

## Visual Supports in the Classroom: Using Visual Supports to Increase Independence

**Presented by: Jessica Callaghan, M.Ed.**

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### About the Presenter

Jessica Callaghan, M.Ed., has 23 years of teaching experience in a variety of special education settings. She is a valued and respected resource among teachers in northeast Florida as a result of the 10 years she spent providing professional development, coaching, mentoring, and focused problem-solving around using visual supports, assistive and augmentative technologies, and universal design for learning. She is currently a Local Assistive Technology Specialist for St. Johns County School District. She is the owner of Outside the Box Educational Coaching and Consulting, LLC.

### Training Description

**Target Audience:** Teachers, Instructional Coaches, Related Service Providers, Parents

This hands-on professional development will provide an in-depth look at how visuals can be created and implemented to promote independence by improving communication, teaching valuable life and social skills and decreasing problematic behaviors. Please bring charged devices to use during training activities.

### Training Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Understand how to use visual supports to increase communication.
- Explore free, online resources that can be used to support communication.
- Explore one platform that is commonly used to facilitate communication.
- Understand how to use visuals to decrease problematic behaviors.
- Understand how visuals can be utilized to support life and social skill development.
- Develop and create samples to solidify understanding.

#### Date:

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

#### Location:

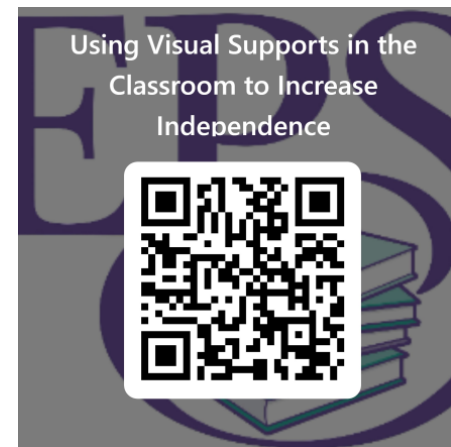
Schultz Center  
4019 Boulevard Center Drive  
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#### Registration Deadline:

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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