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Present

**Literacy-Based Interventions
that Support Communication: Pre-K through Secondary**
Joanne M. Cafiero, Ph.D.

July 29, 2009

Marriott Richmond West
4240 Dominion Boulevard, Glen Allen, VA

Workshop Description:

How can reading and writing support receptive and expressive language for students with complex communication needs and autism? This workshop will demonstrate the design and implementation of literacy-based language interventions with the premise of the innate potential of every student. Participants will learn how to create literacy tools that address communication through play, academics, inclusion, vocational, home and community environments. Case studies in literacy and communication will be presented that utilize conventional and electronic literature, speech-generating devices, keyboards and software. Tools, strategies, data collection systems, video examples, and teacher-tested tools will be shown for each case study. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to design their own literacy/communication interventions through Problem-Based Learning activities.

About The Presenter: Joanne M. Cafiero, Ph.D.

Joanne Cafiero is an Autism and Augmentative and Alternative Communication Specialist. Dr. Cafiero has been working on unlocking language through technology since the late 1980s. She is the author of the first book on AAC and Autism: *Meaningful Exchanges for People with Autism, an Introduction to AAC*, published in 2005. She was a member of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Educational Interventions for Children with Autism. Formerly on the faculty at Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Cafiero designed the graduate program, "Educating Students with Autism." She is a consulting editor of the journal, *Focus on Autism and other Developmental Disorders*. Dr. Cafiero was the guest editor of the ASHA journal, *Perspectives on AAC: Autism*, and recently completed a monograph for CEC on *Autism and Technology, Creating Quality of Life Outcomes*. She is currently supporting teachers and parents as AAC communication partners. Her research interests include technology supports for pretend play in preschool children with autism, using high tech devices for the most resistant communicators, and the role of literacy learning in developing functional language.

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July 29, 2009 Registration: \$50

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Registration starts at 7:30 am

Continental Breakfast and Lunch Provided

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