Resources for Diverse Learners-ISBE

OSERS Department COVID-19 and IDEA-related Q and A

ChromeBook Apps and extensions for Learners with Dyslexia/Reading and Writing Difficulties wheel

ChromeBook accessibility features support

Text Help – free trial of Read and Write for Google

BookShare – accessible books online

Zoom Video, conference, and phone platform - Free registration with some limits on length of time on the free accounts

Khan Academy – online support for instruction for all students

<u>PaTTAN Project</u> - These are modules to help professionals learn how to use AAC - Modules 6, 7, 8, 10 may be especially helpful.

<u>AAC CORE Classroom</u> - Tips and Ideas for Using AAC at home - Even if your device or system looks different, there are some great ideas here!

<u>Adventure Academy - Getting started with AAC</u> - Free - 3 interactive e-Book series available on iOS - or the web. Really easy to read - designed for families rather than professionals.

PraacticalAAC.org - This blog has many suggestions of activities for AAC users and their families.

<u>Using a Device in the Home</u> - This handout gives some tips on communicating and modeling.

<u>Activities for AAC</u> - Activities centered around target words, even if you don't have the books listed, these words can be found in many other places.

Project Core's modules Learn more about modeling and using your student's AAC.

STAR - Training for those supporting AAC users. May be fun for siblings, and they can earn a certificate!

<u>IRIS</u> - Section 2.2 and all of section 3 may be of interest. Learning about communicating with students who have more complex needs.

Social Stories - Ways to talk to your student about Covid-19

Blue Emotions Social Story Freebie!

Something Hurts Social Story for Autism/Nonverbal (Sick)

Problems with the device? Here are contacts for major AAC companies, they are happy to help families. There are many resources for troubleshooting, videos, and even online communities of people to help.

- PRC (LAMP) Videos and Contact information.
- Saltillo (Includes TouchChat)- Many other resources and help!
- Tobii-Dynavox (Snap+Core among others) Lots of videos to view!
- <u>AssistiveWare</u> (Makers of Proloquo2Go/Proloquo4Text/Pictello) https://www.assistiveware.com/support, join online communities while you are there! The AssistiveWare support team is maintaining their same level of support via our Facebook, Twitter and email <u>support@assistiveware.com</u>
- Don Johnston request a free family trial of Snap and Read and Co:Writer
- Read and Write for Google

Statewide Organizations that can assist with Assistive Technology in the home questions

- Illinois Assistive Technology Project (800) 852-5110 iatp@iltech.org
- Infinitec Easter Seals Seguin 1-800-361-0270 infinitecwebsupport@ucpnet.org