

Employment Success: Yes, There's An APP for That Using Today's Technology to Support Workers with Disabilities

Readily available APPs as well as pre-installed APPs and technology in smart phones and tablets, can be used for a variety of job placement support needs, resulting in increased independence on the job, and reduced reliance on professional supports. Areas that APPs can assist with include: attendance, tardiness, leaving early, attitude, appearance, appropriateness, taking initiative, communication, abusing break times, staying on task, etc.

The following are examples of the types of APPs available to assist with job supports:

- Picture schedules
- Video modeling, Video Prompting, Continuous Video Modeling, Video Feedback
- Task sequencing
- Time management
- Communication
- Transportation

TIP: Be sure to be aware of and utilize as necessary the built-in accessibility features on smart phones and tablets.

APP EXAMPLES

The following are examples of available APPs that can be used to support individuals with disabilities to be successfully employed.

NATIVE APPS (PRE-INSTALLED IN SMART DEVICES):

- Calendar
- Clock
- Alarms
- Timer
- Stopwatch
- Contacts
- Notes
- Maps
- Photos

COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE APP EXAMPLES

Picture schedules: a) Picture scheduler; b) Picture Routines; c) Pictello; d) iPrompts; e) First-Then

Task sequencing – a) Skitch Evernote; b) Mark-up & comment & share (Android); c) Checkable; d) Vocational Scheduler; e) Visual Cue; f) VoCal; g) FirstThen

Video modeling, prompting, feedback – a) Viva Video; b) Movie Maker; c) Picture Scheduler; d) Keynote; e) Video Scheduler; f) Storykit; f) GoTalkNow; g) My Video Scheduler

To Do Lists – a) Any.do (Apple); b) Simplest Checklist (Android)

Social Skills – a) Swaha; c) Choiceworks

Communication – a) Dragon; b) ChoiceBoard Creator; c) Yes/No from I Can Do; c) TalkTablet NEO AAC; d) ProLoQuo; e) Talk Tablet

Transportation – a) Ride Sharing – Pool My Ride; b) Double Map

Other Commercially Available APPs:

- RecordItt
- Be My Eyes
- Pocket Informant
- Awesome Note
- Appigo ToDo
- Breathe 2 Relax
- Speak it!
- QuickOffice
- Pocket Money or Expense
- 1Password
- SimpleMind+
- Visual Impact Pro
- Work Skills Sampler (provides definitions for standard employment terms)
- Errands
- TimeTimer

FINDING APPS

- Bridging APPs – APPs for Special Needs - <http://bridgingapps.org>
- Google Play - <https://play.google.com>
- Apple APP Store
- ARC Tech Toolbox - <https://toolbox.thearc.org>
- <https://search.bridgingapps.org/>
- <http://www.friendshipcircle.org/apps>
- AbleData - <http://abledata.com>
- Nearpod - <https://nearpod.com>
- AssitiveWare - <http://www.assistiveware.com>

Free Webinar from the Institute for Community Inclusion and Massachusetts DDS Employment First:
[Awesome Apps and Adaptations –Achieving Vocational Success for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities](#)

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