

## Presentations

### Session I - 8:30AM - 10:00AM

#### A. RJ Cooper's Fabulous Road Trip! Session 1 of 3

Mr. Cooper will provide an introduction on implementing technology solutions for students with diverse disabilities, including severely disabled students. He will work directly with several students, their teachers and family to engage the student in a successful learning experience.

(Students will be pre-selected. Contact Judi @ TechACCESS if interested in presenting your child or student)

**RJ Cooper, RJ Cooper & Associates, Laguna Niguel, CA**

#### B. Introducing the Talker!

Learn about the new **Talker**, a tablet based augmentative communication device developed at the University of Buffalo. Just out of R&D and new to the field, the **Talker** has versions appropriate for children and adults. **Kim Grant, Talker Inc. Cheektowaga, NY**  
**Presented by a product vendor**

#### C. Software Support for RtI (Response to Intervention): Kurzweil and Intellitools

Cambium Learning Technologies products harness the unique attributes of technology to address specific instructional challenges faced by students Pre-K thru 12. Product demonstration will examine and assist in NCLB and RtI initiatives with explicit instructional examples. **Nancy Avery, Cambium Learning Technologies, Bedford, MA**  
**Presentation by a product vendor**

#### D. e-Text: Making Digital Reading a Reality

This intermediate level workshop will analyze the most popular reading technologies to support students with print disabilities. Software features, implementation strategies, case studies, hand-outs and limited hands-on exploration with 4 computers will be included. Vendor demo CDs will be available.

**Lisa Labitt, ATAP Children and Youth Resource Center @ EBEC, Warren, RI**

#### E. Assistive Technology in the Workplace: 4 Successful Hi Tech Users

This interactive presentation will present 4 case studies of successfully employed adults through lecture, discussion, videos and an opportunity to try several technologies used by the employees.

**Eric Oddleifson, Easter Seals MA, Worcester, MA**

### Session II - 10:30AM - 12:00NOON

#### F. RJ Cooper's Fabulous Road Trip! Session 2

Continuation of Session I, RJ Cooper will help 2 additional students learn something new.

#### G. AT in Minutes: Using Everyday Materials to Solve Everyday Challenges - A Make and Take Workshop DOUBLE SESSION Additional \$15 Materials fee Space Limited to 30

**YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS WORKSHOP**

Fabricate 5 AT take home solutions from different types of plastic, foam, adhesives, wire, padding etc. and learn about many more. Take home specialty tape kit.

**Therese Willkomm, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of New Hampshire, NH**

#### H. Interactive Whiteboards: A Terrific Classroom Tool for ALL Kids.

Whiteboards are quickly becoming recognized as an exciting classroom tool for general education students and an effective accommodation for diverse learners, especially those with learning disabilities and visual impairments. The "mimeo", a portable whiteboard, will be demonstrated and applications for learning discussed. **Stephen DeTatto, Silver Lining Technologies, West Hartford, CT**

**Presentation by a product vendor**

#### I. Assistive Technology Supports for Math

Students demonstrate a wide range of difficulties in math including illegible and misaligned handwriting, visual deficits that interfere with seeing and reading, and motor impairments that impact manipulation of materials. Assistive technology tools that facilitate counting, sorting, combining and completing work sheets will be presented.

**Kristi Voelkerding, Easter Seals MA, Worcester, MA**

#### J. Increasing Access in the Home with Assistive Technology: The "top 12" most common solutions!

The "top 12" most common AT solutions requested from the *Ocean State Independent Living Center* to increase access and safety in the home will be demonstrated. Resource information on other devices will be provided. **Brian Dennis, OSCIL, Warwick, RI**

### Session III - 1:30PM - 3:00PM

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#### M. Supporting Students and Adults with Vision Impairment and Dyslexia: A Look at RFB&D

Learn about this non-profit, volunteer organization and how students and adults can access the nation's educational library for print disabled individuals.

**Leah Wahrhaftig, RFB&D, Cambridge, MA**  
**Presented by a product vendor**

#### N. Creating Computer Based Talking Social Stories with MS Power Point: Design and Implementation

Learn how to use PowerPoint to design and make social stories with sound, music and voice to support instruction in social, play and self-help skills for individuals with Autism and communication delay.

**Joanne Heffernan, Sargent Rehabilitation Center, TechACCESS of RI, Warwick, RI**

#### O. The Invisible Link: From Isolation to Independence Help for the Hard of Hearing

Demonstration of the new CapTel phone and presentation of RI telephone services including the RI Relay and Adaptive Telephone Equipment Loan Program.

**Denise Corson, ATEL, Providence, RI**  
**Sean Gill, Rhode Island Relay, Johnston, RI**

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Rhodes to Independence  
Ride-Away Handicap Equipment Corporation  
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## Registration Form

Pre-registration, exhibits, lunch  \$ 80.00  
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Student fee (full-time undergraduate) \$ 45.00  
Exhibit Hall Only \$ 20.00  
Lunch Only \$ 30.00  
Donation to support scholarships \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-registration must be received by November 14, 2008.

Walk-in registration is \$100.00 (Walk-in registrations cannot be assured lunch).

Make check payable to:

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110 Jefferson Blvd., Ste. 1  
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 person with a disability  family member  professional  student

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## Assistive Technology: *Improving Lives Daily*

**The Assistive Technology Access Partnership** is pleased to offer the annual RI Conference on assistive technology again this year. As always, the conference promises to be filled with information and the newest and best assistive technologies for children and adults with disabilities.

The program this year highlights access to the educational curriculum and how technology tools can support learning. In a double session, attendees will make and take simple adapted devices. There are also several sessions on AT in the workplace, adapted phones, and increasing access in the home. What interests you?

We hope you will join us for a day of learning and networking!



### Conference Schedule

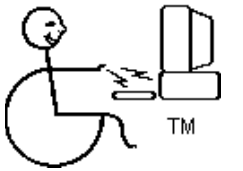
#### Exhibit Hall Open All Day 8:00 - 3:00

7:30-8:30	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30-10:00	Session I
10:30-12:00	Session II
12:00- 1:30	Lunch
1:30- 3:00	Session III

### Registration Information

1. A sit down luncheon will be served at 12:00 noon.
2. Personal Attendants accompanying individuals may attend the conference at no charge; if they require a lunch, the cost is \$30.00.
3. While every effort will be made to respond to **requests for accommodations**, none, including individual session interpreters, can be guaranteed if requested after **Friday, October 31st**.
4. Scholarship help is available; Call: TechACCESS at 401-463-0202.
5. Participants are requested to avoid wearing scents in consideration of those having chemical sensitivity.
6. RI Department of Education PDCs will be available.

### RJ Cooper's Fabulous Road Trip Stopping in Rhode Island!



*You've heard his name!*

*You've read his articles!*

*You've demoed his software for free!*

**Now see him work with students right here in RI!**

During the day, RJ Cooper, an internationally known leader in the field of AT since 1984, will be working hands-on with RI students, their families and educators with the goal of having the student do something new and exciting. Using simple technologies such as switches and software, and his years of experience, Mr. Cooper will demonstrate devices and strategies that will lead to the student's success.

**If you would like Mr. Cooper to work with your child or student, contact Judi @ 463-0202 immediately!**

### Conference sponsored by:

Assistive Technology Access Partnership (ATAP)  
Office of Rehabilitation Services

RI Department of Education, Office for Diverse Learners

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The Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities  
at Rhode Island College

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### **Directions to the Crowne Plaza Crowne Plaza at the Crossings Use Grand Ballroom Entrance at rear of building**

801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI  
(401) 732-6000

**95 North Bound** (from New York) -  
Exit 12A, bear right before light, hotel is on the right.

**95 South Bound** (from Boston) - Exit 12A, bear right  
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*A conference for people with disabilities, families and professionals*

THURSDAY

November 20, 2008

7:30 AM – 3:00 PM

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