

**Agenda Finnish Association for Dog Assisted Intervention 31 Aug- 2 Sep, 2018**  
**Melissa Winkle, OTR/L, FAOTA**

**Friday**

An overview and introduction to Animal Assisted Interventions (AAIs) will be discussed describing the theoretical basis, the state of research, and existing standards of practice and accreditation will be described.

**Saturday**

**\*\* Bring your electronic devices to participate in our human-animal communication project.**  
Learn a recommended path to follow in the journey of AAI in practice. Participate in a human-animal communication research project and discussion via slideshow/video. Exploration of animal welfare and well-being will be followed by learning basic and intermediate skills, training, and evaluations of healthcare and human service providers, dog handlers, and the dogs for AAIs. The afternoon will include screening of participants and AAI program considerations, and related risk factors and proactive methods to prevent risks.



**Sunday**

The morning will start with considerations when working with different customer basis that may present challenges in the practice of AAI. Speaker will guide attendees through treatment planning by way of videos/photos of a variety of different sessions that may be appropriate for all ages when working on physical, cognitive or psychosocial goals. The rest of the day will be spent putting it all into practice with a hands-on lab.

**Friday 12:30-14:00 (1.5 hours): Introduction to AAI**

- Theoretical Basis
- State of Research in AAIs
- Introduction to Standards

**Saturday 9:15-12 (2 hrs 45 min): Pathway to AAI Practice**

- Preparation of Humans and Dogs for Professional Practice
- Communicating with Canine Colleagues- Observations & Discussions
- The Other End of the Leash: Training tips, gaining consent, ethical questions in AAI's
- Selection, Training, Welfare, Well-Being & Evaluation of Dogs
- Dog Training Theoretical Frames of Reference
- Training and Activity Records
- Skills, Training & Evaluation of Healthcare & Human Service Providers in AAIs

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**13:00-14:30**

Screening & Evaluation of Participants (Physical, Cognitive and Psychiatric/Psychosocial)  
AAI Risk Factors (What could possibly go wrong)  
Introduction to AniCare (Link Between Domestic Violence and Animal Abuse)

**15:00-17:00:** When Other Interventions Must Occur Prior to AAI  
Participant Waivers, Permissions, and Rules of Engagement  
Infection Control, Zoonosis, Toxicity, Etc.

**Sunday 9:00-11:00 (2 hours): Dogs in Practice**

**Working with Different Customer Bases**

AAI Pre-Planning Processes: Task Analysis (Motor, Cognitive, and Psychosocial AAI)  
AAI Considerations in working with challenging populations  
Video Case Studies/Activities

**12:00-14:00 (2 hours): Dogs in Practice**

Treatment/Educational Planning- Group Break Out Sessions (Hands on!)

**14:30-16:00 (1.5 hours) Dogs in Practice**

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