

## Specialized Communication Resources for Children

### SCRC Learning Community Winter & Spring - 2020

The SCRC Learning Community aims to be a source of knowledge and promotes collaboration among families and colleagues. We value working together to help better serve children in the province and beyond! Please take the opportunity to join one of our sessions to update your understanding and skill set. We look forward to seeing you!

#### **\*\*Important information for participants:**

- You **MUST** be registered prior to attending. Your reservation is confirmed by email when your registration form and payment is received.
- You may be placed on a wait list for workshops that are full or for future workshops.
- SCRC Learning Community sessions are held continually throughout the year and hosted at SSCY Centre – 1155 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg, MB. Alternatively, participants can attend via Telehealth or agencies can arrange to host the presenters.
- Limited **Visitor Parking** is available on-site at SSCY for a **fee** of \$8 a day (first hour \$2 and \$1.50 per additional hour, with a daily max of \$8). Please do not park in family or staff parking as you risk being ticketed and towed. Parking is available first-come-first-served, be prepared that your spot may be taken if you move your vehicle from SSCY during lunch hour. **Parent Parking** is free. See security at the front desk for questions.
- Full day sessions typically run from 9:00am-3:30pm. A one hour lunch and two 15 min. breaks will be provided. There are no food services in the building, however nutrition breaks for snacks and refreshments will be provided. Refrigerators and microwaves, vending machines, and water refilling stations available and we encourage participants to bring a lunch to eat on-site. Alternatively, there are several restaurants within walking distance of SSCY.
- The temperature in the presentation room may fluctuate with the season. So for your comfort, please dress in layers.
- Please note that we are a scent free facility. 😊

#### **Mail Registration form and payment to:**

ATTN: Melody Hooper  
SCRC Department, RCC  
SSCY Centre, 1155 Notre Dame Ave  
Winnipeg, MB R3E 3G1

#### **Cheques Payable to:**

**Rehab Centre for Children**

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## 2020 Winter & Spring SCRC Learning Community Schedule

### **Boardmaker Version 6+**

*(Not to be confused with the online version called Boardmaker Studio)*

**Content:** Learn the basic features of Boardmaker and Microsoft Paint using time saving tips. This is a “hands on” workshop, therefore you will be provided with a laptop to use as you learn. Our computers are equipped with Boardmaker Version 6+, Microsoft Paint, and connected to our color printers. Should you choose to bring your own laptop, please ensure you have you Boardmaker Version 6+ *and* Microsoft Paint installed before you arrive. On the day of this workshop there will be no technical support and you will not be able to print from your personal computer.

*\*Please Note: This workshop is not designed for those interested in learning how to use the online version called Boardmaker Studio.*

**Participants:** Family members, Speech Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Educational Assistants, Resource Teachers, Teachers or anyone who will be responsible for producing paper communication boards and language learning materials will benefit from this session. Volunteers and technical support staff are welcome too

**Preparation:** Make sure you are comfortable and proficient working in Windows-based computer operating systems and that you have access to Boardmaker at your workplace. **\*\* You must come with LANGUAGE OR ACTIVITIES needed for some boards you wish to create. Please bring a USB stick/flash drive so that you can take your work with you.**

**Cost:** \$30 (Full Day 9:00 am -3:00 pm)

**Location:** Computer Lab  
Specialized Services for Children and Youth (SSCY) Centre  
1155 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg  
*Telehealth Access available upon request*

**Presented by:** Marjorie Guertin, Assistive Technology Assistant

**Date:** TBA \* *Inquiring participants will be added to the waitlist*

**\*\*\*Registration is limited to a maximum of 20 participants.**

## **SymbolStix®**

**Content:** Learn how to use this basic web-based graphic application to access the ever popular Symbolstix® images, which are used in the Proloquo2go app. Create symbol-based language learning materials and other signs and symbol-based communication tools for printing. Use the unprecedented changeable skin tone feature to create representations that reflect multicultural classrooms and users. There are over 30,000 symbols in the library and 500 new symbols added each month! SymbolStix® is recognized for its ease of use, remarkable clarity, and relentless consistency.

**Participants:** Family members, Speech Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Educational Assistants, Resource Teachers, Teachers, Volunteers, technical support staff or anyone who will be responsible for supporting or creating and customizing picture based communication and learning materials for the pre-literate learner.

**Preparation:** This is a “hands on” workshop; you will be provided with a Windows-based computer. Please make sure you are comfortable and proficient working on the Windows operating system. **\*\*You will need your Password and User name for your online subscription to Symbolstix Prime. We DO NOT have site licences for participants. Participants must use their own access/subscription to this program.**

**Cost:** \$20 (Half Day Session 9:00 am- 1:00pm)

**Location:** Computer Lab

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1155 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg  
*Telehealth Access available upon request*

**Presented by:** Marjorie Guertin, Assistive Technology Assistant

**Date:** TBA \* *Inquiring participants will be added to the waitlist*

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## **Proloquo2go Version 6.+**

**Content:** You will learn about Proloquo2go's unique features including the pre-made vocabulary called Crescendo, premade templates that control where buttons show up for ease of learning and motor-planning . But most importantly, you will learn how to customize the system for your user using VocaPriority and voice and pronunciation settings. You will also learn how to protect your work from being lost. *Please Note: This workshop is not designed for those interested in learning earlier versions of Proloquo2go.*

**Participants:** Family members, Speech Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Educational Assistants, Resource Teachers, Teachers or anyone who will be responsible for updating and customizing the user's AAC communication system. Volunteers and technical support staff are welcome too.

**Preparation:** This is a "hands on" workshop; you will need to bring along your updated iPad with the latest version of Proloquo2go (V4.2+) to use as you learn. Please make sure you are comfortable and proficient working on an iPad using its' ios operating system and that you have all of your device's and apps security codes with you in order to access the controls. Please make sure your device is fully charged.

**Cost:** \$30 (Full Day 9:00am to 3:30pm)

**Location:** Computer Lab  
Specialized Services for Children and Youth (SSCY Centre)  
1155 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg  
*Telehealth Access available upon request*

**Presented by:** Whitney Arnal, Speech-Language Pathologist

**Date:** TBA \* *Inquiring participants will be added to the waitlist*

**\*\*\*Registration is limited to a maximum of 20 participants.**

## ***The Relate Program Parent Learning Series***

RPLS is a learning series just for **families** who have a child on the Autism Spectrum or a child who has been diagnosed with Intellectual Disability. It is free of charge and only offered by the Rehabilitation Centre for Children at SSCY. The purpose of the series is to give parents understanding and strategies to help them nurture their child's social development.

The parent learning series is a weekly group class held over 7 weeks. There are series held throughout the year on different times/days in consideration of parents busy lives. The information provided in each class builds upon the previous; parents are required to attend all sessions. At the conclusion of each series, parents have the option to participate with a clinician in the creation of a customized home program. **RPLS enrollment is limited.** \*\*You must register to attend.

These classes aim to help parents discover how children develop social skills, communication and flexible thinking. They will also learn that small changes in their parenting approach can have a big impact on their child's learning. In each session there will be an opportunity for discussion & practice. Homework will be assigned to help parents get into the routine of using their strategies in everyday situations.

**Presented by:** Kally-Anna Clinton, Speech Language Pathologist, PLAY Project™ and Teaching PLAY™ Consultant  
Stephannie Motuz, Speech Language Pathologist, RDI® Program Consultant

**Cost:** ***No Charge to families***

**Location:** To Be Announced at time of Registration

**Winter Session: 7 Friday mornings starting January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (no class January 31)\*FULL**

1. January 10th
2. January 17th
3. January 24th
4. February 7th
5. February 14th
6. February 21st
7. February 28<sup>th</sup>

**Presented by:** Stephannie Motuz, Speech Language Pathologist, RDI® Program Consultant  
Kally-Anna Clinton, Speech Language Pathologist, PLAY Project™ and Teaching PLAY™ Consultant

**Cost:** ***No Charge to families***

**Location:** To Be Announced at time of Registration

**Spring Session: 7 Saturday mornings 9:30-11:00am starting April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 \*FULL**

1. April 18<sup>th</sup>
2. April 25<sup>th</sup>
3. May 2<sup>nd</sup>
4. May 9<sup>th</sup>
5. May 16<sup>th</sup>
6. May 23<sup>rd</sup>
7. May 30<sup>th</sup>

***\* Inquiring participants will be added to the waitlist***

## ***Taking a Developmental Approach to Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder***

**This two-day workshop series** is presented by the Relate Program of the Rehabilitation Centre for Children, and is based on Relationship Development Intervention™. The focus is on helping children with ASD and related disorders to become more flexible in their ability to think, to learn and to communicate.

**Day One** probes the underlying social developmental issues. We introduce the concept of *dynamic intelligence*, which is the ability to shift our attention, integrate our thinking, think flexibly and engage in real life situations. We will also explore the concept of *guided participation*; a natural, time proven method of engaging and promoting developmental progress in children.

**Day Two** introduces the essentials of guided participation and how the guiding relationship between adult and child can be restored. Topics covered include setting up active partnerships, programming in the zone of proximal development, becoming aware of our guiding actions, modifying the guide's communication style and creating positive memories of learning.

**Participants:** These workshops are intended for allied health care professionals, early childhood and academic educators and family members. Teams are encouraged.

**Cost:**                   **Professionals:** \$60 (Covers both days)  
**Parent/Guardian(s):** no charge

**Location:**           Northern Lights Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Specialized Services for Children and Youth (SSCY Centre)  
1155 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg  
*Telehealth Access available upon request*

**Presented by:** Stephannie Motuz, Speech – Language Pathologist, RDI™ Program Consultant & Kally-Anna Clinton, Speech-Language Pathologist, Certified PLAY Project™ & Teaching PLAY™ Consultant

**Winter Dates:**      **Monday February 3 and Tuesday February 4, 2020 9:00 am to 3:30 pm**

**Spring Dates:**      **Thursday April 2 and Friday April 3, 2020 9:00 am to 3:30 pm**

**\*\*\*Registration is limited to a maximum of 45 participants.**

## Something NEW!!!

### ***Relate Community Learning Cycles***

This series of small group experiential learning is a more focused way to turn strategies and concepts into skills that can improve interactions and promote learning in children with Autism, Global Developmental Delay or related disorders. Each Relate Community Learning Cycle (RCLC) will take place over 4 weeks with families and professionals attending a combination of small group, whole group, and individual Relate Program appointments. Relate Program families will be selected for a specific topic by their Relate Therapist based on their home program (goals, targets, developmental level, etc.).

These sessions will take a *case study* format that blends parent and professionals' learning. There will be opportunities for education and experience sharing in large groups (12-14 people) and experiential learning and feedback will take place in smaller groups (3-4 people). Professionals do not need to be accompanied by their team/client. Participants will be required to sign PHIA declarations in order to observe direct parent-child interactions. Sharing of recorded video will be voluntary and will not be viewed without parent consent.

#### ***Professionals - What to expect?***

- Day 1: Theory & Planning **3 hour morning session** 9:00am-12:00 noon (whole group)
- Day 2: Small Group Therapy & Video Replay **1 hour session** (30 minutes live review, 30 minute video replay)
- Day 3: Small Group Video Review **1 hour session** (Parent(s) and professionals small group)
- Day 4: Case Study Review **3 hour morning session** 9:00am-12:00 noon (whole group)

#### ***Parents- What to Expect?***

- Day 1: November 18<sup>th</sup> - Theory & Planning **3 hour morning session** 9:00am-12:00 noon (whole group)
- Day 2: November 25<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Parent- Child-Professionals Therapy **30 minute morning session** ***\*Child attends*** (video recorded)
  - ii. Video Replay & Parent-only meeting with Relate Therapist **1 hour afternoon session**
- Day 3: December 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - i. Small Group Video Review **1 hour morning session** (Parent(s) and professionals small group)
  - ii. Parent-Child Therapy **30 minute afternoon session** ***\*Child attends*** (video recorded) with Relate Therapist
- Day 4: Case Study Review **3 hour morning session** 9:00am-12:00 noon (whole group)

\* Registration is limited and is offered *only to those families who have taken the RELATE parent learning series or those professionals who have completed SCRC's two day seminar "Taking a Developmental Approach to ASD" with Lianne Belton OT or the three day seminar "Programming for Social Development" with Stephannie Motuz, SLP and Kally-Anna Clinton, SLP. Parent/Guardian(s) can sign up individually or as a pair, but each caregiver must commit to attend all sessions (no sharing attendance spots).*

## ***Relate Community Learning Cycles***

**We are now taking Professional Registrations for:**

Cycle Topic: ***Attention Shifts and Attention Maintenance***

Dates: Monday's Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Cycle Topic: ***Action Coordination and Social Attunement***

Dates: Monday's Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Cycle Topic: ***Topic- TBA***

Dates: Monday's April 24, May 1, May 8, and May 15, 2020

***Professionals:*** \$60 (Covers both days)

***Parent/Guardian(s):*** no charge

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***What is a 4 stage learning cycle?*** (Kolb, 1984) It is a learning strategy that promotes the student's ability to flexibly apply their understanding of abstract concepts, in a range of related situations.

Stage one: Concepts & Theory

Stage two: Planning & Preparing

Stage three: Experimenting

Stage four: Reflecting (analyzing, future planning)

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## SCRC Learning Community Registration Information

*Don't forget to complete SCRC Learning Community Registration form!*

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**Fees:** cash or cheques accepted. **\*Cheques are made payable to: Rehab Centre for Children.** Receipts will be emailed, printed copies available upon request. Fees are transferable, but non-refundable.

### *\*\*Please Note:*

- *Sessions may be cancelled 5 days in advance due to low registration. In this event, a full refund will be processed.*
- *If you are interested in a specific SCRC Learning Community session, sign up to have your name on the waitlist and you will be notified when a class date is set. Alternatively, if the workshop you are interested in is full, you can be contacted and informed of upcoming available dates.*
- *You are welcome to enquire about having these workshops presented to large groups at your facility. Travel and accommodation fees will apply.*

### When you arrive at SSCY:

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*All inquiries may be directed to our Administrative Assistant, Melody:  
at [scrc@rccinc.ca](mailto:scrc@rccinc.ca) or 204-258-6500 or Toll Free: 1-866-314-0501!*