

# Getting [re]Started with the ASF Communication Training Series

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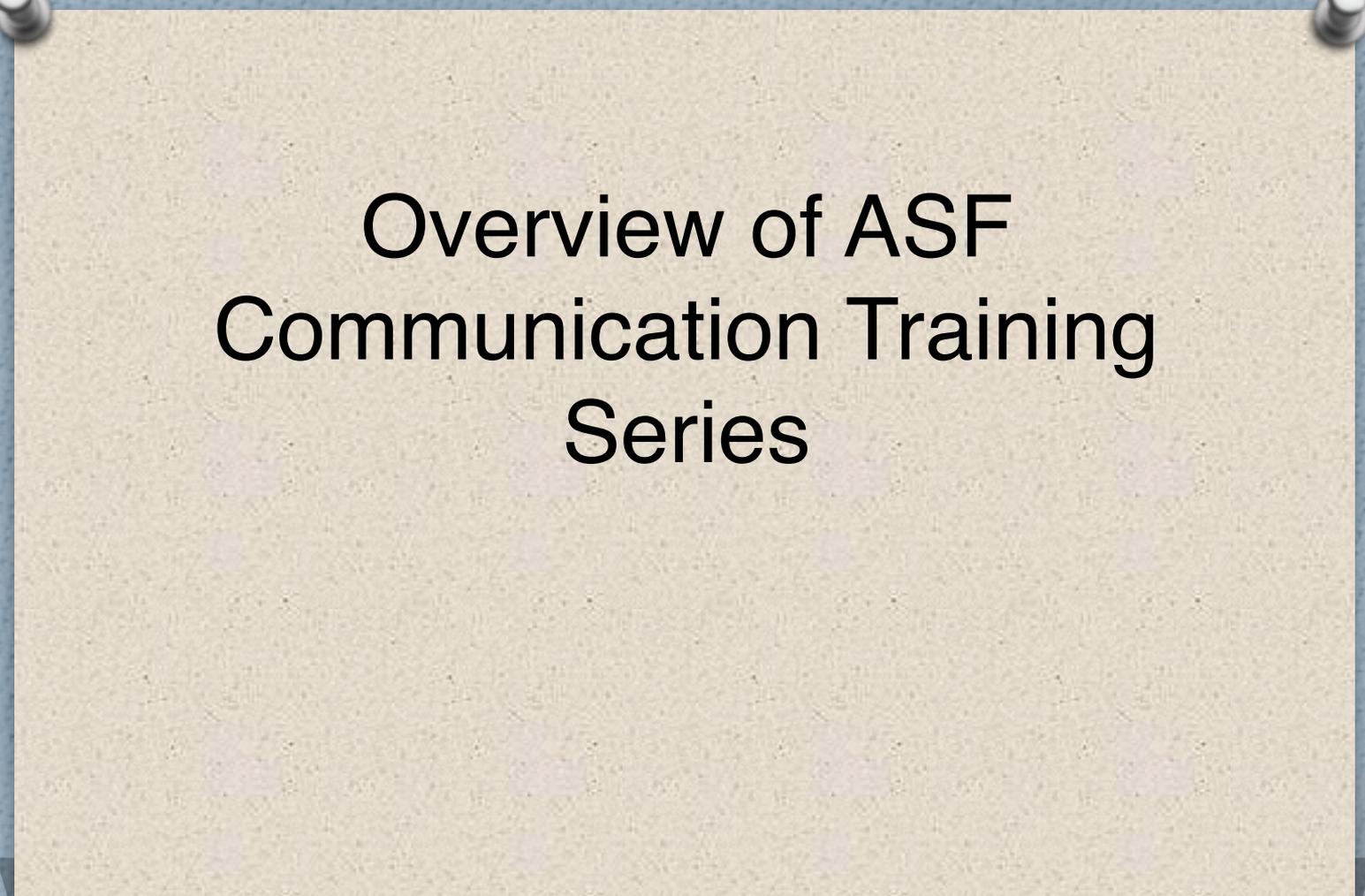


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COMMUNICATION TRAINING SERIES

# Today's Webinar

- \* Overview of ASF-CTS project
- \* Accessing series resources
- \* Webinar topics
- \* Identifying personal next steps ...



**Overview of ASF  
Communication Training  
Series**

# Overview of Training Series

The Angelman Syndrome Foundation (ASF) Communication Training Series (CTS) is a year-long grant-funded project to improve awareness of appropriate **communication and literacy supports and interventions** for individuals with Angelman Syndrome.

Using **web-based** teaching, the series is designed to be sequential, but you can **join at any time** and **proceed** through the training **at your** child or student's **pace** of learning.

# ASF-CTS Team

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- \* Dr. Caroline Musselwhite, CCC-SLP
- \* Maureen Nevers, MS, CCC-SLP,  
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- \* Mary-Louise Bertram
- \* Angelman Syndrome Foundation staff

# Parts of the Training Series

1. Webinars
2. Supporting documents
3. FaceBook group

# ASF website

[www.Angelman.org](http://www.Angelman.org)



Communication Training Series

Find information, schedules, video recordings and handouts.

# ASF-CTS Resources

- \* List of upcoming webinars
- \* Links to register for upcoming webinars
- \* Links to archived webinar recordings
- \* Links to supporting documents

# About the Webinars

- \* Presented live each Thursday at noon – 1 pm EST
- \* Series runs September 2015 – June 2016
- \* Available to anyone at no charge
- \* Participants can register at any time at [www.Angelman.org](http://www.Angelman.org)
- \* All webinars are recorded and archived within 24 hours and accessible through [www.Angelman.org](http://www.Angelman.org)

# Webinar Resources

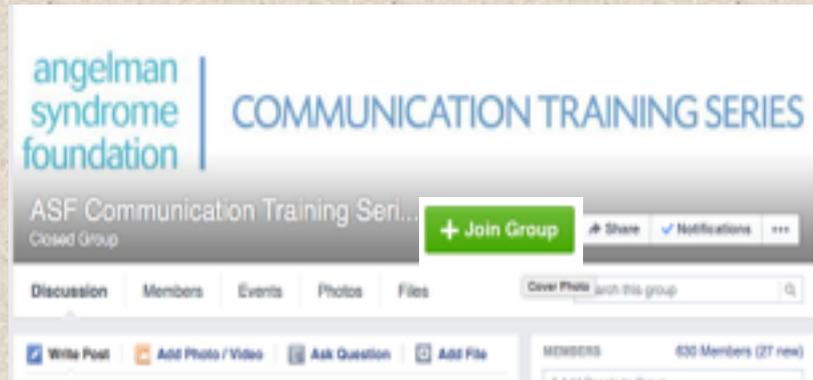
- \* Each webinar includes downloadable pdf version of PPT
- \* Additional supporting documents available as appropriate based on topic
- \* Archived versions can be played on Mac, PC or portable electronic devices (via YouTube)

# ASF Communication Training Series Facebook Group

- \* All who participate in the training webinars are welcome to join
- \* Families and educators are encouraged to support each other in this forum
- \* Share tips, questions, comments, progress
- \* ASF-CTS team members are actively involved in the FB group and are available to respond to specific questions



# How to Join FB Group



1. Log in to your FB account
2. In the “search” text box at the top of the page, type in “ASF Communication Training Series”.
3. You will be linked to the ASF CTS FB group.
4. Submit a request to join the group by selecting the “+ Join Group” button.
5. The group administrator will grant access to individuals who have an interest in the series for professional or personal reasons.

# Handouts for today's webinar

## My Webinar Log Angelman Syndrome Foundation Communication Training Series by Topic

*As an ASF-CTS participant, you may find this document useful for tracking webinars that you have viewed, those that you would like to view, and those that are coming up.*

Web #            Order of webinars from July 2015 through June 2016  
Topic:            Webinar topic area: (CTS) Communication Training Series; IEP; tools; communication, reading, writing, core words  
Viewed            ✓ when webinar has been viewed  
Date:             Date webinar was presented via ASF-CTS  
Presenters:      Series presenters Erin Sheldon (ES), Maureen Nevers (MN), Caroline Musselwhite (CM), Mary-Louise Bertram (MB)



| web # | Topic | ✓ | WEBINAR   | date     | presenters |
|-------|-------|---|---|----------|------------|
| 1     | CTS   |   | ASF CTS Launch Session  | 07/15    | ES         |
| 2     | iep   |   | From Goals to Growth: The Essential Elements Of An AAC System | 08/20/15 | MN         |
| 3     | tools |   | Does Your App Measure Up? Evaluating AAC Supports             | 08/27/15 | MN         |
| 4     | comm  |   | Aided Language Stimulation – Make It Interactive and FUN!     | 09/03/15 | CM         |
| 5     | CTS   |   | Ready, Set ...: Your Toolbox to the Training Series           | 09/20/15 | ES         |

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| ✓ viewed | ASF COMMUNICATION TRAINING SERIES WEBINARS                   | web # | date     | presenters |
|----------|--|-------|----------|------------|
|          | ASF CTS Launch Session                                       | 1     | 07/15    | ES         |
|          | Ready, Set ...: Your Toolbox to the Training Series          | 5     | 09/20/15 | ES         |
|          | Getting [re-] Started with the Communication Training Series | 20    | 12/21/5  | ES/MN      |

| ✓ viewed | IEPS AND GOALS WEBINARS  | web # | date     | presenters |
|----------|--|-------|----------|------------|
|          | From Goals to Growth: The Essential Elements Of An AAC System                  | 2     | 08/20/15 | MN         |
|          | Instructional Framework and Individualized Goals – Assessment and Goal Setting | 10    | 10/15/15 | ES         |
|          | Progress Monitoring / IEP Goals  | 32    | 03/17/16 | MN/CM      |

| ✓ viewed | COMMUNICATION INTERVENTIONS WEBINARS                      | web # | date     | presenters |
|----------|---|-------|----------|------------|
|          | Aided Language Stimulation – Make It Interactive and FUN! | 4     | 09/03/15 | CM         |



**Communication Training  
Series Topics**

# Webinar Topic Categories

1. ASF Communication Training Series
2. IEPs and Goals
3. Communication Interventions
4. Communication Supports
5. Reading
6. Writing
7. Core Vocabulary Sets

# ASF Communication Training Series Webinars and Resources

- \* #1: Launch and introduction of the Series and background information
- \* #5: Ready, Set...: Your Toolbox to the Series: Overview of the series format

# IEPs and Goals Webinars and Resources

- \* #2: From Goals to Growth:  
the Essential Elements of an AAC System
- \* #10: Instructional Framework and  
Individualized Goals: Assessment and  
Goal Setting

# Communication Interventions Webinars and Resources

- \* #3: Does Your App Measure up?  
Evaluating AAC Supports
- \* #4: Aided Language Input:  
Make it Interactive and FUN!
- \* #7: Core Vocabulary 101
- \* #12: Don't Ask, Do Tell: Non-directive Language
- \* #15: Engineering Environments

# Communication Supports Webinars and Resources

- \* #3: Does Your App Measure Up?
- \* #19: Getting Started with Proloquo2Go
- \* #18: Getting Started with PODD

# Reading as Communication

## Webinars and Resources

- \* #9: Book exploration and engagement
- \* #14: Selecting Books

# Writing as Communication

## Webinars and Resources

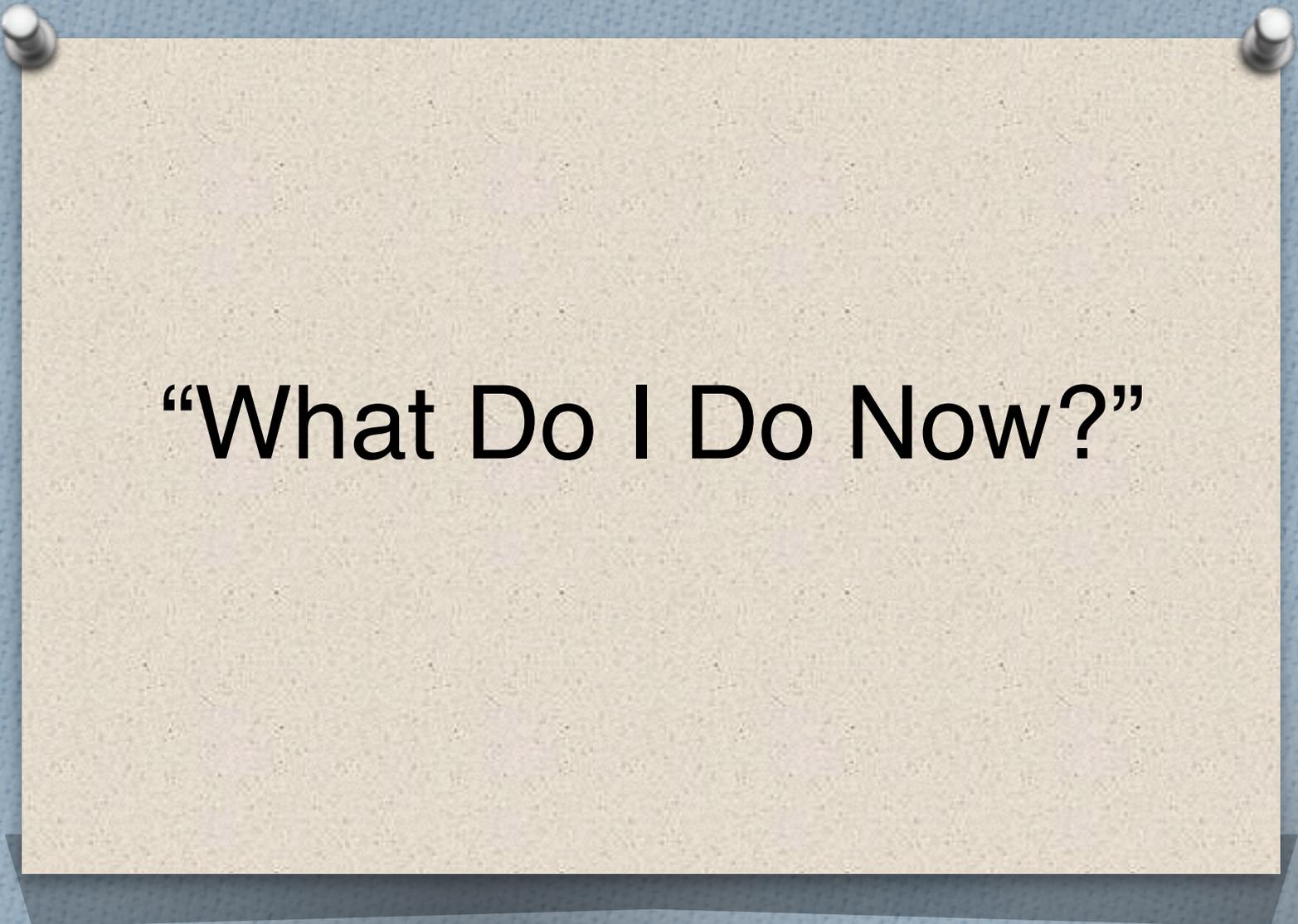
- \* #11: Modeling Writing with Things I Like!
- \* # 17: Shared Writing for the Holidays

# Core Vocabulary Sets Webinars and Resources

- \* What are the core sets?
- \* How do we use the webinars?
- \* Do we have to start with core set 1?

# **Webinar #6: Set 1: Core Four**

- \* I
- \* Like
- \* Want
- \* Not



**“What Do I Do Now?”**

# “Personal Plus 1”

- \* Goal is to take the next step in your own journey
- \* Wherever you are, there are people who are not yet there and there are those that have been there and moved on – it is all good!

“I have no idea where to start.”

- \* #1: Launch and introduction
- \* Join the ASF Communication Training Series group and introduce yourself

# “I have an iPad but no app.”

- \* #1: Launch and introduction
- \* #3: Does Your App Measure Up?
- \* Join the ASF Communication Training Series group and introduce yourself

“I have an iPad and an app.”

\* #3: Does Your App Measure Up?

“I have an AAC system with a robust vocabulary.”

- \* # 4: Aided Language Input
  
- \* #6: Core Set 1
  
- \* As relevant:
  - #19: Getting Started with Proloquo2Go
  - #18: Getting Started with PODD

“I started the Series but fell behind.”

- \* Don't try to catch up!
- \* Go back to the last Core Set you watched and start there by practicing those words.
- \* Join us in January and just keep going.

“We have a robust app and s/he uses it well for some things.”

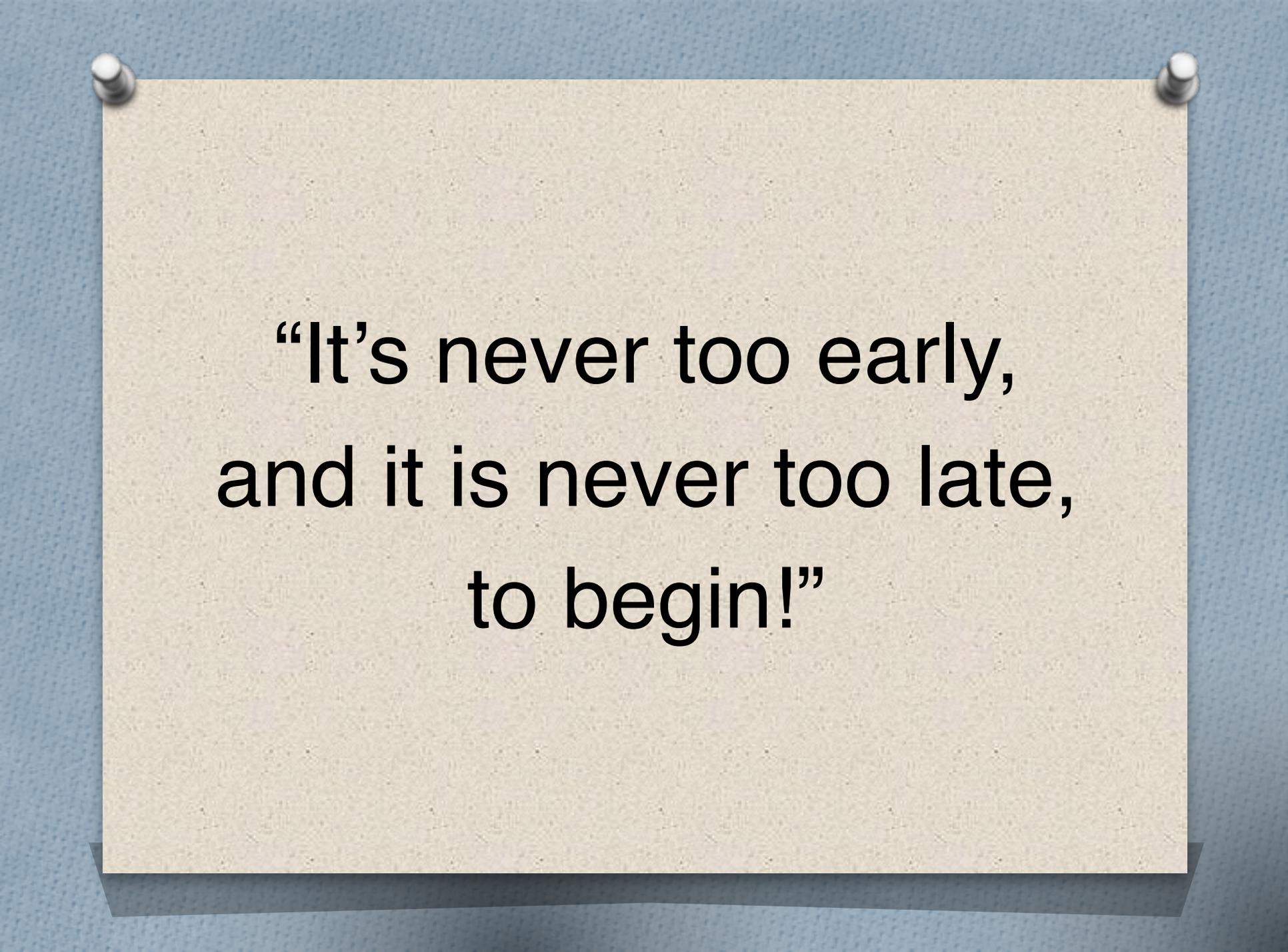
- \* #11: Shared writing with Things I Like!
- \* Join us December 28, 2015, for Shared Writing about Personal Experiences, with Caroline Musselwhite, Mary-Louise Bertram, and Erin Sheldon

“We’ve been modelling for a while but s/he doesn’t use it yet.”

- \* #9: Shared reading: Book exploration
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“I’m so far behind. Other parents have done so much more for their kids.”

- \* Breathe. You are ahead of the curve because you are watching this.
- \* Are you having fun yet? If not, go have fun.
- \* Choose one SMALL task to work on, just ONE.
- \* Ask for help.



**“It’s never too early,  
and it is never too late,  
to begin!”**



**SMALL DAILY  
IMPROVEMENTS ARE  
THE KEY  
TO STAGGERING  
LONG-TERM RESULTS**

# Action Step Ideas

- \* **Learn** new information, ideas:
- \* **Extend** learning by sharing with others, using information to prepare, plan
- \* **Apply** learning directly with child/student

# Learn

- \* Watch webinars
- \* Read handouts
- \* Discuss topic in FB group

# Extend Learning

**Extend** learning by sharing with others, using information to prepare, plan

- \* Record personal action steps completed, to do
- \* Download PPT reading books
- \* Access online materials
- \* Write out plan for what to do next
- \* Prepare materials to support implementing intervention

# Apply Learning

**Apply** learning directly with child/student

- \* Practice using new intervention (e.g. modeling)
- \* Expand the application:
  - \* Number of times used across week, day
  - \* Number of targets/words
  - \* Contexts, settings, environments
  - \* Partners

Questions?



**Thank You!**

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