



The World of A.T. Assistive Technology



Educational Equity For All

September 2018



August 07, 2018, 11:00 am CST - 60-minutes
TITLE: Strengthening Executive Function in the Early Years: Designing Environmental Scaffolds and Child-specific Interventions Webinar Series

August 21, 2018, 11:00 am CST - 60-minutes
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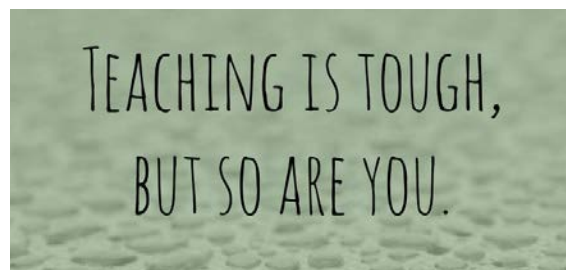
August 22, 2018, 12:00 pm CST - 60-minutes
TITLE: How Do I Determine Where the Student Can Access A Switch?

August 30, 2018, 02:00 pm CST - 30-minutes
TITLE: Fun Activities Using Interactive Devices

https://www.ablenetinc.com/resources/live_webinars/



Assistive Technology in Special Education: Resources to Support Literacy, Communication, and Learning Differences 3rd Edition
Assistive Technology in Special Education presents a wealth of practical, well-organized information to help families, teachers, and therapists find effective solutions for students with learning, literacy, and cognitive challenges.



“Google Tools for Special Needs” webinar presented by Eric Curts.
Posted on May 28, 2018

There are many free tools, apps, extensions, and features available for Google products to assist students with special needs. This can include students with vision or hearing impairments, or challenges with reading, writing, organization, and more. Learn what tools are available and how to access and use these with students. Session resources: <http://tiny.cc/sparcc209>
<https://teleseict.com/2018/05/google-tools-for-special-needs-webinar-presented-by-eric-curts/>



TOGETHER IT'S POSSIBLE

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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



INTERACTIVE BOOK ATTACHMENTS BUNDLE

These book attachments are great for giving the student a model sentence that they can use to retell stories, answer “What happened?” about a page, or describe events in a book.

<http://speechmusings.com/2014/09/29/interactive-book-attachments/>

iRise™ Deluxe Interactive Whiteboard Step



Backed by industry guidelines, the iRise steps provide safe, sturdy and ergonomic support for children to help them reach more of the interactive whiteboard. iRise is

constructed using Baltic Birch plywood that stands up to daily use. Features additional classroom storage area underneath the carpeted top. Included handrail for easy access and safety.

<https://goo.gl/F6ivLH>

Free Interactive Whiteboard Resources

SMART Exchange – This SMART Board interactive whiteboard site provides several lesson plans and activities for teachers to use in the classroom. SMART lessons are available for a variety of ages and subjects.

<http://www.exchange.smarttech.com/#tab=0>

Topmarks – With some of the best free educational materials for IWBs, Topmarks is a great resource for finding IWB lesson plans and activities. This educational site also features teacher resources, educational sites for classroom, and homework help

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/INTERACTIVE.ASPX>

Eduscapes – This guide to interactive whiteboards explains different activities and resources that can be used with IWBs. Eduscapes is a good starting place for teachers who are just beginning to use this **technology in the classroom**.

<http://eduscapes.com/sessions/smartboard/>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://www.natenetwork.org/resources/>

<https://player.fm/podcasts/Assistive-Technology>

<https://goo.gl/5nYbmd>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Assistive Technology Videos Symbols and Learning to Read with Dr Caroline Musselwhite

This video and related learning guide provide an opportunity to enhance and support literacy for students with significant disabilities.

<https://atcoalition.org/training/videos/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1QUcIf717tQ>

Augmentative and Alternative Communication Needs Assessment

This needs assessment can be completed as part of an initial AAC evaluation or as part of on-going assessment after AAC strategies and tools have been implemented.

Note: The needs assessment is most effective when completed by multiple members of a team —with as much input from the individual with complex communication needs as possible.

<https://goo.gl/k5TaVg>



AAC Assessment Checklist



<https://goo.gl/wn9Kxh>



AAC Evaluation

Genie 4+

[Hump Software](#)

AAC Evaluation Genie is an informal diagnostic tool

that is intended to assist speech-language pathologists and others with identifying skill areas that relate specifically to the language representation methods commonly found on augmentative communication systems. The purpose of AAC Evaluation Genie is not to identify a particular speech generating device, but rather build a framework for selecting an appropriate augmentative communication device for ongoing evaluation and / or device trial.

This app is only available on the App Store for iOS devices.