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Spaulding Youth Center Hosts Language Acquisition through Motor Planning (LAMP) Training

Northfield, NH – Spaulding Youth Center hosted the Center for AAC & Autism's Language Acquisition through Motor Planning (LAMP) Training on their Northfield, NH campus on February 5th and 6th, 2019. The event consisted of two days dedicated to the specialized clinical training of the Language Acquisition through Motor Planning (LAMP) approach.



LAMP is a therapeutic approach based on neurological and motor learning principles found by John Halloran, MS, CCC-SLP, Cindy Halloran, OTR/L, and Mia Emerson, MS, CCC-SLP. The goal is to give individuals who are nonverbal or have limited verbal abilities a method of independently and spontaneously expressing themselves in any setting. The two courses offered were *Language Acquisition through Motor Planning (LAMP)* and *Moving Forward with LAMP*.

LAMP co-developer John Halloran presented the two days of training to a combined 100 attendees, including speech pathology professionals, special education teachers and para educators, Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs), and parents. During the trainings, attendees were able to practice the method on the Accent1000, a dedicated speech generating device, as well as an iPad equipped with the LAMP Words for Life app.

“We were thrilled to host an industry leader like the Center for AAC & Autism for training here on our beautiful Northfield campus,” said Susan C. Ryan, President & CEO of Spaulding Youth Center. “The LAMP approach is truly remarkable in that it helps special needs and speech-language professionals as well as parents build independent communication for anyone unable to use their speech. We are proud that our on-campus Speech-Language Pathology Department utilizes this among other best practice methodologies for our nonverbal students. Adopting this approach and hosting this training is another example of how Spaulding strives to provide the best services to our kids and support the larger community of professionals in this field.”

Visit www.aacandautism.com/ to learn more about the Center for AAC & Autism and its LAMP learning principles.

ABOUT SPAULDING YOUTH CENTER

Spaulding Youth Center is a leading provider of services for children and youth with neurological, emotional, behavioral, learning and/or developmental challenges, including Autism Spectrum Disorder and those who have experienced significant trauma, abuse or neglect. Services include academic, behavioral health, residential, foster care, health and wellness and family support. Spaulding Youth Center is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit. For information about Spaulding Youth Center, visit www.spauldingyouthcenter.org.

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