

## About the Presenters

**Gayle Porter** is a Speech Pathologist and a highly sought after international speaker with over 25 years of hands-on experience working with people with complex needs. Gayle developed and has published resources on the Pragmatic Organization Dynamic Display (PODD) communication books and pages set for speech generating devices. She has a private practice working with both children and teenagers with complex communication needs in their schools, in addition to working at the Cerebral Palsy Education Centre and the Communication Resource Centre in Melbourne, Australia. Gayle has also authored articles, publications and chapters on Augmentative and Alternative Communication and cerebral palsy.

**Linda Burkhart** is an internationally known pioneer in the field of simplified technology for children with severe challenges. She has developed numerous adapted materials and innovative strategies for using these devices with children. She is also the author of a number of books and software titles on topics of assistive technology and augmentative communication. Linda was a classroom teacher for fifteen years. Then for eight years, she worked as an Augmentative Communication and Assistive Technology Specialist for the Center for Technology in Education—a joint project between John Hopkins University and the Maryland State Department of Education. Currently, Linda works as a private consultant and technology integration specialist.



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## Designing and Implementing Pragmatic Organization Dynamic Display (PODD) Communication Books



**July 27-31, 2009**

**George Williams College  
Williams Bay, WI  
(on Lake Geneva)**

**Two training options:**

**Five-day Intensive-  
train the trainer model**

**-OR-**

**One-day overview (July 30, 2009)**

The PODD approach provides strategies to support the design, production and implementation of communication systems to enable genuine communication for a variety of functions in all daily environments. PODD includes strategies to minimize some of the common difficulties associated with the use of multi-level communication books. Video case samples will be used to demonstrate the Dynamic Assessment process of identifying individual communication requirements and strategies.

**Five-day Intensive at-a-glance (July 27-31):**

**Day One:** overview, organization and selecting PODDs for specific kids

**Day Two:** Receptive learning strategies

**Day Three:** Visual and auditory implications

**Day Four:** Partner training

**Day Five:** Dynamic assessment process

This conference supports WI state performance plan (SPP) indicators #1, #3, #3 part C, and #7.  
<http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/spp.html>

**One-Day Overview (July 30):**

This one-day workshop will provide teachers, teacher assistants, parent and other communication providers with information and strategies to more effectively interact with and teach children who are learning to use PODD communication books.

**All sessions run from 9 am to 4 pm daily. Registration at 8:30 on Monday July 27 and on Thursday July 30.**

**Costs:**

\$750 for Five-day Intensive

\$275 for One-day Overview (July 30-Lunch included)

**Lodging: George Williams College**

**Single-**\$118/per person/per day; **Double-**\$86/per person/per day. This price includes 3 meals a day on-site. (No dinner on Friday)

Limited lodging availability at George Williams; rooms are first-come, first-serve basis. Over-flow lodging will be at The Lodge at Geneva Ridge, Lake Geneva. Cost: \$131/per room/per day; meals included. Shuttle service will be provided.

Contact Mike at George Williams College 262.245.5531 or [mmoser@aurora.edu](mailto:mmoser@aurora.edu) for reservations or for more campus information.

**Commuters:** Commuters will be able to purchase meal tickets at registration.

**Sunset Cruise Thursday July 30:** Come cruise the lake with us! The yacht leaves the dock at 6:30 pm. Limited space available; first-come, first serve. \$20 fee. Cash bar (free soda and water). The sun sets at 8:15, don't miss it!

**Registration for PODD**  
**Registration Deadline: June 27, 2009**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I am registering for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Five-day intensive - \$750

\_\_\_\_\_ One-day Overview - \$275

\_\_\_\_\_ Lake Cruise (optional) - \$20

\_\_\_\_\_ I want 2 credits - \$150

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a commuter.

I work with (check all that apply):

\_\_\_ B-3

\_\_\_ preschool

\_\_\_ Elementary

\_\_\_ MS/HS

\_\_\_ Adult

Please send this completed form with PO or check (made out to CESA #2) to:

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