

**NC AT EXPO 2023**  
**October 5, 2023**  
**Event Schedule and Information**

<b>Scheduled Time</b>	<b>Session Title &amp; Information:</b> All sessions will be held in breakout room D	<b>Speaker</b>
9:00-9:10	<b>WELCOME</b>	Tammy Koger <a href="#">NCATP</a> Director
9:10-9:55	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER: “A Youthful Perspective on Assistive Technology”</b></p> <p>Guess what? Assistive technology has grown up in the last 30 years. Kay McMillan is a 28-year-old self-advocate who has used assistive technology most of her life. Growing up while assistive technology was evolving, Kay has seen the field of AT grow and change. Life as an AT user has led her to a life of advocacy and a passion for helping young people with disabilities find their voices as self-advocates. Join Kay as we discuss youth in transition and how AT can be beneficial in this stage of life.</p>	Kay McMillan <u>Youth LEAD NC</u>
10:05-10:50	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Unlocking Potential: Empowering Neurodivergent Individuals with Assistive Technology”</b></p> <p>This presentation explores the use of assistive technology to enhance engagement and independence for neurodivergent individuals in school, home, and community settings. Showcasing real-life examples of how assistive technology empowers individuals to overcome barriers and participate actively in various environments. The presentation emphasizes the diverse range of available tools and aims to inspire others to adopt these solutions, fostering inclusivity and enabling neurodivergent individuals to thrive in educational, domestic, and social contexts.</p>	Jennifer Ben-Hail, MS, OTR/L
11:00-11:45	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Assistive Technology for the Blind: Daily Tools for Access”</b></p> <p>This presentation will provide insights into a day in the life of a blind person, highlighting how assistive technology can enhance access and independence. Demonstrating how assistive technology is used from the moment of waking up to completing tasks throughout the day, such as using screen readers for Microsoft Office tools and accessing leisure activities through iOS apps. The session aims to showcase the potential of assistive technology and offer essential keystrokes that</p>	Calvin Thompson, B.A., CPACC, Certified Assistive Technology for the Blind Instructor

	can benefit both the blind and their sighted family members, educators, and colleagues.	
11:45-12:30	<b>LUNCH</b> Please refer to the list of local restaurants provided in your packet	<b>(Lunch on your own)</b>
12:30-1:00	<b>Stephen E. Sallee AT Awards of Excellence</b>	TBD
1:00-1:45	<p><b><i>“Telehealth Guidance and Resources for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind Patients, their healthcare providers and American Sign Language Interpreters”</i></b></p> <p>The use of telehealth has greatly increased over the past few years. Patients that are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind often do not have the communication accommodations needed for successful telehealth appointments. The <a href="#">Telehealth Guidance and Resources Landing Page</a> is an online resource center created to provide patients, healthcare providers, and American Sign Language interpreters the tools and resources needed to have a successful telehealth appointment. This session will focus on accessing telehealth appointments and provide an overview of this new resource.</p>	<p>Tony Davis, MSW Accessibility Resources Program Manager <a href="#">Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing</a></p>
1:55-2:40	<p><b><i>“Best Practices for Implementing AT and AAC in the Classroom”</i></b></p> <p>This session will focus on an overview of best practices for implementing augmentative/alternative communication (AAC) and assistive technology (AT) in the classroom will be provided. Writing AT, computer access, and use of AAC in the classroom will be discussed. Attendees will learn about modeling without expectation, use of prompt hierarchy, teaching language functions and ways to incorporate AAC throughout the day. Common writing AT software will be reviewed and types of users who would benefit from this software. Positioning and options for computer access equipment as well as helpful software will be discussed.</p>	<p>Durham Co Schools AT Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tonja Recktenwald- M.Ed. CCC-SLP, AT Lead</li> <li>• Mary Joan McClure-MS, CCC-SLP</li> <li>• Elizabeth Harbaugh, MS, CCC-SLP</li> <li>• Audrey McMillion, MS, CCC-SLP</li> <li>• Susan Buck, MS, OTR/L</li> <li>• Nancy Hoopingarner, PT</li> </ul>
2:50-3:20	<p><b><i>“Assistive Gaming for All: From Consoles through to PC Gaming”</i></b></p> <p>In this session on assistive gaming, the speaker will give an overview of several AT solutions that Pretorian Technologies provide on platforms such as Xbox, Nintendo Switch and PC gaming. This will include Joysticks, Trackballs and Switches, as well as a demonstration on using an eye gaze solution for the Xbox – Game ON. Videos and highlights from user stories will show how gaming has assisted individuals and</p>	<p>Bob Sagoo <a href="#">Pretorian Technologies Ltd</a></p>

	families to engage with each other. Closing off the session, the speaker will provide individuals a sneak peek at some new and exciting AT solutions launching in the coming months.	
3:30-4:15	<p><b><i>“Physical Handicap can lead to Mental Clarity” (Personal Testimony)</i></b></p> <p>In one brief moment, Paul was left without use of his arms and legs - forever. What does that mean to someone who’s life was built on hiking, cycling, travel and being a health care professional? Paul will discuss how he has found ways to “rewire my thinking”. The use of assistive technology has helped fill in the blanks; however, the action words "Do", "Go", and "Grab" mean something else to Paul now. Leaving behind those things he can’t control has helped Paul free up time to concentrate on ways to enrich his life and help others. Join us for this remarkable story.</p>	<p>Paul Endry AT User</p>
4:15-4:20	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p>	<p>Tammy Pereboom Sarah Gachuz NCATP and Session Moderators</p>

**\*\*EXHIBITOR HALL OPEN FROM 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM\*\***

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