

# Closing the Learning Gap for Complex Kiddos - All Engaged, All Communicate, All Learn!

Learn. Develop. Challenge. Grow.  
~ Using AAC soft & high tech tools ~



Monday, April 18, 2016

9:00am - 3:00pm

Brentwood Baptist Church

7777 Concord Road, Brentwood, TN 37027



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**Families have asked, and High Hopes Development Center has responded!**

Join us for an opportunity to learn how to better communicate with children who have complex disabilities from *Susan Norwell, M.A. Special Education, from Rett University.*

## COURSE CONTENT

Children with **complex disabilities** are often challenged to communicate, engage and learn. Parents can be puzzled as how to **best build communication** with those who are **nonverbal and severely motor challenged**. Embedding communication into everyday life can even become arduous. The challenge of **supporting academic growth** is compounded for parents who often do not have access to a strong, knowledgeable education support system.

This workshop will present **soft and high tech communication strategies** that support even the most challenged child in their **communication growth and development**. Ideas for **reading with your child** while supporting their communication will be highlighted, as well as learning to **communicate through play**. **Robust videos** will highlight **strategies and methodologies** in use. Parents will leave with **specific strategies** for supporting our most complex children and a **renewed confidence** in how to help their child to grow and develop their abilities to communicate.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- ~ Parents/Grandparents
- ~ Other Family Members
- ~ Caregivers

### Registration:

\$60 Per Person - includes lunch

### LEARN METHODS TO:

- Build Better Communication*
- Support Academic Growth*
- Work with Soft & High Tech Devices*
- Develop Specific Strategies*
- Gain Renewed Confidence*

### SEMINAR SCHEDULE:

- Registration: 8:30 a.m.
- Course Begins: 9:00 a.m.
- Lunch Break: 1 hr (lunch provided)
- Course Ends: 3:00 p.m.

## COURSE DIRECTOR

*Susan Norwell* has worked with a wide array of students, including those with **Rett Syndrome, Autism and multiple disabilities for the last 40 years**. She has spent the last 29 years in private practice working primarily with children on the autism spectrum and girls who have Rett Syndrome. She is trained in “*Greenspan’s Floortime*” model and would consider herself a **relationship-based educational specialist**. Susan’s current focus is in teaching literacy skills to children **without verbal language and with significant disabilities** while integrating augmentative communication and **technology supports**. She consults with various school districts on successful education of children with Rett Syndrome and those on the autism spectrum and **has presented workshops worldwide**. Susan is a high-energy consultant who is known for her broad knowledge base as well as practical and creative ideas for furthering the learning of those with the most significant challenges.

Susan is Co-Founder of *Rett University*, which represents a 5-year dream of being able to provide **systematic training** for parents and those working with individuals with Rett. She is thrilled to see this dream actualized with **Girl Power 2 Cure** and envisions people being able to more consistently unlock potential for individuals with Rett in the future!!

A session for professionals is being held  
April 16, 2016.

For More Information & Registration on the  
Family/Caregiver or Professional session,  
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