

Smokey Powell Assistive Technology Center

February 19, 2010

GA-VI Consortia

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Spring Classes are now being scheduled. If you have specific requests please send them to Pam Zipperer Joiner at pjoiner@doe.k12.ga.us. Remember, parents and/or students are welcome to attend professional learning classes!

Check website for updates: www.gabmacon.org Click on Smokey Powell Link.

Some classes being considered:

PacMate for Beginners (does anyone need advanced?)

BrailleNote for Beginners (does anyone need advanced?)

Mountbatten Braille

Low Vision Tools and Techniques (what's out there, and how to use low vision tools effectively with your students.)

JAWS for Beginners (anyone need advanced?)

Using JAWS with Windows

Using JAWS with the Internet

Using the Victor Reader Stream for Downloading Electronic Books

Electronic Books Basics

Other Suggestions for Classes??

EVALUATIONS

We continue to offer both low vision evaluations and assistive technology evaluations. Both request packets are found on the GAB website. Please Note: The Smokey Powell Phone Number is 478.751.4426 or 4427; not 752 as listed in some places. We are attempting to get this error corrected.

Low Vision Clinical Evaluations – The purpose of our low vision evaluation is to determine whether some type of magnification device could help our students as they access the curriculum. We have only non-electronic magnification devices. Our evaluations are not the same as those that cost \$600 or \$700 in some places. Our goal is to find a magnification device for near and one for far, if possible for the student. These devices are then given to the school at the time of the evaluation. If the student ever moves, the devices go with the student.

Assistive Technology Evaluations – The purpose of our assistive technology evaluation is to consider electronic devices that could provide students access to the curriculum. These devices might include Braille notetakers, Mountbatten Brailers, Video Magnifiers (desktop, portable, and hand-held).

Loan Program

The Smokey Powell Center has a limited number of AT devices available for short-term loan. Please contact the Center for more information.

WEEKEND SHORT COURSES

The Smokey Powell Center and GAB are collaborating to offer short-course weekends this spring. We will not have our traditional summer camp, due to extensive construction on campus. If you have not completed the Survey Monkey on the GA-VI Googlegroups Listserv, please do so. It looks like our leading contender is an AT weekend at the end of May. The link is: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/G5FB6RX>

JOB OPENING



We are still accepting applications to fill the position vacated by Michael Silverman. If you are interested for next school year, please contact me (Pam). 478.751-4426 or 4427. The job description is posted on the DOE website under job openings for State Schools. Look for the GAB heading. The position is called: Teacher (Outreach Services). The link to the job opening is also on the GAB website. **See attached for hard copy.**

Please contact the Smokey Powell Center if you have any questions.

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Job Detail

Announcement		All Job Openings
GAB 09-11		
Job Title:	Teacher (Blind/Deaf) – Outreach Services	
Post Date:	12/07/2009	
Apply by:	Until Filled	
Job ID:	00055179	
Location:	Georgia Academy for the Blind, 2895 Vineville Avenue, Macon, GA 31204	
Program/Unit:	Office of Policy and External Affairs	
Description of Duties:	Under general supervision, provides statewide outreach targeting the needs of families and professionals serving children with visual impairments or blindness. Duties include providing onsite consultation and/or training to schools regarding services needed for students who are visually impaired; supporting local schools of Georgia Academy for the Blind students to facilitate communication and transition; organizing and scheduling low vision clinics, and providing follow-up onsite training in the use of low-vision devices and assistive technology for students who are visually impaired and blind, their teachers, and parents as needed.	
Minimum Qualifications:	Must possess or be eligible to obtain a Georgia Teacher Certificate in Visually Impaired (VI). Must have training/experience with assistive technology for students who are blind or visually impaired. Must have valid drivers license. Extensive state travel is required. Excellent verbal and written communication skills	
Preferred Qualifications:	• Master's degree in Visually Impaired (K-12) • Experience with children who are visually impaired and who have multiple disabilities • Demonstrated experience and knowledge of assistive technology for students who are visually impaired or blind, including electronic braille note takers and screen reading software • Certification in Orientation and Mobility • Certification as a Low Vision Specialist	
Salary/Benefits:	Salary based on years of experience and certification. This is an 11-month position paid on a 12-month basis. Salary will be based on the number of days worked. Benefit options include life, disability, dental, vision, and health insurance; teacher holidays, annual/sick leave; and Employees' Retirement or Teachers Retirement.	

To Apply:

Submit a Georgia Academy for the Blind Application, [State of Georgia Application for Employment](#), or resume* to:

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Macon, GA 31204-2831
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*Resume/application should include daytime telephone number and prior employment history with addresses and telephone numbers. If a resume is submitted, it **must** be accompanied by a cover letter.