



## Promoting Literacy with CORE Word Books

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**Date:** July 31, 2024

**Time:** 8:30-3:30 Central

**Location:** ESU #5 (900 W. Court St, Beatrice, NE 68310)

**Fee:** \$10 for materials (lunch is not included)

**Audience:** SLPs, Resource Teachers, Instructional Coaches, Paras if attending with Certified Staff

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**Description:** Join us for a hands-on and informative AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) training designed specifically for educators! In this session, we will dive into the concept of Core Vocabulary—a set of 350 high-frequency words that account for approximately 80% of everyday communication. Understanding and utilizing Core Vocabulary can significantly benefit not only students who use AAC devices but also those with language delays and disorders.

**This training promises to be fun and interactive!** Bring your teaching partners and support teams and get ready to leave with a wealth of knowledge, ready-to-go materials, lesson plans, and ideas. Let's work together to create a successful and communicative classroom environment for all students. You'll be able to start the school year strong!

Targeting core vocabulary with literacy has the following advantages:

- **Predictability:** Some picture books have repetitive phrases, aiding AAC users in anticipating core word usage.
- **Visual Support:** Pictures in books help AAC users associate words with meanings effectively.
- **Contextual Learning:** Books offer real-life contexts for core words, enhancing understanding for AAC users.
- **Engagement:** Visually appealing picture books capture AAC users' attention, enhancing learning experiences.
- **Repetition:** Core words are often repeated in picture books, reinforcing their usage effectively.

*During the workshop, participants are provided with opportunities for hands-on practice. It is strongly recommended that participants bring with them a Speech Generating Device (SGD) or tablet with a communication app. Please do not remove access to a device from a student! If you do not have a communication device or app please consider downloading a free/lite version.*

- TD Snap from Tobii Dynavox
- Sono Flex Lite
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Utilizing the individualized intensive supports covered in this training could be a NeMTSS Tier 3 intervention. For more information on NeMTSS visit <https://nemtss.unl.edu/about/>.

### **Registration deadline July 22, 2024**

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For registration questions please contact Jen Quaranta (jen.quaranta@esu6.org)  
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