

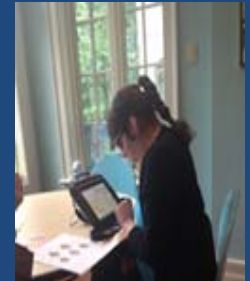
Program Goals

- 1) Participants will use a variety of high tech and low tech AAC systems during language rich activities.
- 2) Participants will engage with peers in fun games that promote turn taking and social communication skills.
- 3) Participants will explore a variety of vocabulary related to activities.
- 4) Participants will expand the quantity and types of communication acts with adult modeling.
- 5) Participants will have opportunities to create peer based friendships with other children using AAC.

Program Committee

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Peers using AAC for Language and Socialization



A unique summer program supporting students with complex communication needs in fun and engaging peer activities.

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Mission Statement

Our vision is to develop a summer program for non-verbal/augmentative communication users in a structured environment. The goal of this program would be to facilitate and foster socialization opportunities.

Parent Participation

A parent/guardian component is to be incorporated to help facilitate social and language carryover activities to home and other settings. It will be mandatory that a parent/guardian attend the concluding day for workshops/training sessions and final PALS Celebration.

Program Description

The focus of the program is language based with hands on activities to encourage a natural learning environment. Each participant will have their own one-to-one assistant to provide supports and optimize participation. The activities planned range from arts and crafts, drama, swimming, cooking, exercise based activities, etc.

This is a pilot program created to support students with complex communication needs and expanding their opportunities for using AAC for socialization.

The program is designed to meet the needs of teens between the ages of 13-18.



Place- Katz JCC in Cherry Hill, N.J.

Date- August 18-22 2014

Times- 12:30-4:30 Monday- Friday

Cost- \$100.00 for JCC members
\$150.00 for Non-members

(financial assistance is available)

To Request an application please call 609-472-9396 or email dlks123@aol.com
Limited Space

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