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TO: Superintendents of Schools
Directors of Special Education

FROM: Office of the Commissioner

Division of Educational Improvement
Bureau of Special Education

RE: Two-Day Training: March 14th and March 15th, 2017
Multi-Modal Communication & Learning Strategies for Children with Significant Challenges

The New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE), Bureau of Special Education (Bureau) is providing a free, two-day, assistive technology training for New Hampshire Educators. This professional development opportunity will provide participants introduction to the concept of providing a receptive aided language learning environment, and demonstrate how learning alternative and augmentative forms of communication can and should parallel the developmental process that typical children go through in learning speech.

Topics covered will include:

- What are we learning from brain research that can help us understand how children learn?
- How do we motivate children and provide opportunities for active learning?
- What strategies help give these children a sense of control and facilitate interaction and communication?
- How does the child on the severe end of the autism spectrum perceive the world and how does this impact learning and communication?
- How does Cortical Visual Impairment impact learning?

Linda Burkhart, Independent Consultant, will conduct the two-day Multi-Modal Communication & Learning Strategies for Children with Significant Challenges training with a focus on providing practical application based training on Tuesday, March 14th & Wednesday, March 15th, Capital Center for the Arts, Governor's Hall, 44 South Main Street, Concord, NH. <http://www.ccanh.com/visitorinformation/directions>

To participate in the two-day training, please register at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-assistive-technology-two-day-training-tickets-31173212919?aff=affiliate1>

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