

# Meaningful Learning for Students with the Most Significant Support Needs



## & The WA-AIM: Bridging the Gap



What would you say if someone told you that you will have no control over life decisions, you will have only a few close relationships, and your communication will be severely limited? Unfortunately, this is reality for many of our students with multiple disabilities, including deaf-blindness. If you can imagine, dream and think outside the box, you will make the difference between the life just described and a meaningful, active life for your students with the most complex disabilities. The first part of this training will focus on the initial steps toward making the difference for these students, including the use of effective instructional strategies, techniques, and programming for students with multiple disabilities, including deaf-blindness.

Learning these strategies is one thing, but using them to meet the requirements of the WA-AIM is quite another. The second part of this training will help educators apply what was learned in part one to fulfill the requirements of the alternate assessment.

**Presenters:** *Suzanne Fitzgerald and Emma Packard have nearly 40 years combined experience working with people with disabilities in a variety of settings. Their teaching experience spans from developmental preschool through transition where they have taught students with a wide range of ability levels. They provide training & consultation-related programming for students with multiple disabilities, including deaf-blindness.*

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Registration Deadline October 3, 2016

### Training Objectives:

#### Participants will:

1. Have a sense of the impact of sensory loss on experiencing the environment.
2. Learn several strategies that are crucial for students with multiple disabilities including deaf-blindness.
3. Understand how to apply these strategies and tools to create meaningful activities that can be used for the WA-AIM.

### Training Details:

#### Where:

NEWESD 101  
Conference Center  
4202 S. Regal Street  
Spokane, WA 99223

#### When:

October 10, 2016  
9am – 4pm

\*Clock Hours will be offered

\*Materials and meals included