iPad/iPhone Applications to Improve Transition to Employment and Postsecondary Education
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This presentation will focus on technology applications for use with students with disabilities in transition service provision, college preparation, and general academic delivery.

Participants will have an opportunity to interact with a variety of programs that help prepare students for employment and adult life.
The Number indicates the student or participant.
Example
I use apps in the provision of transition services at my school

A. all the time.
B. a few times a week.
C. once a month.
D. What is an app?
I would like to learn most about apps to improve
A. employment outcomes.
B. college prep.
C. independent living skills.
D. I just came here because I thought they were giving away an iPad.
When it comes to apps, I consider myself at a

A. beginner/basic level.
B. intermediate level.
C. advanced level.
D. advanced/expert level.
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T-PACK Model

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SAMR Model

Enhancement

Redefinition
Tech allows for the creation of new tasks, previously inconceivable

Modification
Tech allows for significant task redesign

Augmentation
Tech acts as a direct tool substitute, with functional improvement

Substitution
Tech acts as a direct tool substitute, with no functional change

Transformation
Objectives

• How to find apps and the use of LiveBinder.

• Learn about apps that can help engage students.

• Learn about apps that can help with data collection and college preparation.

• Learn about apps to improve community integration and independence.
How to find Apps

• Search App Store (least effective)
• Search iTunes (more effective, but not much!)

Most Effective (in my experience)
• Use general web search engine (i.e. Google).
• Once you find an app of interest on a web site, put the title back into the search engine.
• If it is in iTunes, a direct link to the iTunes store will usually appear.
Next Week!
May 2\textsuperscript{nd}-6\textsuperscript{th}
Unus Tactus was developed to assist people of all ages with mild cognitive and/or motor deficits by allowing them to have an easy to use cell phone, with a simple set up.

It utilizes a one touch photo dialing system to generate phone calls using phone numbers from your existing contacts or ones that are imported directly.

Workplace Social Skills is a three-part system that covers the basics of social skills on the job. The three parts include Personal, Responding and Initiating Social Skills. Responding Social Skills includes: Listen and Respond to Others, Follow Directions, Understand the Feelings of Others, Handle Criticism, Respond to Peer Pressure, Solve a Problem, Deal with an Angry Person.

• Contains 7 categories with a total of 60 videos  
• Part of the How To Series for teaching how to do various activities  
• Take classroom learning out into the community  
• Make assignments for each user based on individual needs  
• Lock the device to a particular user for ease of use  
• Narrated with human-quality audio, NOT text-to-speech  
• Great companion product to our online Functional Skills System (online.conovercompany.com)

Initiating, Responding and Personal Social Skills
S2L offers parents and educators the ability to create personalized stories using photos, text, and audio messages. These stories can be used to promote an individual’s literacy, leisure, as well as social skills.

“Stories” comes preloaded with 12 finely crafted social narratives that can be used to teach social skills in the areas of reciprocal play, non-verbal communication, playground and school rules, turn taking, and more (please note that there are six actual stories with two different ways to view the story depending on the individuals’ developmental level).
Social Skills Applications

- SuperDuper
On a daily basis, we are surrounded by unstated rules and customs that can make the world a confusing place for people with autism spectrum disorders. Learn how to deal with this ever-elusive “hidden curriculum” through real-life examples and suggestions by Judy Endow, an adult on the spectrum. Items cover topics such as social relationships, community, money matters, workplace, and many others.

Some people seem to learn the hidden curriculum almost automatically. Others learn it only by direct instruction. This includes children with autism spectrum disorders. These real-life based entries spur conversations about the countless “unwritten social rules” that we encounter every day and that can cause confusion and anxiety.
Transportation Applications

Research the Apps in your area
Resume Applications

Can be used to manage the important details of your resume and PDF file instantly. The PDF file is sent to your e-mail for your convenience. You can also download it to your device and send it directly to potential employers.

Resume Builder

Resume App  Quick Resume
Budgeting Applications

TOSHL

ExpenseTracker 2.0

MoneyBook
Better than Budgeting
Employment Preparation

**Coins and Dollars:** This first program in the money series introduces participants to money. Starting with a penny and going up to twenty dollar bills, users learn how to identify coins and dollars by their picture, names, and values, as well as some basic money terms like cash, cost, pay, refund, and total.

**Social Skills:** Covering basic social skills needed for everyday activities in your community, Everyday Social Skills includes common daily activities such as walking down the street, using a restroom, waiting in line, asking for directions, asking for information and joining in a group. The program is simple and direct, and is a must for any social skills training program.

**Life Skills:** This sampler includes 80 of the most common words or signs in the Functional Life Skills System. Included in the program are such words or signs as First Aid Kit, Information, Hospital, Library, School Bus Stop, Don’t Walk, Bread, Cashier and Receipt.
Employment Preparation

**Employment Signs and Safety Words:** Successful employment requires a working knowledge of basic employment safety signs and words. A lack of understanding of these key safety concepts could result in serious injury. This 80-word program includes such words as caution, danger, do not enter, do not touch, eye protection required, keep hands clear, restricted area, this way out and more.

**Job Interview App:** "The content is helpful and is exactly what you would expect from such an app. While a lot of the tips seem to be common sense, they could be extremely useful to those who desire a good practice and preparation tool for their interview." - appadvice.com

**Work Skills:** This sampler includes 80 of the most common signs and words in the Functional Work Skills System. Included in the program are such words as Employer, Wage, Do Not Enter, First Aid, Hammer, and Safety Glasses.
Employment Preparation

**Next Dollar Up** is a widely utilized special education teaching strategy for those with special needs to develop independence in money management using a whole dollar amount concept. It involves looking at an item price and rounding up to the next dollar to make the purchase.

**Stepping Stones** is a personal visual organizer for prompting daily routines and schedules. Designed for users with developmental disabilities, this user-friendly app assists in building independence. The simple interface allows a caregiver to create a routine, or ‘Path’, for the user to follow. The Path then works as reminder with personalized visual and audio guides to act as prompts.

The “**Smart Steps Mobile**” app provides suggestions for problem solving at work, home, school or in the community. If your teen or adult panics or cannot resolve a problem, he or she is prompted to call for help.
Employment Preparation

**Training Faces** is set up as a game combining a passenger train and popular train routes around the world. The player must press the correct picture of the person on the train car with the correct emotion that is demonstrated and there is a time limit.

The **Time Timer app** displays time as a red disk that quietly gets smaller as time elapses. Children as young as three understand that when the red is gone, time is up! And unlike many other visual timers, the Time Timer app has a professional look and packed feature set to help adults make every moment count.

**Easy Places**: The idea is to create a tool that allows, in all the people who, for different reasons, are forced to move out of a wheelchair, to easily identify, the type of structure that is provided of an appropriate accessibility as well as an acceptable and if possible high standard of quality.
Telling Time & Clock Out

Over 700 different clock values!
LookTel Money Reader

Instantly recognizes currency and speaks the denomination, enabling people experiencing visual impairments or blindness to quickly and easily identify and count bills. Point the camera of your iOS device at a bill and the application will tell you the denomination in real-time.
Living Safely provides self-directed learning sessions for 27 important safety skills topics. Living Safely provides an accessible learning tool that is specifically designed to be used directly by individuals with autism, learning or other developmental disabilities at their own pace.
Model Me Going Places™ is a great visual teaching tool for helping your child learn to navigate challenging locations in the community. Each location contains a photo slideshow of children modeling appropriate behavior.

This social skill app is appropriate for people with high functioning autism. The social skills are geared towards common situations that arise during the school day, such as: Conversations, Classroom, Cafeteria, PE Class, Recess, Playing games and other social skill areas. The app gives a description of the social skill and on the bottom has Expected/Unexpected buttons.
A Critical Life Skill

The Urinal Game

The Urinal Test
Apps for College Prep

Evernote is an easy-to-use, free App that helps you remember everything across all of the devices you use. Stay organized, save your ideas and improve productivity. Evernote lets you take notes, capture photos, create to-do lists, record voice reminders—and makes these notes completely searchable, whether you are at home, at school, or on the go.

Naviance Student is fully synced with the Family Connection so students will have all of their most important information wherever they may be—at school, at home, or on their phone.
Free Apps for College Prep

- EssayEdge
- EduPath SAT Prep
- SAT Question of the Day
- ACT Student
- Scholarships.com
Free Apps for College Prep

• Find Colleges
• College Confidential
• Quad2Quad
• College Visits
25 Free Web Apps to Manage College Searches and Applications

Words to Know Before you Go: College and Career Readiness

Success in high school includes paving the way for a future path after high school graduations. Students starting in grade 9, need to master vocabulary in academic areas, in the college application process, and also in the career pathways. *Words to Know Before you Go* breaks down the vocabulary needed at each grade level in high school. 50 words are provided at each grade level covering academics, career and college vocabulary. Upon mastery of these terms, 25 more terms are provided.
Behavior Tracker Pro for Autism is an iPhone, iTouch and iPad application that allows BCBAs, behavioral therapists, aides, teachers or parents to track behaviors and automatically graph them. Export the data for offline manipulation in Excel.
This app was designed specifically for vocational training. It allows you to set the timer to alarm on a regular basis for repetitive job tasks. Once the timer is set for 15 minutes for example, the alarm will go off every 15 minutes until you change the setting. It was designed for job training exercises but could be useful to time any repetitive task like medication administration, break and work time for students, etc.

This basic timer was developed for a job coach. However, as a simple timer, it can be used for any purpose.
50 best fit, recognizable images specially prepared for Visual Cue app i.e., great looking objects and basic schedules for hygiene activities including wash hands and brush teeth through in app purchase. We plan to keep adding new images based on priority and popularity. If you want to enjoy full features without bothering ads or additional in app purchase, try full version - Visual Cue.
Promotes independence and builds confidence by helping people with cognitive challenges complete tasks successfully. Virtually any activity can be broken into a sequence of easy-to-follow steps, illustrated by photos and reinforced with optional text and audio. Scheduling and reminder features ensure each task gets done on time.

QuickCues is a social script app that helps teens and young adults on the autism spectrum to handle new situations and learn new skills. Social scripts have been used successfully for years, but QuickCues makes these tools mobile and easy to use in everyday situations.

On the job, Coping Skills, Socialization, & Life Skills
Survival Signs and words: I used this with a low functioning student and had much success. We used the more expensive version purchased through the district but I think this lighter version would be a good way to start investigating the app. This app provides a pre-test, lessons, and post-test. It also has an administrator log-in so you can customize it for the student.

Functional Planning System: This app shows step-by-step videos to prompt the user through the completion of a selected daily activity (brushing hair, teeth). Alarms can be set and even made to be recurring for daily tasks.
Visual Scheduler
MedCoach Medication Reminder

- Reminders
- Refills
- History
- Medications
- Doctors
- Pharmacies
- Settings
- About
- Share

Urgent Care – Doctors 24/7

March - 2013

Fish Oil
- 1 Capsule 500 mg
  - Taken: 03/18/2013 7:00 PM

Spectravite
- 1 Tablet
  - Taken: 03/18/2013 7:00 PM

Vitamin C

List View
Calendar View
Homework

Record Notes & Play

What is the respiratory system?
Your respiratory system is made up of the organs in your body that help you to breathe. Remember, that Respiration Breathing. The goal of breathing is to deliver oxygen to the body and to take away carbon dioxide.

Parts of the respiratory system

Lungs
The lungs are the main organs of the respiratory system.

Homework™
Take notes & Record
Teacher Wire

CLASS LIST

Mary

BEHAVIOUR

- Neat presentation
  [10/11/2013]
- Late
  [10/11/2013]
- Followed instructions
  [10/11/2013]
- Interrupting
  [10/11/2013]
- Great insight
  [10/11/2013]
- No homework
  [10/11/2013]
- Perseverance
  [10/11/2013]
- Disrespectful
  [10/11/2013]
- Participated
  [10/11/2013]
This sign means:

- **Low Clearance**
- **Road Ahead is 14'4"**
- **Low Clearance -Plaque**

**SPECIAL**

This symbol is reserved for use on the rear of slow-moving vehicles only, including farm machinery. It is triangular and is colored bright orange with a red border. Old-order Amish groups, which are forbidden by religion to display bright colors, can use alternative reflective materials that include gray, white, black or silver and must cover an area of at least 72 square inches. The slow-moving vehicle sign indicates that special care must be taken when sharing the road with such a vehicle. Extra caution and care must be exercised when passing slow-moving vehicles.

**CONSTRUCTION**

Warning signs in the construction series have a distinctive orange background. When motorists see an orange sign, they should be alert, reduce speed, and watch for workers and equipment on the highway. On highways that have been closed for construction or repair and appropriate signs have been erected, the motorist must not drive upon, along or across the highway.
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• Family Assistance
• Apps for communication and Assistive Technology
• Apps for Class Participation
• Apps to Improve Math Instruction: K-5 Common Core
• Apps to Improve Reading Instruction: K-3 Common Core

http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=1304149
Overall, this presentation was:

A. very helpful.
B. helpful.
C. useless.
D. Should have gone to the poster session!
If you have a specific app need, please contact me. I can use this as a problem solving activity for my students.

Questions?
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