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Spring WATR N Meeting

New AT/AAC group for Educators of Wisconsin

Who: Wisconsin Assistive Technology Regional Network (WATR N)

What: **FREE** Regional meetings around the state of Wisconsin bringing together school professionals interested in topics, collaboration and learning about Assistive Technology (AT) and Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). On the Spring Agenda:

- Introductions to WATR N, AAC Bill of Rights, common AAC terminology and supports
- What did you try from last time? An opportunity for past participants to share what they tried.
- This meeting will focus on access through the use of switches, how to teach switch skills, use of iPad “recipes” for switch access, tools to practice switch use, and a curated list of tools from attendees. All of the regions will contribute to a collective “Padlet” to form a valuable shared resource that can be added to and referred to when needed!
- AbleNet will be connecting with WATR N via ZOOM to share AT & AAC solutions. They will be sending AbleNet kits with a variety of AT/AAC technology.
- Networking and Round table discussion/Case study-come prepared to share a challenging case that you are working on and we will help you brainstorm ideas and learn from each other
- AT resources to think about. Ideas to take with you to explore on your own.

What is your favorite AbleNet tool? We’re going to do a little show-and-tell at this meeting. Bring one of your favorite AT or AAC tools, if available, and come prepared to share how you use it. Is there a switch in your loan closet that’s been hidden away or you’re unsure how it works, bring it with and collectively we’ll work together to figure it out!

When: Spring 2019 - see specific dates below

Where: Please find your Regional meeting below. Don’t see one near you? Contact anyone below to learn how to start your own WATR N meetings with the support of the WATR N team.

<p>South Central- Madison area-WATR N -<u>Location:</u> West Madison Police Department 1710 McKenna Blvd., Madison, WI <u>Date/Time:</u> Monday, May 6th 1-4pm AbleNet meeting Scheduled: 2-3pm Register @ http://bit.ly/SpringWATR N Questions? Please contact: Anna Cliff annabethcliff@gmail.com</p>	<p>North West- Hudson area-WATR N -<u>Location:</u> Hudson Public Library (Meeting Room 219) in Hudson, WI -<u>Date/Time:</u> April 23rd 4:30-6:30 AbleNet meeting Scheduled: 4:45pm-5:15pm Register @ http://bit.ly/SpringWATR N Questions? Please contact: Kelsey Osten kcfalligant@gmail.com</p>
<p>East Central- Green Bay/Fox Valley-WATR N -<u>Location:</u> CESA 6 - Oshkosh -<u>Date/Time:</u> Friday, April 26, 2019, 9-12 AbleNet meeting Scheduled: 10-11am Register @ http://bit.ly/SpringWATR N Questions? Please contact: Jennifer Schubring jennifer@buildingaac.com or Mike Hipple mikehipple4@gmail.com</p>	<p>South East-Waukesha WATR N: <u>Location:</u> TBD <u>Date/Time:</u> TBD <u>AbleNet meeting Scheduled:</u> Questions? Please contact: Beth Splitberger nomatterhow2017@gmail.com</p>

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<p>West Central Wisconsin-La Crosse area WATR: -<u>Location</u>:CESA 4 923 Garland St E, West Salem, WI 54669 -<u>Date/Time</u>: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 12:30pm-3:30pm Ablenet meeting Scheduled: 1:30-2:30 Register @ http://bit.ly/SpringWATR Questions? Please contact: Sarah Winn winsar@holmen.k12.wi.us</p>	<p>Central Wisconsin-Stevens Point WATR: -<u>Location</u>: Professional Development Center (Stevens Point Area School District) 1900 Zinda Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54481 -<u>Date/Time</u>: Friday, May 3, 2019 9-12 pm Ablenet meeting Scheduled from 10-11 Register @ http://bit.ly/SpringWATR Questions? Please contact:Cassie Frost cfrost@disruptive-teaching.com</p>
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WATR Spring 2019-Registration: <http://bit.ly/SpringWATR> or scan the QR code below. ALL attendees MUST register to ensure space and enough materials from vendors.



Questions regarding the meeting can be directed to the Regional Facilitator.

*Please send between two to six people from your school district who have different roles. It could be one speech therapist, one physical therapist, one occupational therapist, one classroom teacher, one special education teacher, and one paraprofessional. They **do not** need to be on the district assistive technology AAC team. They would be a great addition to our team.*

Come to see old friends from the WATI and network with new friends to celebrate this group

WATR Mission and Vision:

Mission: To provide a platform where professionals around the state of Wisconsin who are passionate about Assistive Technology (AT) and Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC) are able to meet in regional groups. The WATRs seek to provide educators of Wisconsin support, share knowledge, discuss/learn best practices and raise awareness around current issues facing school-based AT/AAC professionals.

Vision: Foster a grassroots effort to fill a gap left behind by the defunding of WATI. Bring Wisconsin back to a place where AT/AAC professionals are created, developed and supported in order to provide a high quality of AT/AAC services to all students with disabilities throughout Wisconsin.