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Message from our Co-Hosts

Welcome to the fourth annual Tech Supports for Cognition and Learning Conference. Our conference is an opportunity to gather together experts in the fields of technology, education, learning, clinical supports and direct service supports to explore the use of technology to assist people with cognitive disabilities in ways that maximize their independence and personal choice.

The conference committee has once again gathered a strong list of exciting presenters and breakout sessions. They will provide us with the most contemporary thinking about the practical uses of personal technology in keeping with our theme of LEARN, WORK and LIVE.

The intent of this conference is to engage and excite a community of thinkers who will continue to build bridges between technology and cognitive supports for people with disabilities. We hope this conference will meet these goals, and engage you as a partner in our future work.

We wish to thank our sponsors, panelists and exhibitors for their participation. You have contributed to the success of this annual event. We would also like to thank the staff and volunteers from The Arc Westchester and Mercy College.

We hope that you will enjoy the day ahead.

Welcome

8:00 am   **Registration, Continental Breakfast, Vendor Exhibits and Networking**

8:45 am   **Greetings from Co-Hosts**

Joan Toglia, Ph.D., OTR/L, FAOTA
Dean of School of Health
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Tibi Guzmán, MPH, MA, FACHE
Executive Director/CEO
The Arc Westchester

Jordan Jankus, MPH
Coordinator of Person-
Centered & Cognitive Supports,
The Arc Westchester

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (Some sessions run multiple times)

GROUP A : 9:15 am - 10:30 am
1A.   Bridging the Gap Between AAC & Literacy: Understanding and Facilitating Literacy Skills in AAC Users
2A.   Social Media Smarts
3A.   Digital Resources for Person-Centered Planning and Development of Self-Advocacy Skills for a Successful
        Transition into the Adult World
4A.   Necessity is the Mother of Invention: Developing New Tools for People with Memory and Cognitive Impairments
5A.   Exploring Microsoft Beyond Windows: Amazing Apps and Other Resources
6A.   Lifelong Learning Using a Multi-Sensory Approach and Interactive Technology

10:30 am - 10:45 am Break

GROUP B: 10:45 am - 12:00 pm
1B.   Getting Skillful with Alexa: Learn about Customization
2B.   Key Assistive Features of Office 365 and Windows
3B.   Beyond ADL: Enrichment and Creativity Through Tech
4B.   There's an App for That! The use of Apps to Support Independence in ADL Functioning
5B.   Access Apple Abilities: Designing for All Users
6B.   Strategies for Implementation of AAC Devices in School, Home and Community

12:00 - 1:15 pm   Lunch

Cognitive Supports: Aspiration or Normality?
Ric Swierat, Adjunct Professor MPA Studies, Pace University;
Retired Executive Director, The Arc Westchester;
Consultant to not-for-profit boards
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Fast-paced Presentations:
1. Miles Forma, Self-Advocate, mdlforma@gmail.com, milesforma@wordpress.com
2. Laurel Skultety, Senior Speech Language Pathologist, Schenectady Arc, laurels@sarcny.org
3. Misa Martin, The Arc Westchester Tech Ambassador, mmartin@arcwestchester.org
4. Roseanne Vallice Levy, Ph.D. and Ilene Rothschild, Ed. D., Mercy College

GROUP C: 1:30 pm - 2:45 pm
1C.   Bridging the Gap Between AAC & Literacy
2C.   Access Apple Abilities: Designing for All Users
3C.   Lifelong Learning Using a Multi-Sensory Approach & Interactive Technology
4C.   Strategies for Implementation of AAC Devices in School, Home and Community
5C.   Necessity is the Mother of Invention: Developing New Tools for People with Memory and Cognitive Impairments
6C.   TeleHealth: Digital Health Technology to Improve Health Outcomes & Patient Satisfaction

WRAP UP PANEL 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Tech Through A Lifetime: Making Sure Technology Follows You Through Life's Milestones
•   Ric Swierat, Moderator
•   Beth Heyd, Westchester Institute for Human Development
•   Jennifer Harriton-Wilson, Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES
•   Jordan Jankus, The Arc Westchester
•   Sarah Reddy, Heritage Christian Services
•   Magdalini Villani, Irvington School District

What You Need To Know . . .

- Please follow the schedule and select a breakout session block, time and room location. Several sessions will be offered more than once, providing you with more options for the day. For each breakout session you attend, we ask that you **complete a session evaluation and hand it in to your room monitor.**

- Feel free to ask any of our volunteers or room monitors for assistance throughout the day.

- We are offering a shuttle bus for those who wish transportation to the Main Hall (5 minute walk)

- Be sure to visit our exhibitor tables and sample their unique services and resources.

- **Don't miss our exciting panel at 3 pm** that will explore Tech Through a Lifetime: Making Sure Technology Follows You Through Life's Milestones!

- If you did not register online, make sure we have your e-mail address. We will mail a link to our portal that will include today's presentations and other important information regarding personal technology and supports for people with cognitive disabilities.

- If you require a certificate of contact hours, please visit the registration desk at the end of the day.

- Make sure you let us know how we did today by completing the overall conference evaluation before you leave.

Get Social . . .

Share your thoughts on your conference experience with the hashtags **#LEARNWORKLIVE** and **#TSCL**

There are so many things to learn and discover about how personal technology can become a powerful tool in service to people with cognitive disabilities! We believe that digital tools can make a difference in the lives of many and can help people become more independent, self-directed and fans of lifelong learning.

Follow The Arc Westchester's Tech Outreach on Social Media at:

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Let's Keep Learning Together!

The Arc Westchester holds FREE Tech Ambassadors webinars each Tuesday, from 1:15 pm to 1:30 pm. This series of fast paced webinars are targeted at the practical uses of everyday personal technology (apps, web resources and smart devices) by people with cognitive disabilities.

REGISTER AT https://tinyurl.com/y8ojytks

Also, visit our Tech Supports page @ **www.arcwestchester.org/technology**

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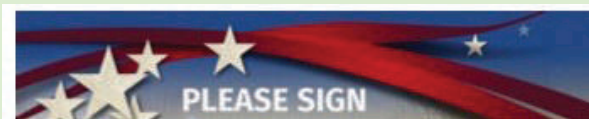
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#1A: **Bridging the Gap Between AAC & Literacy: Understanding and Facilitating Literacy Skills in AAC Users**
Mercy Hall Room #31

We'll review the typical development of literacy skills and discuss application to AAC users. Strategies and teaching techniques will be reviewed for clinical and home practice to promote literacy skills in AAC users.
Presenter: Ashley O'Rourke, MS, CCC-SLP, TSSLD, Mercy College, Ashley.orourke@yu.edu
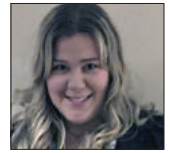
#2A: **Social Media Smarts**
Mercy Hall Room #32

Get smarter about social media! Join us as we explore the implications of your digital footprint. Learn strategies that will help you think before you post and curate your existing on-line presence.
Presenter: Jennifer Harriton-Wilson, Ed. D., Educational Technology Coordinator, Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES, jhwilson@pnwboces.org

#3A: **Digital Resources for Person-Centered Planning and Development of Self-Advocacy Skills for A Successful Transition into the Adult World**
Main Hall Room #241

Youth transitioning from high school will be entering a very different world, where it's important that they get a better understanding of themselves and convey that understanding to their new world through self-advocacy.
Presenters: Jordan Jankus, Coordinator of Person-Centered and Cognitive Supports,
            The Arc Westchester, jjankus@arcwestchester.org
        Laurel Skultety, MS, CCC-SLP, Schenectady Arc, laurels@sarcny.org
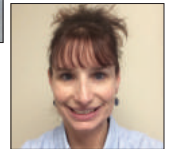
#4A: **Necessity is the Mother of Invention: Developing New Tools for People with Memory and Cognitive Impairments**
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Sergio will share his inspiring story including the journey that led him to create Qcard. Come learn why native calendar and reminder apps don't work for people with memory and cognitive impairments, and how Qcard was designed to solve these problems and become a tool that actually works.
Presenter: Sergio Di Giovanni, Brain Injury Survivor, Founder, Qcard, sergio@qcard.ca

#5A: **Exploring Microsoft Beyond Windows**
Mercy Hall Room #30

Microsoft is much more than our traditional ideas of Windows and Office. Learn some amazing features they've developed, including free, cross-platform apps and great learning yools.
Presenters: John Lawler, Product Advisor; Odalis Marmol, Business & Education Sales Specialist
            Michael Wangenstein, Cloud Technical Expert, Microsoft Store – White Plains

#6A: **Lifelong Learning Using a Multi-Sensory Approach and Interactive Technology**
Main Hall Room #280

Lifelong learning is important, but we all learn in different ways. Retention improves as we involve more than one sense. We will apply the use of the multi-sensory learning approach using a variety of interactive touchscreen technology tools including UBI-Interactive white boards.
Presenter: Sarah Reddy, Special Educator, RESNA Certified ATP, Heritage Christian Services,
            sreddy@heritagechristianservices.org

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#1B: **Getting Skillful With Alexa: Learning About Customization**
Main Hall Room #280

Are you using an Amazon Echo and want to know more? Join us for a hands-on workshop and discover how to add "skills" and customize the experience. No tech skills needed!
Presenter: Pam Doran, Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES, pdoran@pnwboces.org

#2B: **Key Assistive Features of Office 365 and Windows**
Main Hall Room #241

Learn how to use some great features like Learning Tools, Office Lens and Microsoft desktop accessibility features.
Presenters: Meredith Dutra, Educational Technology & Administration, K-12 STEM Coordinator,
         Microsoft Certified Educator, Carmel Central School District, mdutra@carmelschools.org and
         Amanda Allison, MSW, Ed.M in Administration & Supervisor, Carmel Central School District
         aallison@carmelschools.org

#3B: **Beyond ADL: Enrichment & Creativity Through Tech**
Mercy Hall Rotunda

We want to help people with cognitive disabilities learn to be independent as possible in their daily living skills, but let's explore how personal tech can also expose all of us to some other important parts of life – creativity, intense listening and observing and lifelong learning.
Presenter: Jordan Jankus, Coordinator of Person-Centered and Cognitive Supports,
         The Arc Westchester, jjankus@arcwestchester.org

#4B: **There's an App for That! The Use of Apps to Support Independence in ADL Functioning**
Mercy Hall Room #31

Instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs) reflect on a person's ability to live independently. This interactive presentation will explore apps that can support IADL independence for individuals living with cognitive challenges.
Presenter: Mindy Garfinkel, OTD, OTR/L, ATP, Visiting Assistant Professor, Graduate Occupational Therapy Program
         Mercy College, mgarfinkel@mercy.edu

#5B: **Access Apple Abilities: Designing for All Learners**
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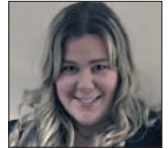
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        Chris Gaur, Vital Care Services and Nilton San Lucas, Vital Care Services

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