

Communication Awareness Workshop

The focus of this very interactive workshop is to increase awareness and understanding of the tools and techniques that can be used to communicate “in the air”, primarily with people who are “Deaf Plus” (meaning Deaf with a Developmental Disability).

This workshop is designed to provide an opportunity to share experiences, to find ways to overcome communication barriers, and to involve people who are most affected by these barriers in learning, teaching, and strategizing for solutions.

This workshop will provide participants with:

- basic information, simple tools and techniques to improve “in the air” communication (both ways – sending and receiving).
- a basic awareness of Deaf Culture and American Sign Language (ASL) principles and symbols including alphabet, numbers 1-10 and simple conversational phrases.
- opportunities to practice ‘in the air’ communication and become comfortable conversing in non-conventional ways.

Maximum Number of Participants – 20

Recommendation – dress comfortably and be prepared to ‘interact’

Presenters: Adam Heidt, Merico Tesolin and Mary Lou Heidt

Time: 3 – 4 hours, depending on number of participants and breaks

Location: We come to you!

Cost: If you provide photocopies of materials, refreshments and the location - the rest is free! (Interpreters’ costs are also included but if you wish and are able, we would appreciate any reimbursement towards these costs. Thank you!)

For more information or to schedule a workshop, please contact:

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