SOLO[®] Training

8:00 - 8:15 Introduce yourself and discuss the logistics of the day

8:15 - 8:30 Ask participants to introduce themselves

Include an inclusion activity – this will set the tone for an interactive training session and will begin to break down anxieties and relax participants. An example of an inclusion activity is for participants to share their middle name and the origin or tell us something that is not on your resume: or use your own idea.

If your time is limited survey the participants with a show of hands to get to know them and their position (literacy coach, interventionist, OT, SLP, special educator, general educator, etc). Use name tents to help you use participants' first names.

8:30 - 8:45 Introduce SOLO[®] 6

SOLO is a literacy suite that contains the four most popular Assistive Technology tools, a text reader, word prediction, talking work processor and graphic organizer. Compared SOLO to Microsoft® Office. The order of the training for the SOLO tools is up to you. (Write:OutLoud is the easiest to learn and if your participants have limited technology skills is a good tool to start with, if the participants are using Bookshare starting with Read:OutLoud makes sense.)

Distribute Get IT! Read IT! Learn IT! Train-In-30 Read:OutLoud[®]6

8:45 - 9:30 Read:OutLoud 6

Read:OutLoud is a text reader and a web browser that was designed to support students' active engagement with the text for the purpose of reading comprehension and self-expression.

- Begin by doing the pre assessment in the Train-In-30
- Talk about their students and how this tool will support them
- Work through the tutorial. then return to complete the post assessment

Distribute Outline IT! Note IT! Draft IT! Train-In-30 Draft:Builder[®]6

9:30 - 10:00 Draft:Builder 6

Draft:Builder is a graphic organizer that structures the writing process into small, manageable chunks. Draft:Builder assists students to stay on task and concentrate on one small aspect of the writing process at a time.

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10:00 - 10:15 Break

Distribute Write IT! Hear IT! Revise IT! Train-In-30 Write:OutLoud[®]6

10:15 – 10:45 Write:OutLoud 6

Write:OutLoud is a talking word processer that increases writing quantity and improves writing quality through simple supports. Students write more and self-assess their work. Purposeful revision and editing tools help students make changes and improve their writing.

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Distribute Think IT! Try IT! Choose IT! Train-In-30 Co:Writer[®]6

10:45 - 11:30 Co:Writer[®] 6

Co:Writer uses Linguistic Word Prediction™ intelligence. Co:Writer provides the explicit vocabulary, spelling, composition and revision supports that build skill and considerately scaffold a broad population of struggling writers.

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- 11:30 11:45 Answer questions
- 11:45 12:45 Lunch
- 12:45 1:00 Check in with the group, how is the pacing, any quick questions
- 1:00 1:15 SOLO 6

SOLO[®]6 includes the top four literacy accommodations

Demonstrate how the four programs work seamlessly together using a student project of your choice i.e. book report, writing a two paragraph, web quest.

1:15 - 2:00 Ask participants to work in pairs

Create a student assignment using at least 2 of the tools and be prepared to share out with the group— (incorporate a break into this time slot)

2:00 - 2:30 Share out projects

Suggestion: get up and walk to each presenter's computer for their demonstration

2:30 - 3:00 Ask the question, how does SOLO fits into the district's current initiatives?

- Open up the Don Johnston website to locate the Show-Me-How Videos
- Share the S³ Student Success Stories form review the purpose, set a date for completion
- **Reflect** on the training session, fill out an evaluation, encourage participants to set a date for a follow— up meeting.

