EXPANDING ABILITIES WITH iPad Apps

Apple's iPad has grown in use with the disabled population, especially children who find the device relatively easy to use. There have been an abundance of apps created that aid in communication, offer visual schedules, increase vocabulary and reading comprehension, create social stories, share interactive books, play musical instruments, etc. All of this is possible without any modifications or adaptations, which also increases the independence of the individual with a disability.

An article written in the New York Times in October 2010 introduced readers to a 7 year old boy with cerebral palsy who did not have the ability to maneuver a mouse on a computer, but could point to the touch screen on the iPad. This enabled him to interact with different apps that allowed him to communicate, listen to music, and practice math facts. The cost of an iPad is less expensive than other devices developed and marketed to individuals with disabilities. The price of the apps varies, some are even free.

GRANTS AVAILABLE

There are different grants available for autistic children that could cover the cost of an iPad. For more information, contact the organizations listed below:

ACT TODAY!

ACT Today grants are available from $100-$5000 and are awarded quarterly to any resident in the United States. There is no income cap.

Autism Care and Treatment Today
19019 Ventura Blvd., Suite 200
Tarzana, CA 91356
1.818.705.1625
www.act-today.org

HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS

These grants are for people with household incomes lower than $35,000 and reside in Indiana, Michigan, New York, or Rhode Island. They range from $100-$500 and are awarded annually.

Hannah and Friends
51250 Hollyhock Road
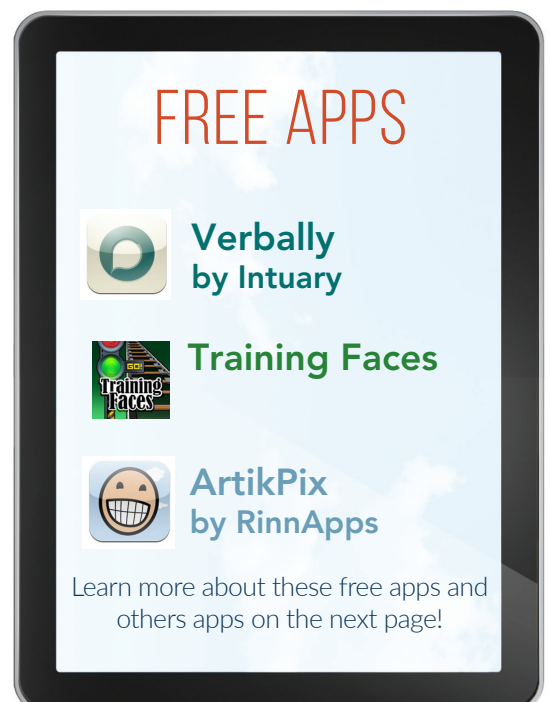South Bend, IN 46637
1.574.217.7860
www.hannahandfriends.org

PAUSE4kids

The maximum grant is $500 per child per year and the recipient must live in the Ventura County Special Education Local Plan Area. Low income families will be given priority.

PAUSE4kids
PO Box 7144
Thousand Oaks, CA 91359
1.800.497.9596
www.pause4kids.org

FREE APPS

Verbally
by Intuary

Training Faces

ArtikPix
by RinnApps

Learn more about these free apps and others apps on the next page!

APPS AVAILABLE

Below is a listing of different apps designed for use by people with disabilities. Prices for apps range from free to over $100. Contact each company or visit the iTunes store for pricing information.

Verbally by Intuary

Verbally is an easy-to-use, comprehensive Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) app for the iPad. Verbally brings speech to those without and enables real conversation with its simple, intuitive design. Just tap in what you want to say and Verbally speaks for you.

Training Faces

This app gives facial expressions of different emotions for use with expressing feelings. In addition to encouraging people with autism to express their emotions, this app also promotes awareness about autism spectrum disorders.

ArtikPix by RinnApps

An articulation app with flashcard and matching activities for individuals with speech sound delays. Students can collect data as they practice sounds with a speech-language pathologist, parents, or independently.

First Then Visual Schedule by Good Karma Apps

First-Then Visual Schedule application is designed for caregivers to provide positive behavior support for those with communication needs. This application provides an affordable and convenient audio-visual prompting tool for use on the iPhone or iTouch, making it perfect for use at school, home, or in the community.

Grace App by Steven-Troughton Smith

A simple picture exchange system developed by and for non-verbal people allowing the user to communicate their needs by building sentences from re levant ima ges . It ca n be customized b y the ind ividual using their picture and photo vocabulary with the user taking and saving pictures independently to the app.

iCommunicate by Grembe

Create pictures, flashcards, storyboards, routines, and visual schedules. Record custom audio in any language. This app includes 100+ pictures (first 5 have audio) to get you started. Add pictures with your camera, or from your camera roll, or use Google image search. Utilize as audio visual prompting tool or AAC device.

Compass Connect by Tobii Dynavox LLC

Displays 6 different icons that represent a person's basic needs. When touched, the icons give both an auditory and visual representation of the specific need.

Proloque2go: AAC in Your Pocket by AssistiveWare

Provides a full-featured com munication so lution for people who have diffi culty speaking. It uses natural sounding text to speech voices, up to date symbols, and a vocabulary of over 7000 items.

Living Safely by AbleLink Technologies, Inc.

Provides self-directed learning sessions for 27 important safety skills topics based on proven content developed by the Attainment Company. Living Safely is specifically designed to be used directly by individuals with autism, learning, or other developmental disabilities at their own pace.

contact our risk management department at 800.622.8272
for additional risk management services and resources