
- Who Should Attend: Teachers, parents, paraprofessionals, AT teams
- Registration Requirements: [www.r8at.com](http://www.r8at.com)



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Assistive Technology Playground in Region VIII

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Jerrold Jackson: [jjackson@r8at.com](mailto:jjackson@r8at.com)  
888-368-9727  
[www.r8at.com](http://www.r8at.com)
- Presenter(s): Jerrold Jackson  
Amanda Tull
- Overview: A variety of AT equipment/devices will be shown, ranging from low to high tech, and how they will be used in the classroom.
- Who Should Attend: Teachers, parents, paraprofessionals, or any school staff
- Registration Requirements: No registration required. Locations will be predetermined by Region VIII AT Facilitators and will be posted on the website calendar.



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Boardmaker Strategies for the Curriculum

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888-368-9727  
[www.r8at.com](http://www.r8at.com)
- Presenter(s): Jerold Jackson  
Amanda Tull
- Overview: How to use Boardmaker in a variety of settings;  
demonstration and practical application will be included  
during the workshop.
- Who Should Attend: Teachers, parents, paraprofessionals, AT teams
- Registration Requirements: [www.r8at.com](http://www.r8at.com)



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Clicker Software Training

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Presenter(s):	Jerrold Jackson Amanda Tull
Overview:	Participants will learn the various usages of the communication software and how it benefits students of varying age/developmental levels; practical application will be included during the workshop.
Who Should Attend:	Teachers, parents, paraprofessionals, AT teams
Registration Requirements:	<a href="http://www.r8at.com">www.r8at.com</a>



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Intellitools Classroom Suite and Overlay Maker 3

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888-368-9727  
[www.r8at.com](http://www.r8at.com)
- Presenter(s): Jerrold Jackson  
Amanda Tull
- Overview: Hands-on workshop demonstrating how Intellitools Classroom Suite and Overlay Maker 3 can be used in the classroom and with individual students.
- Who Should Attend: Teachers, parents, paraprofessionals, AT teams
- Registration Requirements: [www.r8at.com](http://www.r8at.com)



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Kidspiration 2

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888-368-9727  
[www.r8at.com](http://www.r8at.com)
- Presenter(s): Jerrold Jackson  
Amanda Tull
- Overview: Hands-on demonstrations with implementing Kidspiration in the curriculum; lesson plans and activities will be displayed.
- Who Should Attend: Teachers, parents, paraprofessionals, AT teams
- Registration Requirements: [www.r8at.com](http://www.r8at.com)



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Reading, Writing, and Word Study Interventions

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Jerrold Jackson: [jjackson@r8at.com](mailto:jjackson@r8at.com)  
888-368-9727  
[www.r8at.com](http://www.r8at.com)
- Presenter(s): Jeremy Palese, Don Johnston, Inc.
- Overview: Participants will receive hands-on training with software focusing on literacy technology tools.
- Who Should Attend: Teachers, parents, paraprofessionals, AT teams
- Registration Requirements: [www.r8at.com](http://www.r8at.com)



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Windows XP Training

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888-368-9727  
[www.r8at.com](http://www.r8at.com)
- Presenter(s): Tom Barnes
- Overview: Online training to provide the basic training for those how are not familiar with accessing Windows XP.
- Who Should Attend: Teachers, parents, paraprofessionals, AT teams
- Registration Requirements: [www.r8at.com](http://www.r8at.com)



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Completing the CIRCUIT

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[www.r8at.com](http://www.r8at.com)
- Presenter(s): Judith Sweeney
- Overview: This workshop will give Region VIII AT teams a step-by-step process for evaluating students; it will also assist with finding the AT tools to meet individual needs.
- Who Should Attend: AT teams
- Registration Requirements: [www.r8at.com](http://www.r8at.com)



## Assistive Technology Regional Centers Professional Development Workshops

### Creating E-Books/Talking Books

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888-368-9727  
[www.r8at.com](http://www.r8at.com)
- Presenter(s): Jerrold Jackson  
Amanda Tull
- Overview: Participants will get hands-on training on how to create varied accessible books to use with students.
- Who Should Attend: Teachers, parents, paraprofessionals, AT teams
- Registration Requirements: [www.r8at.com](http://www.r8at.com)