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## 2020/2021 WATRNR Meeting Invitation

AT/AAC group for Educators of Wisconsin

**Who:** Wisconsin Assistive Technology Regional Network (WATRNR)

**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 2020/2021 agenda...

- Introductions to WATRNR, AAC Bill of Rights, common AT terminology and supports.
- What did you try from last time? An opportunity for past participants to share what they tried.
- Meeting focus below.
- 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.

**When:** See specific dates below for your Region!

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

### **WATRNR 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 WATRNRs 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.

### **WATRNR Registrations below**

**ALL attendees MUST register to ensure space and enough materials from vendors.**

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

<p>WATR N</p> <h1>Topics</h1> <p>Contacts</p>	<p><b>Fall 2020</b></p> <p><b>Checking-in! How is the 2020-2021 School Year going? You are not alone!</b></p> <p>Topics for breakout rooms:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Engineering the Covid classroom/therapy room: PPE, distancing, hygiene, oh my!</li> <li>2. Evalu-what? Completing AAC/AT evaluations remotely. How to model AAC online.</li> <li>3. Coaching and working with families to build student success</li> <li>4. Regulating in the Covid environment - behavior regulation and executive functioning when learning virtually at home and in the covid classroom.</li> <li>5. Engagement! Online learning activities and ideas</li> </ol>	<p><b>Winter 2021</b></p> <p><b>Accessibility Guidelines and Best Practices for Creating Accessible Materials</b></p> <p>Winter Topic: How has creating and providing accessible educational material changed for you during COVID? We will be discussing: Accessibility Guidelines and Best Practices for Creating Accessible Materials. During this meeting we will highlight some of the resources available around our state and throughout the US to help you educate and support staff in your district to create accessible learning. A large portion of this meeting will be devoted to discussion and networking so that we can share what is working in other districts. This important topic is relevant to both in-person and virtual learning, and has come to the forefront of AT services in the last year!</p> <p><b>Vendor: Join us from 3:30-4:30 to learn more</b></p>	<p><b>Spring 2021</b></p> <p><b>Supporting students with significant disabilities</b></p> <p>We will be discussing how we support students with significant disabilities. We will present a case study or two and discuss as a group resources, ideas, barriers, and successes! If you have a student that you would like help with and to present as a case, please contact Jennifer Schubring (<a href="mailto:jennifer@buildingaac.com">jennifer@buildingaac.com</a>) for consideration!</p>	<p><b>Summer 2021</b></p> <p><b>Topic: TBD</b></p> <p><b>Vendor: SymbolStix?</b></p>
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Date of Meeting:	<b>10/13/2020 (6-8 PM)</b>	<b>3/18/2021</b> <b>(3:30-6:00 PM)</b>		
Virtual Registration	<a href="https://forms.gle/mQVz7Pb4zwfApyu7">https://forms.gle/mQVz7Pb4zwfApyu7</a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/WinterWATRN2021">bit.ly/WinterWATRN2021</a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/SpringWATRN2021">bit.ly/SpringWATRN2021</a>	
Northwest - Hudson	Agenda: 6:00-6:15 Intro from Mike Hipple and waiting for attendees to join the meeting	Agenda: 3:30-4:30 Vendor Session with LessonPix and Beth Poss 4:30-4:45 Welcome - Mike Hipple	Agenda: 3:30-4:30 Vendor Session with Boardmaker 4:30-4:45 Welcome - Mike Hipple 4:45-5:00 Students with significant disabilities - presentation	
Questions? Please contact: Kelsey Osten <a href="mailto:kcfalligant@gmail.com">kcfalligant@gmail.com</a>			5:00-5:15 Case Study 5:15-6:00 Discussion of Case Study and Networking	
Western WI- La Crosse	6:15-7:00 Small group breakout rooms Topics for breakout rooms: 1. Engineering the Covid classroom/therapy room:	4:45-5:15 Accessibility Guidelines and Best Practices for Creating Accessible Materials - presentation 5:15-6:00 Discussion and Networking		
Questions? Please contact: Sarah Winn <a href="mailto:winsar@holmen.k12.wi.us">winsar@holmen.k12.wi.us</a>				
South Central- Madison				

<p>Please contact: Anna Cliff  <a href="mailto:annabethcliff@gmail.com">annabethcliff@gmail.com</a> or  Carly Sandgren  <a href="mailto:carlysandgren@gmail.com">carlysandgren@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>PPE, distancing, hygiene, oh my!  2. Evalu-what?  Completing AAC/AT evaluations remotely.  How to model AAC online.  3. Coaching and working with families to build student success  4. Regulating in the Covid environment - behavior regulation and executive functioning when learning virtually at home and in the covid classroom.  5. Engagement! Online learning activities and ideas</p> <p>7:00-7:50 Each of the 5 breakout groups will be given 10 minutes to bring main points from their discussions to the whole group so that everyone can hear some of what was discussed in each room.</p> <p>7:50-8:00 Wrap-up.</p>			
<p>East Central- Green Bay</p> <p>Questions? Please contact:  Jennifer Schubring  <a href="mailto:jennifer@buildingaac.com">jennifer@buildingaac.com</a> or  Mike Hipple  <a href="mailto:mikehipple4@gmail.com">mikehipple4@gmail.com</a></p>				
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