

Making Assistive Technology Solutions in Minutes for Students with Disabilities

Facilitated by: Dr. Therese Willkomm

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7550 W. 183rd Street - Tinley Park, IL

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DESCRIPTION

This hands-on workshop focuses on rapid making of assistive technology solutions to achieve educational success, embracing the "...ABLE Principles". Rapid creation of devices that are adjustable, portable, repositionable, reusable, washable, affordable, removable, remoldable, etc, can be quickly adapted for ever changing educational goals, and specific disabilities. Over 100 different assistive technology devices that can be rapidly created will be discussed and demonstrated. In addition, participants will make six different multi use devices to take home.

OUTCOMES

Participants will be able to...

1. Identify at least 10 different everyday items that can be repurposed into assistive technology solutions.
2. Identify at least 20 different tools and materials that meet the "...ABLE Principles" for rapid making of A.T. solutions.
3. Develop skills in working with fabrication tools and materials to create six different multi-use devices for students with disabilities.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Dr. Therese Willkomm, PhD, ATP, is an amazing Assistive Technology magician who has created over 1200 different Assistive Technology solutions for individuals with disabilities. She is known nationally and internationally for her unique five minute approach to creating hundreds of solutions using basic hand tools and every day materials. She has presented in 48 states and six foreign countries. Dr. Willkomm has appeared on several TV and radio programs including CNN and NPR Science Friday. She has authored 22 publications including her most recent book Assistive Technology Solutions in Minutes – Book 2 – Ordinary Items Extraordinary Solutions. Dr. Willkomm holds a PhD in rehabilitation science and technology and is the director of New Hampshire's state wide Assistive Technology program. She is also a clinical associate professor in the Department of occupational therapy with the University of New Hampshire and oversees the graduate certificate program in assistive technology at UNH.



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