



**DATE:** December 14th, 1:00 - 2:30

**AUDIENCE:** Related services providers, general and special education teachers, AT team members, administrators, families, and those interested in learning more about AAC.

**SESSION DESCRIPTION:** This session will explore the new [AAC \(Augmentative and Alternative Communication\) Tab](#) on the VDOE Assistive Technology Network website. We will take participants through the process from consideration to implementation of AAC systems to support students with communication needs.

**REGISTRATION:** [Navigating the AAC Roadmap](#)

## PRESENTERS:



### **Holly Love**

*MS, CCC-SLP, ATP*

Holly is an ASHA (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association) certified Speech Language Pathologist and a RESNA certified Assistive Technology Professional with a background in serving students with a range of disabilities from early intervention through high school. Holly joined the T/TAC at Virginia Tech in 2011 as a Coordinator of Communication. She is dedicated to providing educators and families with information and assistance for children with disabilities. Her areas of specialization and interest are autism, literacy, communication, and the integration of assistive technology.



### **Melanie Derry**

*MS, CCC-SLP*

Melanie is a Training and Technical Assistance Associate for VCU's Autism Center for Education (ACE) and an ASHA (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association) certified Speech-Language Pathologist. Melanie served as an SLP in the public school setting for 13 years, with the last seven years spent primarily working with children who utilize augmentative and alternative communication systems. She is passionate about providing training and support to educators and families to ensure access to meaningful communication for all individuals.



### **Kristy Hill**

*MA, CCC-SLP*

Kristy received her undergraduate degree in Communication from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and her graduate degree in Communication Disorders from Appalachian State University. She is certified by ASHA (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association) and licensed by the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology in Virginia. Kristy has worked with persons with communication disorders since 1997. She has worked in private settings as well as Virginia public schools serving students ages 2- 21. She joined the T/TAC at Virginia Tech in 2023 as a Coordinator of Communication. Kristy focuses her efforts on providing training and technical assistance to educators who support students with a variety of communication delays and disorders, with a special interest in augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) and assistive technology (AT).