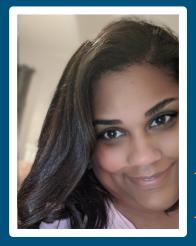


Deep Dive into: DIY Assistive Technology for the New Normal

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Learning Objectives

Participants will:

- Identify and locate at least 3 DIY resources
- Gain insight into the usefulness of DIY technology for e-learning, distance education, and virtual AT services
- View DIY tech examples to utilize in their day-to-day practice

Session Outline

- What are the challenges to implementing DIY?
- DIY for virtual AT assessments
 - Computer access
 - Remote access
 - Working with multiple devices
- DIY for distance learning and teletherapy
 - Communication and participation
 - Written expression and Literacy
- Other DIY resources for your toolbox

*our handout is the full presentation and we added as many links as we could!

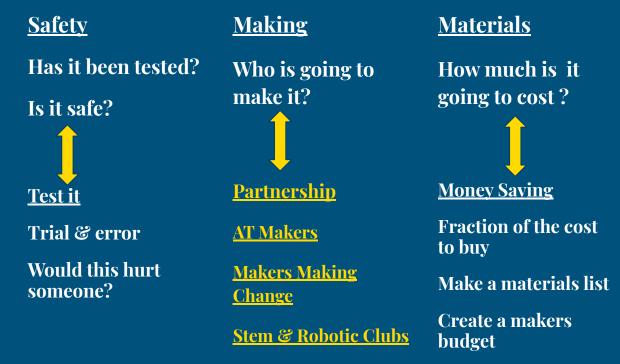


DIY AT

Overcoming Challenges

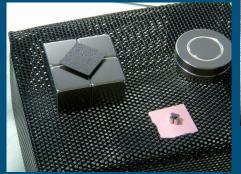


How can I overcome barriers to DIY?



Some of our favorite materials for DIY













AT services

AT Assessments

Computer Access





Head Trackers

Traditional Eye Gaze
Cameras & Head Trackers
can be expensive

• may not be available

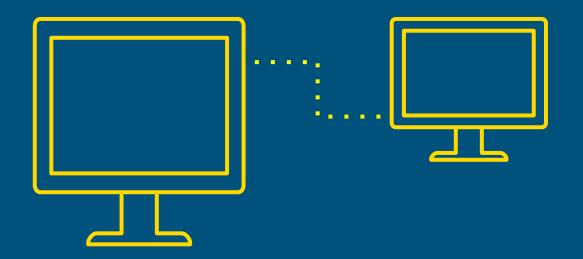
How can these products help during an AT assessment?

Camera Mouse

Innovative software for people with disabilities



Remote Access





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A therapist or teacher can use this to gain access to another Windows 10 device.

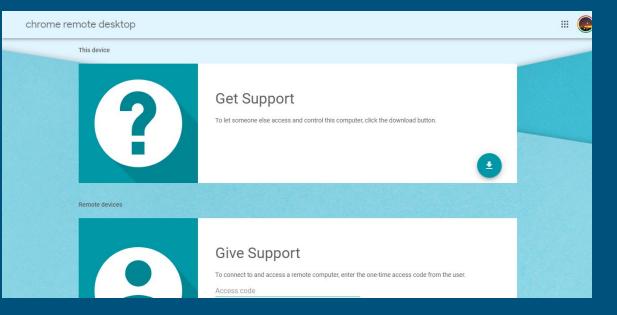




Chrome Remote Desktop

A therapist or teacher can use this to gain access to another device that is using Chrome as a browser.





Other Remote Access Methods

- Teamviewer
- <u>Zoom</u>
- <u>Microsoft Teams</u>
 <u>"Give Control"</u>



Use your virtual meeting platform **screen sharing** function to view your client's screen.

- -Therapist view
- -Coaching

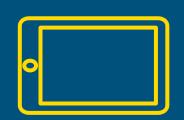


Working with Multiple Devices









Using Multiple Devices

<u>Cost alternative:</u> <u>Jmount by</u> <u>Communicare</u>

Off the shelf phone holder! Great for parents and therapist to use together to provide a view of the AAC device!



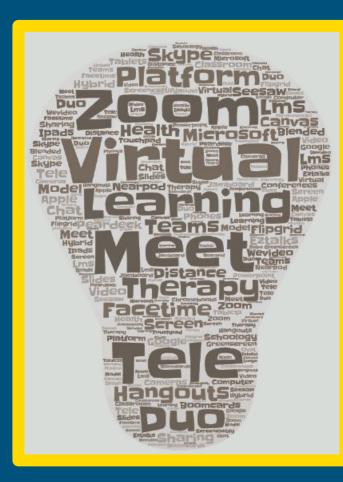
Consider what you already own!



Don't forget about items you might have tucked in a closet!

You can swap out the mount plate from your camera for a phone or tablet mount!

Distance Learning and Teletherapy Resources



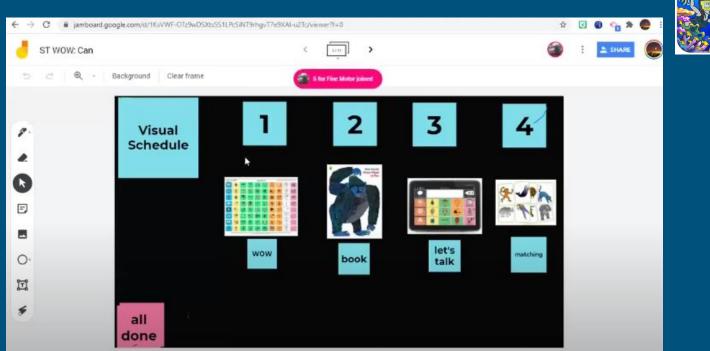


The New Normal

Digital Resources

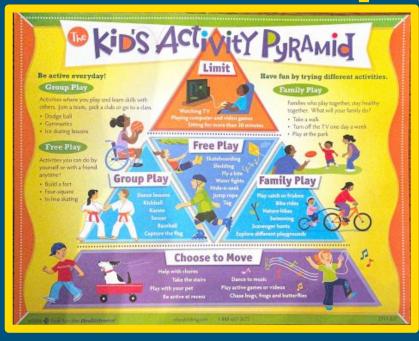


Jamboard



A free app in the Google Workspace for Education tools for computer, tablet, or iOS. <u>OT example</u>; <u>ST example</u>.

You can Jam a physical activity or home exercise program





Jamboard can be used as a teletherapy tool when working with speech, OT, and PT students.



Green Screen Therapy







To DIY

- use green felt, paper, or curtain/shower curtain
- make sure your manipulatives are made with an exact green color match
- Use free backgrounds and felt pieces from <u>Play</u>
 <u>Spark</u>

Free Google Tools





Google Slides

- Bitmoji <u>Classrooms</u>
- <u>AAC modeling</u>
- <u>Ready made-CVI resources</u>
- <u>Create your own-CVI Slides</u>
- Drag and drop activities

Google Docs

- <u>Voice Typing</u>
- <u>Explore Tools/Image Search</u>

<u>Additional Google Resources:</u> <u>controlaltachieve.com</u>

Communication and Participation



Recordable Buttons



See the completed A-Z <u>Keep</u> <u>Talking Poster</u> from Call Scotland

Amazon Recordable Talking Button

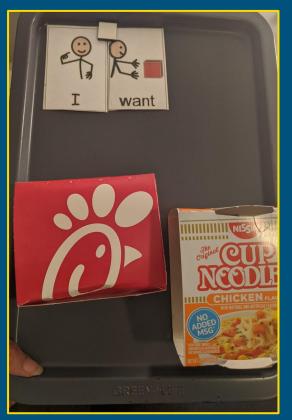
- 30 seconds of recording time
- Affordable \$10-\$12
- Easy to replace
- Vocabulary of the week
- Repetition in stories

Communication at Home



Use your fridge as a communication board Add food choices **Use product wrappers** to represent real objects Use photos or print them from online.

Easy Communication at Home



Use a cookie sheet to make a magnetic object choice board.

Use product wrappers to represent real objects

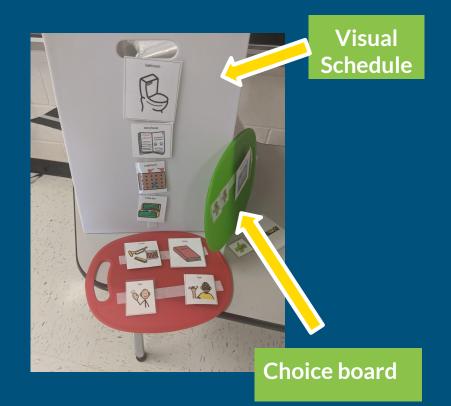
Consider the size; more options with smaller objects.

Home Made Boards

Behavior Token Board

- Dollar store cutting board with handle
- Velcro
- Picture Symbols





Communication Boards



Enlarge a picture board at photo center

Use with a laser pointer

Be creative with your placement!

Laser Pointer Under \$5

• Dollar Store Laser Pointers and Eyeglasses versus very expensive Laser Pointer





Laser Pointers

- Switch adapted laser pointers cost \$129.00+
 - An alternative by RJ Cooper cost \$ 29.99

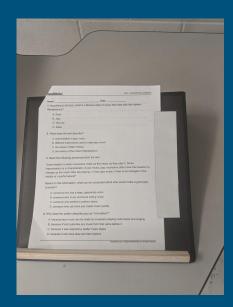


Literacy & Written Expression



<u>3-Ring Binder Slant Board</u>







- 3-4 inch binder
- Paper clips
- Magnetic sheet
- Magnetic strip
- Velcro
- Small piece of wood for the lip

Pool Noodle Pencil Grips!



They are so soft, easy to make different sizes, and can be used with Right or Left handers!

Document Camera





IPEVO Mirror Cam 6-pack for \$39.99

Adapted Writing

Materials:

• Business card sheet protector

• Picture symbols No need for glue or velcro.

Use a symbol word bank. Snap into a binder. Make multiple sheets to create:

- paragraphs
- Stories

 Book reports

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You can reuse symbols for other writing assignments.

Pool Noodle letters!



Alphabet order, Name building, CVC and sight words!

DIY Wireless Switch



• Wireless mouse

3 Back

- Small box or sandwich
 - container
- Sponge
- Velcro
- Scissors
- Cause and effect activities
- Page turning
- In combination with partner assisted scanning



I like dogs. These dogs are waiting.

Next

What would you like to do now?

Read this book again.	
Rate this book.	
Read another book.	

Screenshots from Tarheelreader.org



Other Items for your ToolBox

Floral Foam for Positioning



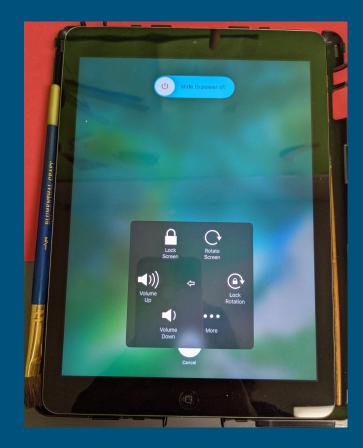




Make stands for tablets and phones! So easy to cut and shape! These are covered in Press 'N Seal to keep the foam from getting green flakes everywhere!

Use for tablets or phones

Think Outside the Box



Be creative while using safe and available materials

Paintbrushes+assistive touch becomes a quick fix in an emergency for an ill-fitted case.

<u>Chrome</u> <u>Music</u> <u>Lab</u>



- Several different activities to do
- Use it with a touch screen or mouse
- Have the student present their screen and you can see them writing.
- Or Use use a tablet or phone positioner idea





• Home DIY

- Activity Sheets
- Movement

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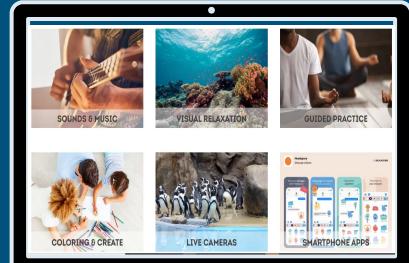
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- Multilingual resources
- Lots to explore!

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Virtual Calming Rooms & Apps

- Sound
- Visual
- YogaHelpful links
- Home or School use



Rosemount Apple Valley Eagan ISD 196 Virtual Calming Room

Osseo Area Learning Center Virtual Calming Room

Mindpowerful powers app for kids

Other Literacy Resources

- <u>Story Jumper</u>
- Book Creator
- LessonPix
- <u>Boardmaker Student Center</u>

Students can use during speech therapy while maintaining social distance!

Voice Amplifiers

Teachers! Save your voice and let your students hear you better while wearng a mask! <u>Click here for an example of</u> <u>how an amplifier sounds</u> <u>while wearing a mask.</u>

DIY Voice Amplifiers





Can use other bluetooth mics/headsets, or lapel mics. Check how it works with a mask on!



Portable Bluetooth Speaker \$10 and up!

Tactile Cues





Use cabinet door bumpers as tactile cues for a mouse and/or keyboard.

External Trackpad



These handy add-on hardware devices can help solve both positioning and computer access problems!

<u>SUGRU</u> <u>Mouldable</u> <u>Glue</u>









Check out our Wakelet!



DIY AT & AT Resources <u>https://wakelet.com/@DIY_AT_and_AT_Resources4821</u>





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