



ICE Canada 2009
Independence Community and Empowerment
“It’s all about Hope!”
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What is it?

The ICE Canada conference is an event created by and for individuals who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and their families. This conference is the only event of its kind in Canada and was designed to bring the community of people who use AAC together to share ideas, learn from each other, and create new friendships. ICE Canada is a consumer-centered conference for augmented communicators that has proven itself to be a powerful force for change and a source of empowerment for an often marginalized group.

Who is it for?

The ICE Canada conference is focused on topics of interest for people who use AAC. In the past, many adults who use AAC have attended however, the focus has broadened to include topics of interest to parents of young children who use AAC. In addition, parents of children with AAC needs may benefit from meeting other parents and presenters who will be sharing their experiences. As always, professionals in the field of AAC are welcome to meet and learn from a wide variety of people focused on AAC.

When and where is it?

April 24, 25, 26, 2009 - Crowne Plaza Hotel - Toronto Airport

What happens there?

During the ICE weekend there are a variety of presentations made by people who use AAC. Please visit our website to read presentations from previous ICE conferences on topics such as: Recreation, Leisure, Travel, Marriage, Dating, Relationships, Aging with a Disability, Spirituality, Advocacy, and Independence.

There is a **Silent Auction** to help support the conference, as well as vendor exhibits during a time to mix and mingle with other conference participants. Meal times together provide opportunities to meet new people and see old friends.

The highlight of the conference is always the **Town Hall Meeting**. An individual who uses AAC chairs this discussion. During this Town Hall meeting, while others may observe, only individuals who use AAC are allowed to participate and discuss any issues that come to mind.

The entire event is amazing for all who are able to attend. Don't miss it! For more information about ICE 2009 and registration details please visit www.iceconference.ca

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