

The Nathaniel H. Kornreich Technology Center

2007-2008 Workshops

The Kornreich Technology Center (KTC), which is part of Abilities!, is a not-for-profit assistive technology demonstration, education, and evaluation center. We offer extensive training and educational programs for professionals, so that they might better fulfill their consumers' needs. We can customize workshops for your school or agency.

Professional development that focuses on technology integration is key to successful curriculum access for all students. We've been serving the assistive and instructional technology needs of Long Island schools and agencies for more than 10 years.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/ FACULTY TEACHER TRAINING

It has been our experience that teachers, therapists, and support staff have a more meaningful experience when they are active participants, working with authentic classroom applications, which will later be used in their classrooms. Which is why we have created a mobile lab that allows us to bring the technology to you. We invite and encourage teachers to bring their classroom materials to our workshops so learning can be readily applied to their daily instruction.

We are continuously expanding our course offerings. Let us know how we can assist you and your fellow educators with integration of technology into your classrooms.

We will work with you and your staff to design a custom workshop to meet your specific needs.

KTC CONSULTATION SERVICES There is much to consider when preparing to introduce technology as a means to providing access to the curriculum. KTC offers consultation services to help your school from start to finish. This includes assistance with mapping out the allocation of computers and software throughout your school or district. We can also work with your technology specialists to match students' individual needs with the right technology. For a complete list of services visit us online at www.kornreich.org

WORKSHOPS

■ Effectively Integrating Literacy & Learning Support Software in the Classroom

Printed material can be inherently inaccessible to many students with both physical and learning disabilities. This workshop presents ways to make textbooks, workbooks, websites and tests accessible. Learn how literacy and learning support software can provide auditory access to written tests and other print based materials. The development of school policy and IEPs for test accommodations will be addressed. Examples of built-in document security and test taking options will be reviewed.



■ Assistive Technology for Struggling Writers

Today, there is a wealth of technologies available to help students and individuals with learning disabilities. This workshop will demonstrate a range of these technologies, from low tech to high tech that can assist these individuals in areas that challenge them, such as writing, reading and organization. Participants will explore the inclusive features of talking word processors, writing assist programs, programs that enable students to organize their information, text readers and more.

WORKSHOPS

**■ Organize Your Classroom Using
Concept Mapping Software**

Explore many ways to utilize concept mapping software to help keep your students organized. Learn to create schedules, lesson plans, timelines, story boards, and homework agendas in addition to the traditional teaching and writing tools more commonly associated with concept mapping software.

■ Tailoring Software to the Individual

Many commonly-used software products can be made friendlier to people with disabilities through customization. Windows, for example, contains "Accessibility Options" that can assist with viewing the screen and using the keyboard and mouse. Also, options that are built into software such as Microsoft Office and Netscape, that are potentially useful to anyone, have particular value to people with uncommon needs. Participants will learn how to customize menus, toolbars, dictionaries, macros and other features, and how customization can reduce effort, improve efficiency, reduce cognitive load, maximize screen space, and more.

**■ After the Evaluation: Preventing
Augmentative/Alternative Communication
(AAC) Device Abandonment**

Once an AAC evaluation is completed, busy clinicians are typically handed a device (without the manual) and a handful of general recommendations tacked onto the end of the report. The purpose of this workshop is to outline gradual and seamless integration of an AAC system into the classroom setting. Examples of specific strategies for customizing a total communication system within preschool through school aged classrooms will be provided. Finally, determining appropriate AAC goals and outlining a training protocol for professional, paraprofessional and parental implementation of those goals will be reviewed.

**■ Library Media Centers - Extending
Inclusive Learning**

Beyond the physical and social inclusion of students with special needs lies the goal of reducing or removing barriers to learning and participation. Adapted and modified resources and educational and assistive technologies facilitate learning, participation, and access to the curriculum and library media center resources.

Library media specialists are in a strong position to support the expansion of inclusive learning opportunities for all students. Working closely with special educators to develop services and collections that support school-wide inclusion, library media specialists (LMS) enhance and promote the value of both departments within the school.

**■ Voice Recognition: How I Soiled Showed
Sold My Söle Soul to Tøek Talk to My
Computer**

When people hear about voice input they often assume that it's easy; just like speaking to a person. In reality, though speech recognition programs have dramatically improved, it takes a variety of skills to become a regular, non-frustrated, voice keyboarder. This session will discuss what it takes to become a proficient voice user and demonstrate the top voice recognition programs on the market.

Kornreich can provide a mobile PC lab for all trainings. We can also customize any of our workshops, or create new ones, tailored to your agency.

All workshops are \$150 per participant. Discounted pricing is available for districts, schools, and large groups (5 or more). ASHA and AOTA credits are available upon request. Call for pricing and specifications. 516.465.1632