

Save the Date!

Monmouth University's Program for Research and Support for Rett Syndrome in West Long Branch, NJ is proud to announce the 2019 Annual Conference:

Communication and Literacy for Individuals with Complex Communication Needs

Thursday, October 24th and Friday, October 25th, 2019
Monmouth University, West Long Branch, New Jersey

Speaker: Pati King-DeBaun, MS, CCC-SLP

Pati is a speech-language pathologist who has specialized in communication and early literacy for children with complex disabilities for over 30 years. She is a highly regarded consultant, author, and international speaker. Pati will conduct two workshops:

Thursday 10/24/19: *Early Literacy Success: Students who have Complex Communication Needs*

This workshop is appropriate for students from Toddler-K who are at the early literacy levels and struggle with communication and language. Case examples will demonstrate support strategies for children with autism, multiple disabilities, AAC users and students who have severe language delays. Appropriate for students at home, inclusion or self-contained- situations. Case examples, hands on materials and a sample story to take home and use will be a part of this workshop.

Friday 10/25/2019: *The Integrated Model of Communication: Balancing Conversation and Literacy instruction for Students who use AAC*

This workshop is for anyone interested in improving the quality of instruction available to school age students who use alternative and augmentative communication (AAC) with a range of student ability levels and devices, (light to high-tech). Too often in therapy or educational programs designed for children who use AAC systems the skills (linguistic, literacy and social) are taught in isolation rather than in an integrated manner. This presentation will demonstrate how to find the balance between social relationships, conversation, core word instruction/generative language and participation in the classroom and therapy programs. Some favorite tools and solutions will be shared with participants.

Please register at this site: <https://www.monmouth.edu/school-of-education/rett-syndrome-conference/register/>

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