



Keynote Speaker
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Tools for the Journey January 26th and 27th

Elizabeth Biggs

Empowering at Every Step: Technology to Improve Communication, Independence, and Inclusion



Elizabeth E. Biggs, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Special Education at Vanderbilt University and is affiliated with the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center, which is an interdisciplinary research, service, and training center focused on improving the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. As a researcher, Biggs focuses on identifying ways to promote strong social, communication, language, and literacy outcomes for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are nonspeaking

or who have limited speech, with a specific interest in augmentative and alternative communication (AAC), inclusive education, family-school partnerships, and friendships among students with and without disabilities

This keynote presentation delves into the transformative power of technology for fostering communication, independence, and inclusion for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities from early childhood through adulthood. By examining real-world success stories and promising innovations, this presentation will illuminate how technology serves as a bridge to a more inclusive society— where everyone can participate, contribute meaningfully, and thrive.



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