

*Expression Connection***Assistive Technology and Augmentative Alternative Communication Services**

The popular DSCBA Expression Connection educational program is providing communication systems, strategies, education and techniques to individuals who have Down syndrome or co-existing Down syndrome and autism, as well as their caretakers and education professionals.



Many people of all ages who are non-verbal or have limited language have benefitted greatly from Expression Connection services which provides alternative means to express basic needs, make choices, interact while learning and much more. Assistive Technology (AT) can also successfully provide independent ways to access classroom curriculum such as reading, writing, and math.

We are proud to have a menu of services to choose from through DSCBA Partner/Consultants and SLP/AAC Specialists serving the East Bay, North Bay and San Francisco.

AT-AAC Services

1. **Referral:** A free 30-minute phone consultation regarding the needs and questions of the client.
2. **AAC/AT Introduction:** A meeting of up to two hours with team members to explore equipment at the DSCBA's Lending Library that supports communication, reading, writing and math.
3. **Implementation Consult:** A consultation for individuals and teams who have systems and tools but want support integrating them into the individual's day to day routine, whether that is in school, home, work or other.
4. **Action Plan:** Develop a plan to implement recommended tools and strategies.
5. **Coaching:** Learn about evidence-based partner strategies, teaching tools, and methods that facilitate use of AAC and AT tools.
6. **Tech Support:** Learn how to use, program and feel comfortable with AAC and AT technology.
 - * Services are provided in person at the DSCBA office location or virtually via Zoom. In extenuating circumstances, services may be provided in the home, school and/or community setting if deemed necessary.

* Limited scholarships provided by DSCBA are available with applications submittal and approval.

For more information about this program please contact AAC@dscba.org.



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DEVICE

WEBSITE



Step-by-Step with Levels

www.ablenetinc.com

Designed for pre-recording a series of message sequences to be used throughout the individuals day, or program messages to correspond to the activities planned in the home, community, and/or classroom.



iTalk2 with Levels

www.ablenetinc.com

The easiest way to provide an individual with two side-by-side communication choices is with the iTalk2 speech device. Activate the red or yellow top to play the desired message. New messages are easily and quickly recorded to the iTalk2 on the fly, or use the levels pre-record up to three sets of messages ahead of time.



GoTalk One

www.attainmentcompany.com

Single message recordable device. These devices can be mounted to a location or carried around for mobile communication.



Talking Brix

www.ablenetinc.com

Talking-Brix is a single-message communication device. The large size is suitable for people with visual or motor skill impairments. It can be used in a range of communication, speaking, and listening activities.



Go Talk 4, 9, 20

www.attainmentcompany.com

Talking-Block is a single-message communication device. The large size is suitable for people with visual or motor skill impairments. It can be used in a range of communication, speaking, and listening activities.



Talking Photo Album

www.attainmentcompany.com

Speech output album that holds standard 43 x 63 photos. The Talking Photo Album includes a total of 24 pages, each with an individual message capacity of 10 seconds. Insert photos or picture/text cards into the transparent sleeves and record corresponding messages. User squeezes Play button to activate speech.



iPad

www.apple.com

9.5" (l) x 7.31" (w) screen with communication and educational apps ranging in complexity. *see applications list, next page.*



iPad Mini

www.apple.com

7.69" (l) x 5.3" (w) screen with communication and educational apps ranging in complexity. *see applications list, next page.*



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APPLICATION

COMPATIBILITY

SCREEN SHOT



GoTalk Now Plus

iPad

Requires iOS 9.0 or later

GoTalk NOW Plus has all the essentials of an effective AAC app, like adjustable page layouts, customizable navigation, recorded and text-to-speech capabilities, and an included symbol set. But we sweated the details to create unique and compelling features that clearly separate NOW Plus from other AAC apps.

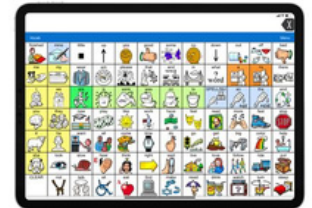


LAMP

iPad

Requires iOS 15 or later

LAMP Words For Life™ is a full English vocabulary augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) language app that combines the power of the PRC Unity® language system with Language Acquisition through Motor Planning (LAMP™) principles and strategies. LAMP Words For Life™ app is symbol based for those who are not yet literate; however, those symbols are paired with text to support literacy development. The vocabulary, structure, and teaching approach are based on research and years of implementation with individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities.



Pictello

iPhone, iPad

Requires iOS 15.6 or later

Everyone loves to tell fun, engaging, and imaginative stories. Go ahead and make a social story or visual schedule for a child with autism or a slide show of holiday pictures for your friends - Pictello makes it a breeze to create and share! Whether you use the included natural-sounding Text to Speech voices, or record your own voice, Pictello is the perfect tool for visual storytelling.



ProLoquo2Go AAC

iPhone, iPad

Requires iOS 16.4 or later

Proloquo2Go is an award-winning symbol-based communication app that gives a voice to those who cannot speak. Over 175,000 people already use this AAC app as a powerful tool for expressing themselves and increasing their communication skills and language development. Its innovative features let users, parents, teachers and therapists quickly personalize the app.



TouchChat HD- AAC with Word Power

iPhone, iPad

Requires iOS 15.0 or later



TouchChat HD is a full-featured communication solution for individuals who have difficulty using their natural voice. TouchChat is designed for individuals with Autism, Down Syndrome, ALS, apraxia, stroke, or other conditions that affect a person's ability to use natural speech.

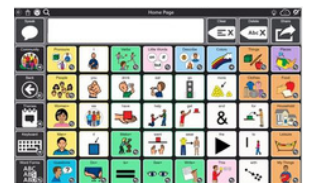


TD Snap

iPhone, iPad

Requires iOS 13.0 or later

TD Snap is a flexible, robust communication software for people with speech and language disabilities such as autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome and aphasia. Includes easy-to-use editing tools to create a personalized experience



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