

**Helping People Find Their Voices:  
Working with a Range  
of Communication Abilities**

**March 27, 2013  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Sign-in at 8:30**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>  
Register on line at  
WWW.LCC.EDU/MHAP  
or use this form**

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**\$100 fee includes continental breakfast & lunch. Please indicate any dietary needs:**

I have enclosed a check for \$100.00 (Payable to Lansing Community College.)

I wish to receive continuing education hours:

Nurse Contact Hours (6.6)

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**Fax form to 517/483-1852 or mail to:  
LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
MC 3500 - MHAP  
PO BOX 40010  
LANSING MI 48901-7210**

**Advance registration is required. You will receive an email confirmation.**

**Parking:** Please allow sufficient time for travel and parking — seminars begin promptly.

**Refund policy:** You must give at least seven days' notice of cancellation prior to the presentation to qualify for a refund.

**ADA Accommodations:** If you require accommodations to permit your attendance or participation, please provide a written request to Matt Beha by February 28. By email to BEHAM@LCC.EDU or post to Lansing Community College, MC 3500 - MHAP, PO Box 40010, Lansing, MI 48901-7210

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**Wayne State University  
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Farmington Hills, MI**

**\$100.00  
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# Helping People Find Their Voices: Using a Range of Tools and Strategies

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Regardless of your role in serving people, your ability to communicate with people who have communication challenges can dramatically impact the quality of their lives. This workshop will provide information about working with people with a range of communication abilities, including those who are not able to speak and others who have difficulty making themselves understood.

We will explore the relationship between communication, control and the behavior, wellness, and happiness of individuals. Our focus will be upon individuals experiencing one or more of the following diagnoses: stroke/aphasia, head trauma/brain injury, dementia, autism spectrum disorders, sensory/motor issues and related challenges.

You will learn basics for general assessment and intervention to support listening, following directions, expressing status, wants and needs and reducing frustration and behavior challenges. A range of simple, low-cost and creative communication tools and strategies for those with developmental and acquired communication problems will be provided with case examples for use.

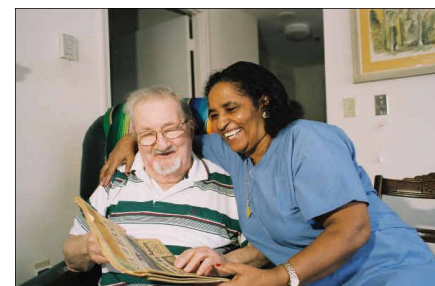
## Who Should Attend?

This workshop is designed for CMH clinicians and other professionals working with adults with severe mental illness, traumatic brain injury, or dementia. The presentation will also be useful for those who provide education and support to direct care workers or family

members caring for persons with challenging behaviors. Continuing education credits are available for nurses and social workers.

**Lynn Sweeney** has served as a certified speech-language pathologist and/or communication consultant for more than 20 years in hospital, skilled nursing, public education, community mental health, institutional, private home and private practice settings. She has served on the faculty at Central Michigan University as both a clinical director and/or graduate faculty member in the departments of Communication Disorders, Psychology and Special Education since the early 1980's and currently teaches functional neuroanatomy and psychology of women.

Lynn is the owner of Sweeney Communication & Consultation Services, a rehabilitation specialist with MidMichigan Health Care, and a consultant and public speaker nationally and internationally. In addition to her clinical work she has received a number of research and development grants in the area of communication disorders including two Governor's Research Excellence Awards from the State of Michigan for her work in interventions for brain injury. She has multiple scholarly publications and is currently completing the second manual in a series for assessing and working with children and adults with complex communication needs.



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## Attendees of previous programs say:

- ❖ Real world examples, interventions were so helpful to understand the concepts and differences in diagnosis. Was nice to have an expert both in research and practice fields.
- ❖ Lynn is very informative and brings her seminar down to the everyday person's level. She gave great examples and activities.
- ❖ Very knowledgeable, interesting, easy to listen to and understand. Has great ideas and shared them in a way that helped me know how to apply them at my work site.

**If you have questions about the presentation or continuing education credits, call Matt Beha at 517/483-1529 or email: [beham@lcc.edu](mailto:beham@lcc.edu).**