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Anna Shaw Children’s Institute to host language workshop

DALTON, Ga. (February 11, 2024) – The Anna Shaw Children’s Institute (ASCI), part of Vitruvian Health, will host a Language Acquisition through Motor Planning (LAMP) workshop on Friday, March 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Brown Conference Center. The program is in conjunction with The Center for AAC & Autism.

“This workshop is open to the community and is an excellent opportunity for caregivers and educators to learn strategies to communicate with non-speaking individuals,” said Jessica Truelove, director of ASCI.

Laurie Shaw, MS, CCC-SLP, speech therapist at ASCI, will present.

LAMP is an augmentative alternative communication (AAC) approach designed to give individuals who are nonverbal or have limited verbal abilities a method of independently expressing themselves through the use of a speech-generating device. There are no cognitive prerequisites for implementing the LAMP approach. Intervention can begin at the cause-and-effect level and systematically build upon the stages of natural language development.

This course covers implementation rationale and strategies with an introduction to the LAMP Words for Life language system. The cost of the class is \$139. A discounted rate of \$69.50 is available for students and parents. Seating is limited.

Two 15-minute breaks and a one-hour lunch break will be provided. During the lunch break, participants have the option of eating in the Hamilton Medical Center cafeteria, bringing a lunch or leaving the campus for lunch.

Two of the six LAMP-certified professionals in the state of Georgia are therapists at ASCI. They include Hannah Cannon, MS, CCC-SLP, lead pediatric therapist, and Laurie Shaw, speech therapist. “Hannah and Laurie are stellar therapists,” said Truelove. “To have thirty-three percent of Georgia’s LAMP-certified professionals providing care at Anna Shaw Children’s Institute speaks to the dedication of our providers and the quality of services we offer.”

To register, visit aacandautism.com/training. For more information, email alantz@hhcs.org.

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Photos:

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