

## **Phoneme Touch & Say - Jill Hicks (Halifax, November 6, 2010)**

The presenter, Jill Hicks, is a speech-language pathologist who works in Berwick. The information presented at this conference was appropriate for S-LP's, SLD teachers, resource teachers, classroom teachers, preschool teachers and parents. The information presented at this workshop was very practical. It began by providing an introduction to how speech sounds are made (manner, place, voicing) for non-S-LP's. A rationale for the use of the Phoneme Touch & Say (PTS) hand cues was presented. The hand cues for all of the consonants and vowels were taught and practiced. Jill explained how to incorporate the hand cues to emphasize oral movements when working on articulation skills. Use of the hand cues to facilitate language skills was presented. Jill explained how the hand cues are used to teach phonological awareness skills, spelling and reading. The conference fee includes a materials package consisting of a Phoneme Touch & Say Handbook, a reference sheet for the hand cues, photo cards depicting each of the cues and a DVD demonstrating how the cues are formed. At the end of the conference, participants received a certificate which entitles use of the system. Materials can be purchased from Jill's website, [www.learninglanguagetogether.com](http://www.learninglanguagetogether.com).

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