

PODD Communication Books

2 Day Introductory Workshop

Presented by Linda J. Burkhart



- Where:** The Horton Group
10320 Orland Parkway, Orland Park, IL 60467
- When:** Thursday, March 15th & Friday, March 16th
8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Check-in: 8:00 am, each day
- Cost:** \$295, *Includes lunch & course materials*
**Space is limited. Early registration is encouraged.*

Children who have complex communication needs or have limited speech, often struggle to interact and communicate. This may include children who have physical disabilities, multiple disabilities, sensory processing challenges, limited social interaction skills, and/or a range of cognitive limitations and learning difficulties.

This two day course will demonstrate the Pragmatic Organization Dynamic Display (PODD) approach developed by Gayle Porter (Melbourne, AUS). Generic templates for multi-page “light tech” communication books have been carefully designed to support genuine communication functions throughout the day. These templates are customizable for individual needs.

Come learn strategies for creating multi-modal language learning environments that provide receptive models and expressive opportunities for language development. Learn strategies for teaching and using PODD with children and their communication partners. Videos and case examples will be shared. Participants will have an opportunity for hands-on practice with PODD Communication books.

After this course participants will be able to:

- Describe the challenges faced by professionals creating communication systems in terms of vocabulary organization, layout, design, range of access strategies and customizing for individual requirements.
- Discuss the importance of receptive language input and creating a language learning environment
- Discuss the features of a PODD communication system in terms of vocabulary organization, layout, design, range of access strategies and customizing for individual requirements.
- Use PODD generic template resources to produce customized communication books.
- Discuss the teaching and learning strategies for implementing PODD communication systems with students and team members.

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Linda Burkhart is a well-known teacher and pioneer in the field of assistive technology, adaptive play, and augmentative communication for children who face significant disabilities. She has conducted workshops and presentations nationally and internationally since 1982. She has also developed many publications and software to be used in these areas.