

SEACOM - Special Education Advisory Council of Marblehead announces the following:

Why Assistive Technology?

Presenter: Kathy Rielly, M.Ed., Ed.S. Assistive Technology

Date & Time: Monday, October 19, 2009 7:00 – 9:00pm

Location: Marblehead High School
2 Humphrey Street, Marblehead, MA
Library Conference Room, 2nd Floor
Free and open to the public

Children with developmental and learning challenges sometimes need assistive technology devices or services in order to benefit fully from social and academic placements and programs, and to participate with the greatest success and independence.

Join us on Monday, October 19, 2009 for a closer look at some of the innovative ways that Assistive Technology can provide diverse learners with increased access to communication, learning, and life, at school and at home.

In this workshop we will:

- . explore a variety of new and established assistive technology solutions
- . review the framework and components of an Assistive Technology evaluation
- . learn how assistive technology is addressed by IDEA legislation
- . discover how to access assistive technology services and resources
- . discuss best practices in integrating assistive technology into the IEP and home

Kathy Rielly provides Assistive Technology, educational, and family centered services and support for children with complex learning needs through the Integrated Center for Child Development in Canton and Newton, MA. She earned an Education Specialist degree in Assistive Special Education Technology from Simmons College, Boston and a Master's degree in Creative Arts and Learning from Lesley College, Cambridge. She completed undergraduate work in Elementary Education and Moderate Special Needs. In her twenty four years of professional experience prior to joining ICCD, Kathy held positions as a regular educator, special educator-moderate special needs, special educator-intensive special needs, technology-curriculum specialist, and Assistive Technology specialist. As an adjunct faculty member, Kathy developed and taught graduate level courses in Assistive Special Education Technology and Designing Curriculum Modifications for Diverse Learners. Kathy provides the evaluation, consultation, and support necessary to identify and implement assistive technology solutions that help individuals with special needs function successfully in school, at home, and in the community, with greater independence.

SEACOM is a state mandated parent volunteer organization that acts as a resource and advisor to parents of children with special needs and the Marblehead Public Schools. We are committed to forming a fun, supportive, and educational group. For more information about SEACOM, visit our website at www.seacomonline.org.