

# Closing the Learning Gap for Complex Students & Patients - All Engaged, All Communicate, All Learn!

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



Saturday, April 16, 2016

9:00am - 3:00pm

Brentwood Baptist Church

7777 Concord Road, Brentwood, TN 37027



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Join High Hopes Development Center and Rett University

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

Students and patients with **complex disabilities** are often challenged to communicate, engage and learn. Teachers and therapists can be puzzled as how to **best build communication** with those who are **nonverbal and severely motor challenged**. Academic and therapeutic instruction can be difficult in light of these obstacles. This workshop will present **soft and high tech communication strategies** that support even the most challenged student in their communication growth and development. Demonstration of **academic supports and strategies** that help aid learning to read and write will help students that often get left behind in these areas. **Robust videos** will highlight **strategies and methodologies**. Participants will leave with **specific strategies** for supporting our most complex learners and a renewed belief in their patients' and students' underlying abilities, regardless of their diagnosis!

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

~ SLPs/OTs/PTs & Assistants  
~ Teachers/Special Educators  
~ Administrators

## LEARN METHODS TO:

*Build Better Communication  
Support Academic Growth  
Soft & High Tech Device Strategies  
Develop Specific Approaches &  
Methodologies*

## 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.

## Registration:

\$85 Per Person - includes lunch

## 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 families/caregivers is being held  
April 18, 2016.

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