



# The World of A.T. Assistive Technology



Educational Equity For All

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November 16, 2017, 11:00 am CST - 60-minutes  
TITLE: **Practical Uses of QIAT :Session 2 – School Districts Using QIAT to Improve Assistive Technology Services**  
Quality Indicators for Assistive Technology Services (QIAT)

November 30, 2017, 12:00 pm CST - 60-minutes  
TITLE: **Cortical Visual Impairment: Assessment, Implications, and Adaptations for Successful AAC Use**  
[https://www.ablenetinc.com/resources/live\\_webinars/](https://www.ablenetinc.com/resources/live_webinars/)

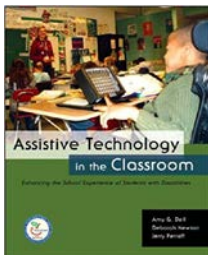


### Custom Keyguards



We specialize in Keyguards for AAC and can make custom keyguards to fit any app running on any device.

<http://www.laseredpics.biz/>



**Assistive Technology in the Classroom: Enhancing the School Experiences of Students with Disabilities** by Amy G Dell

This text focuses on how assistive technology can be used in schools to enhance the teaching and learning of students with disabilities.

This link between technology and teaching and learning drives the book's organization as well as its content. It is organized by *school-related tasks* that students must perform on a daily basis to be successful and presents descriptions of technology-based solutions to the obstacles students with disabilities face in completing these tasks.



## AssistiveWare Core Word Classroom

The **AssistiveWare Core Word Classroom** is designed to fill this space! The classroom offers a large collection of learning resources, which are designed to support implementation of any AAC system that is based on core words.

All resources in the Core Word Classroom are developed around fundamental best practices in AAC:  
**Best Practice #1 - Use core words**  
**Best Practice #2 - Modeling / Aided Language Stimulation**  
**Best Practice #3 - Communicate everywhere**

### Core Word 5 Minute Fillers

5 minute fillers provide teams with an easy reference guide. A one page sheet that focuses on what core words you could model during an activity. And we have chosen those activities that happen anywhere and everywhere. These activities are the quick and fun ones, as we know how many chances we can create to model core words during these [engaging and interactive moments](#).

**How can you access the Core Word Classroom?**  
[Click here to access the Core Word Classroom](#). The beta version of the Core Word Classroom is... free!

<http://www.assistiveware.com/assistiveware-core-word-classroom>



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## FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



### SUPERSIZE YOUR BIG MACK

<http://aperfectblendteaching.blogspot.com/2015/11/supersize-your-bigmack.html#more>

## WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://goo.gl/OQgiBk>  
<http://thespeechroomnews.com/2013/01/ipad-aac-games.html>  
<http://www.victoriesnautism.com/>

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Using Technology to Provide Play Opportunities for Children with Disabilities

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 3:30 - 4:30 PM Eastern Time Zone

Webinar Type: Live Broadcast

Webinar Code: AT17-WEB31-LB

Webinar Fee: \$39

<https://goo.gl/NCJ4yZ>



## Product Loan Program-Try Before You Buy



When deciding on a switch to use with a student, you may need to consider the location of the switch. The hands might not be the best access point for a student. Take the opportunity to try out different kinds of switches

and the appropriate location for a switch. AbleNet has a 2-week, free loan program of Assistive Technology.

### Assitive Technology Kit Includes:

PowerLink 4 Control Unit, Jelly Bean Twist, Electrical Fan, Night Light, Jelly Beamer Transmitter, Jelly Beamer with Wireless SLAT, Velcro Strap, Battery Operated Pig, Micro Light, Buddy Button, TalkingBrix, BIGmack, LITTLE Step-by-Step, iTalk 2 with Levels, QuickTalker, QuickTalker S, SuperTalker, Switch Click, Hitch Computer Interface, Latitude Mounting System with Universal Mounting Plate, Specs Switch, TalkTrac, Blue2 Bluetooth Switch, and LITTLE Step-by-Step GamePlay  
<https://www.ablenetinc.com/resources/product-loan-program/>



<https://acecentre.org.uk/project/aac-books/>

Three eBooks have been designed to help families and professionals alike to get started with Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). They are available as Apple iBooks or as web viewable document.



### Switch Kick-Start for Kids

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New from Marblesoft is the Switch Kick-Start for Kids, the hardware and software you need to get a child as young as 9 months to start

using the computer with

switches. The Switch Kick-Start for Kids includes the Simtech Switch Hits, five of our best-selling programs for beginning switch users, plus an Atec switch interface and two Ultra Light HD switches. <https://goo.gl/3j4h9b>



### Attention Teens

Attention Teens offers more delightful and exciting images and music to engage the older

student. As the music plays, the images change into the unexpected. Students enjoy guessing the outcome. Attention Teens is especially great for building attending skills, anticipation, and eliciting student comments. <https://goo.gl/mai7s1>

Distraction-free studying! Or working!

Free apps to help control those distractions.

**Stay Focused:** Stay Focused is a free google chrome extension that helps you to stay focused on your work by stopping you from looking at time-wasting websites (e.g. Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, Twitter).

**Strict Workflow:** This Google Chrome extension helps you to concentrate on your work by blocking a list of websites for the amount of time you've set and once your working period is over, it'll unblock those sites