



## • Structuring Tasks for New Learners •

### A "Make and Take" WORKshop Series

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***Target Audience:** Preschool teachers, early childhood educators, parents, special educators, occupational therapists, speech pathologists, behaviorists, and others working with preschool and early elementary children.*

Young learners often struggle with basic readiness and "learning to learn" skills. Modifying materials and designing instructional routines are essential to attract and engage children with a range of learning challenges.

This "Make-and-Take" Series will emphasize how to design and present materials to increase engagement and independence for young learners with attention, cognitive, and neurodevelopmental challenges. Participants will learn new ways to help children understand and participate more fully in activities and routines, whether in home or school settings. Each hands-on WORKshop will include: illustrative and modeling videos; time for exploration and practice; opportunity to make and take a toolkit of visual supports; and guidelines for creating more useful materials after the workshops are over.

#### **WORKshop 3: Choosing and Using Visual Schedules and Task Strips** [Register for Workshop 3](#)

Visual tools and structures are effective for clarifying expectations and increasing independence in daily routines and activities. Participants will create and practice using a toolkit of visual supports, including: schedules for transition; task sequences for direct instruction and daily routines; and ways to use visual tools to increase independent work and play. In addition, participants will personalize their toolkits to help them become more flexible as their students' skills and understanding increase.

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**Dates:** Workshop 3 ~ May 8, 2020

**Place:** Holiday Inn ~ Rutland, VT

**Cost:** \$190 for each workshop

**Time:** 8:30-3:30



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