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Target Audience - Qualified Vendors and Providers

Transmittal Date - 08/27/2025

The Division of Developmental Disabilities is hosting monthly Lunch and Learn Sessions.

Next Session:

- **Date:** Wednesday, September 17, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **Topic:** Bridging the Gap Between Speech-Language Pathology and Behavioral Health / Interdisciplinary Strategies for AAC
- **Presenter:** Matthew Sandoval, M.S., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist
- [Register in advance](#)
 - A confirmation email will be sent to the email address registered with the option to add the event as a calendar listing on the user's default calendar application. Users who experience a delay in receiving the email should check their spam folder.

Session Description:

This presentation offers an in-depth exploration of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) systems, focusing on both low-tech and high-tech solutions that support individuals with complex communication needs. The session will discuss the effectiveness of these tools in various contexts, including interactions with law enforcement and caregivers, with an emphasis on their impact on behavioral health outcomes. Participants will gain insights into the legal rights of AAC users, the technological advancements in AAC, and the critical role of these systems in promoting inclusion, independence, and overall well-being. This presentation is designed for professionals working with individuals with communication disabilities, including speech-language pathologists, educators, caregivers, and behavioral health specialists. It will equip attendees with the knowledge and tools necessary to support effective communication and foster inclusive environments.