

RESOURCES FOR AUTISTIC INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Listed below are resources that are designed to assist both developmentally disabled individuals and those who care for them. These resources are divided into five sections:

- Links to the websites of autism-related organizations.
- Autism-Related Facebook Groups.
- A link to “The Best Autism Apps,” according to *Autism Parenting Magazine* (2025).
- Printable DIY sensory activities for all ages.
- A description of the Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC) devices available at the Brick, Little Egg Harbor, and Stafford Branches of the Ocean County Library.

PART 1:
AUTISM-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

ADULT SERVICES

**(Support Coordination through the NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities
and More)**

<u>AGENCY NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>
Ability Advocates of NJ	Transition from Children’s System of Care to Adult Services, support coordination	www.abilityadvocatesofnj.org
Adult Independent Services	Assistance with determining whether high school students will be eligible for state-funded services as an adults	www.adultindependentservices.com
Advocacy Services Unlimited	Transition from Children’s System of Care to Adult Services, support coordination, individual services	www.asunj.org
The ARC, Ocean County Chapter	Residential services, employment services, recreational programs	www.arcocean.org

Beacon Specialized Living New Jersey Inc.	Support coordination, housing, day programs, and more	www.beaconspecialized.org/new-jersey
A Bright Tomorrow	Support coordination	http://abrighttomorrow.org
A Care Connection of New Jersey	Support coordination	www.accofnj.org
Caring with Compassion	Community-Based Supports, Specialized companions, respite care, DDD transition services, Saturday Socialization	www.caringwithcompassion.com
Community Care Partners	Community-Based Supports (assistance with housing, employment, daily living skills, recreation)	www.communitycarepartnersnj.com
Community Options	Housing, respite, case management, adult day training, supported employment	www.comop.org
Disability Navigators, LLC	Support coordination	www.dnavigators.com

Equal Opportunity Support Services	Support coordination, Support brokerage, Transition to adult services	www.equalopportunitiesupportservices.org
Evermore Lifestyle Solutions	Support coordination, transition planning, recreational programs, family education	http://evermorelifestylesolutions.com
Experienced Support Coordination	Support coordination	www.experiencedsc.com
Graham Behavior Services	ABA therapy, Behavior, Individual, and Community-Based supports, Supported employment	https://grahambehavior.com/adults/
Jewish Service for the Developmentally Disabled	Residential services, PT, OT, speech therapy	https://www.jsdd.org/
Kaleidoscope Family Solutions	Behavior supports, community-based supports, individual supports (in-home), employment supports	www.kfamilysolutions.org
MOCEANS Center for Independent Living	Independent living, support coordination, youth transition, education & advocacy	www.moceanscil.org

New Horizons in Autism	ABA therapy, day programs, residential services, in-home supports, employment services	www.nhautism.org
The Open Door of NJ	Day program, pre-vocational program, residential services	www.theopendoornj.org
PrimeTime Center	Adult day programs (life skills, recreation, social skills, employment skills)	www.primetimecenter.org
Prism Support Services	Support coordination	www.prismsupportservices.com
Royal Community Support	Community-based support, in-home support, behavioral services, support brokerage	www.royalcsnj.com
Rutgers Center for Adult Autism Services	Employment training, academic support, social support, clinical services	www.rcaas.rutgers.edu
Skylands Family Services	Support coordination	www.skylandsfamilyservices.com
SPWA Services	Support coordination	www.spwaservices.org
21 Plus, Inc.	Residential services, employment services, supported employment	www.21plus.org

AUTISM RESEARCH

<u>AGENCY NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>
Autism Science Foundation	Research and information for caregivers	www.autismsciencefoundation.org
Eagles Autism Foundation	Funds research and offers “All Abilities” sports clinics	www.philadelphiaeagles.com/eaglesautismfoundation
LifeSPAN Autism Lab (part of Rutgers Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology, and affiliated with Rutgers Center for Adult Autism Services)	Conducts research that aims to advance understanding of autism in adulthood	www.gsapp.rutgers.edu/centers-clinics/rutgers-center-adult-autism-services-rcaas/lifespan-autism-lab
Organization for Autism Research (OAR)	Funds studies on subjects such as education, communication, parent and teacher training, social skills, employment, etc.	www.researchautism.org

DISABLED INDIVIDUAL AND CAREGIVER SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE

<u>AGENCY NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>
Autism New Jersey	Information about autism, education and training, caregiver support and referral to specialists	www.autismnj.org Hotline: 1-800-428-8476.
Canine Companions	Service Dogs	www.canine.org
The Color of Autism Foundation	Provides Support to African American Families with Autism	www.thecolorofautism.org
Mom2Mom Helpline	Peer support to caregivers.	www.mom2mom.us.com Hotline: 1-877-914-6662.
New Jersey Autism Warriors	Facebook group that provides peer support to caregivers.	
NJAAIDD	Funds emergency expenses of intellectually or developmentally disabled individual where no other source of funding is available	www.njaaid.org
Ocean County Family Support Organization	Peer support, family training.	www.oceanfso.org/welcome
Ocean Partnership for Children	Care management and service planning for children with behavioral and emotional challenges <i>(accessible through PerformCare)</i>	www.oceanpartnership.org

SPAN Parent Advocacy Network	Caregiver support and resource center	www.spanadvocacy.org
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FINANCIAL RESOURCES

<u>AGENCY NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>
ABLE National Resource Center	ABLE accounts allow disabled individuals and their caregivers to save private funds to supplement benefits provided through Social Security and Medicaid.	www.ablenrc.org
Disability Advice	Assists individuals with applying for Social Security Disability Insurance	https://disabilityadvice.org
New Jersey ABLE	Provides specific information on NJ's ABLE program, including contact information	www.nj.gov/humanservices/dds/programs/njable
Medicaid (General Information)	Describes the eligibility requirements of applying for Medicaid to fund medical services and therapies	http://www.autismnj.org/article/medicaid-and-how-to-enroll
NJ FamilyCare	New Jersey's Medicaid program. Apply for Medicaid on this site.	www.njfamilycare.dhs.state.nj.us
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Provides monthly payments to disabled people who have little or no income	www.ssa.gov/ssi?gad_source=1&gclid=EAlaIQobChMI7ufMoL7PiQMVN3FHAR30Rwu1EAAYA_SAAEgI60fD_BwE

FITNESS, WELLNESS, AND SPORTS

<u>AGENCY NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>
Aqua-Tots	Adaptive swimming lessons for children affected by IDD	www.aqua-tots.com
Autism Movement Project	Physical fitness and team sports (for ages 10 and up)	www.amplitnj.com
Little League Challenger Division	Adaptive baseball program (for ages 4 and up)	https://www.littleleague.org/play-little-league/challenger

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

<u>AGENCY NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>
The Americans with Disabilities Act	The ADA Law, first enacted in 1990, prohibits discrimination based on disability.	www.ada.gov
New Jersey Department of Health	The New Jersey Autism Registry enables families to be referred to organizations that will assist them.	https://www.nj.gov/health/fhs/autism/public/registry
New Jersey DHS -Division of Disability Services	Housing resources	www.nj.gov/humanservices/dds/hottopics/housing

New Jersey DHS - Division of Disability Services	Information on college resources and financial aid	www.nj.gov/humanservices/dds/hottopics/education
New Jersey DHS - Division of Disability Services	Resources for financial assistance	www.nj.gov/humanservices/dds/hottopics/financialassistance
New Jersey DHS – Division of Disability Services	Transportation services	www.nj.gov/humanservices/dds/hottopics/transportation
New Jersey Disability Information Hub	Provides a gateway to assistance with all aspects of living with a disability – including transportation, emergency planning, legal and advocacy services, assistive technology, and much more	https://www.nj.gov/disabilities
New Jersey Office of the Ombudsman for Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities and Their Families	Works with disabled individuals and their caregivers to obtain services	www.nj.gov/treasury/njombudsman

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

<u>AGENCY NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>
The Art of Autism	Provides a forum for displaying and promoting the works of autistic artists, film producers, singers, and writers	https://the-art-of-autism.com

INFORMATION & REFERRAL

<u>AGENCY NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>
Autism New Jersey	Information and referral, public policy	www.autismnj.org Hotline: 1-800-428-8476
New Jersey Office of the Ombudsman for Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities and Their Families	Works with disabled individuals and their caregivers to obtain services	www.nj.gov/treasury/njombudsman
Ocean County DHS - Children's Inter-Agency Coordinating Council	Consisting of parents, service providers, and others, CIACC oversees behavioral health services in Ocean County	www.co.ocean.nj.us/OC/OCDHS/frmCIACC.aspx

Ocean County DHS – Office for Individuals with Disabilities	Information and Referral	www.co.ocean.nj.us/OC/OCDHS/frmOFID.aspx
Ocean County Health Department	Information and Referral	www.ochd.org
SPAN Parent Advocacy Network	Information and referral, caregiver support and resource center	www.spanadvocacy.org

LEGAL SERVICES

<u>AGENCY NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>
Community Health Law Project	Legal and advocacy services	www.chlp.org
Freeman Law Offices	Special education law, estate planning, adult services	www.freemanlawoffices.com
Hinkle Prior & Fischer	Special education law, estate planning	www.hinkle1.com
Mack Rosenberg Law, LLC	Assists families in obtaining health insurance coverage for disability services	www.mackrosenberglaw.com
The Matus Law Group	Estate planning, guardianship, special needs trusts	www.matuslaw.com

Sussan Greenwald, & Wesler	Special education law, estate planning	www.sgwlawfirm.com
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MEDICAL SPECIALISTS

<u>AGENCY NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>
Children's Specialized Hospital	Developmental pediatricians, neurologists, psychiatrists	https://www.rwjbh.org/childrens-specialized-hospital/
Children's Wellness & Developmental Center	Developmental evaluations, holistic evaluations, nutritional counseling, individual and family counseling	www.cwdcenter.com
Developmental Pediatrics of Central NJ	Developmental pediatrics	www.developmentalpediatricsnj.com
Hackensack Meridian Health Child Evaluation Center at K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital	Developmental evaluations, treatment, and referrals	www.hackensackmeridianhealth.org/en/Services/childrens-health/autism-adhd-developmentalmedicine
KidZdent	Special needs dentistry	www.kidzdent.com

NeurAbilities Healthcare	Diagnostic services, neurological testing, developmental pediatricians, ABA therapy	https://neurabilities.com/
Ocean Pediatric Dental Associates	Special needs dentistry	www.oceanpediatricdental.com

MULTISERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

(Provide Various Services for All Ages)

<u>AGENCY NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>
Advancing Opportunities	Residential services, assistive technology, educational advocacy	www.advopps.org
Bancroft	Diagnostic assessments, ABA therapy, assistive technology, severe behavior day treatment program, residential treatment	www.bancroft.org
The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey	Free developmental screening, advocacy, case management	www.chsofnj.org
Community Access Unlimited	ABA therapy, in-home respite, support coordination, day programs, housing, employment services	www.caunj.org

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health	Diagnostic assessments, private schools, transition to adult services, housing, day programs	www.devereux.org
Easterseals NJ	Summer camp for ages 6+, behavioral health services, residential services, day programs, supported employment	www.easterseals.com/nj
Eden Autism	School for Ages 3 – 21; home-based ABA and speech therapy, adult employment training and housing	www.edenautism.org
Family Resource Associates	Early intervention, therapeutic recreation programs, pre-vocational and educational classes for adults, family and sibling support groups	www.frainc.org
Ladacin Network	Early intervention, child care, school, therapy, day programs, vocational therapy, housing	www.ladacin.org
New Jersey Institute for Disabilities	Early intervention, school, day programs, employment services, residential services, in-home supports, life skills development	www.njid.org
Owen Health Care	Respite for children, support coordination, individual support, supported employment	https://www.owenhc.com

PCDI	Early intervention, school for ages 3 – 21, adult life skills program, housing	https://pcdi.org/
SERV Behavioral Health System, Inc.	In-home services, vocational training, residential services	www.servbhs.org

NEW JERSEY STATE AND OCEAN COUNTY SERVICES

If you live in Ocean County and you have concerns about the development of your child who is under the age of 3, contact the Ocean County Special Child Health Services and Early Intervention Program at <https://oceancountyhealth.gov/services/maternal-and-child-health-services/special-child-health-services/> or by calling 732-806-3931.

If you live in New Jersey, but outside of Ocean County, and have concerns about the development of your child who is under the age of 3, contact the state’s Early Intervention Services at www.nj.gov/health/fhs/eis/for-families or by calling 1-888-653-4463.

For behavior therapy and respite for children under the age of 21, contact PerformCare (the New Jersey Children’s System of Care) at www.performcarenj.org or by calling 1-877-652-7624.

To inquire about home and community-based services for individuals 21 and older, contact the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) at www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd or by calling 1-800-832-9173.

To download the NJ Office on Autism’s publication **Autism: A Family Guide to Navigating the NJ Service Systems for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Other Developmental Disabilities**, click here:
<https://tinyurl.com/Autism-A-Family-Guide>

PUBLIC POLICY

<u>AGENCY NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>
Autism NJ	Public policy	www.autismnj.org
National Council on Severe Autism	Public policy	www.ncsautism.org
New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities	Public policy	www.njcdd.org

SAFETY

<u>AGENCY NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>
Ocean County Sheriff’s Office	Safety	www.co.ocean.nj.us/ocsheriff

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION RESOURCES

(Refer to “Multiservice Organizations” for Additional Schools)

<u>SCHOOL NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>
Advancing Opportunities	Educational advocacy	www.advopps.org/advocacy
The Alliance of Private Special Education Schools of North Jersey	An organization consisting of private special education schools in north and central New Jersey. Provides a school directory, and offers advocacy support & resources	www.specialeducationalliancenj.org
The Alpha School	School for ages 5 to 21	www.alphaschool.com
The Arc Family Institute	Educational advocacy	www.thearcfamilyinstitute.org/what_we_do/request-a-special-education-advocate.html
ASAH	A nonprofit organization consisting of private special education schools in New Jersey. Offers a toll-free parent assistance line, a private school placement toolkit, and a school directory	www.asah.org
The Center School	School for ages 5 to 21	www.thecenterschool.com

Children's Center of Monmouth County	School for ages 3 to 21	www.ccprograms.com
Douglas Developmental Disabilities Center	School for ages 3 to 21; adult program for ages 21+ that focuses on employment training	http://dddc.rutgers.edu/
Garden Academy	School for ages 3 to 21	www.gardenacademy.org
The Gateway School	School for ages 5 to 21	www.thegatewayschool.com
Graham Behavior Services	Educational advocacy	www.grahambehavior.com/children/iep-advocate
The Harbor School	School for ages 5 to 21	www.harborschool.com
Hawkswood School	School for ages 3 to 21	www.hawkswoodschool.net
My Own Star, LLC	Educational advocacy	www.myownstar.net
New Jersey DOE – Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities (In-State)	List of private special education schools that have been approved by the state of New Jersey.	https://homeroom6.doe.state.nj.us/apssdschooldirectory/

New Jersey DOE – Office of the Special Education Ombudsman	Provides information and support to students, caregivers, and educators regarding special education rights and services	www.nj.gov/education/specialed/parents
Ocean County College	Education (disability services) and summer camp	www.ocean.edu/student-services/disability-services
Ocean County Vocational Technical School	Has half-day special pre- vocational training programs for neurodivergent high school students	www.ocvts.org/specialneeds
Regional Day School at Jackson	School for ages 3 to 21	www.manchestertwp.org/o/rds
The Shore Center	School for ages 3 to 21	www.theshorecenter.org

SOCIAL/RECREATIONAL

<u>AGENCY NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>
By Design Social Skills	Social skills groups for children and teens; counseling for all age groups	www.socialskillsnj.com
Camp Chatterbox	One-week overnight camp for individuals ages 5 – 21 who use AAC devices	www.csh.recdesk.com/Community/Page?pagelD=13678
Camp Excel	Social skills groups and summer camp for children ages 5 to 18 with mild special needs	https://campexcel.com
Camp Jaycee	Summer camp for adults	www.campjaycee.org
Camp Fatima	Free summer camp for children; free sleepaway weekends for adults	www.campfatimanj.org
Daniel’s Music Foundation	Music classes (Including free online and in-person group classes) for disabled individuals	www.danielsmusic.org

Encouraging Kids Family Resource Center	After school, evening, and weekend programs for disabled students	www.encouragingkids.org
The Friendship Circle of Central Jersey	Social and respite programs	www.fcnj.com
Monmouth County Park System	Therapeutic Recreation Program offers specialized and inclusive recreation programs, summer camps, adult day programs, and respite	www.monmouthcountyparks.com/page.aspx?ID=4188
Music for Autism	Free concerts for disabled individuals and their caregivers (<i>in-person AND virtual</i>)	www.musicforautism.org
POAC Autism Services	Recreational and support services, family training	www.poac.net
Rising Treetops at Oakhurst	Summer camp, respite, after school program	www.risingtreetops.org
RWJBarnabas Field of Dreams	Recreation center and sports complex	www.rwjbhfieldofdreams.com

We Rock the Spectrum Kid's Gym	Indoor play	www.werockthespectrumwaretown.com
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THERAPY

(ABA, Cognitive Behavior, DIR/Floortime, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)

<u>AGENCY NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>
Attain ABA Therapy	ABA	www.attainaba.com
Autism Spectrum Diagnosis & Counseling	Evaluation and diagnosis, cognitive behavior therapy, Social skills groups	www.autismdiagnostics.com
Bayada	ABA	https://www.bayada.com/services/autism-and-aba
The Best Quality ABA	ABA	www.thebestqualityaba.com
Bierman Autism Centers	Diagnostic assessments, ABA, speech, OT	www.biermanautism.com
Brain Builders	ABA, OT, speech, Social skills groups	www.brainbuildersnj.org
Brett DiNovi & Associates	ABA	www.brettdassociates.com
Busy Bees Kid's Therapy	Feeding, speech, OT, PT	www.busybeeskidstherapy.com
Children's Specialized Hospital	Speech, OT, PT, feeding therapy	https://www.rwjbh.org/childrens-specialized-hospital/

Coastal Kids Learning Center	ABA consultation and parent training, tutoring, structured play group	www.coastalkidsnj.com
Connect Plus Therapy	ABA, social skills groups, after school programs, parent training	www.connectplustherapy.com
CrystalCare ABA	ABA	www.crystalcareaba.com
Elevate Health & Therapeutic Services	ABA, OT, speech, feeding therapy, and more	www.elevatehealthnj.com
Graham Behavior Services	ABA	https://grahambehavior.com
Hybridge Learning Group	ABA, OT, speech	www.hybridgelearning.com
Inspire Behavior Consulting	ABA. Providers teach parents how to work with their children.	www.inspirebehaviorconsulting.com
Ivy Rehab for Kids	PT, OT, speech	www.ivyrehab.com/location/brick-nj-kids
Kaleidoscope ABA Therapy Services	ABA	www.kfsaba.org
Links ABA Therapy Solutions	ABA	www.linksaba.com
Mastermind Behavior Services	ABA	www.mastermindbehavior.com
Positive Development	DIR/Floortime	www.positivedevelopment.com

Professional Therapy Associates	ABA, OT, PT, speech, feeding, social skills	www.ptasensorygym.com
Proud Moments ABA	ABA	www.proudmomentsaba.com
The Puzzle Place Center for Autism	Intensive early intervention, speech, and OT for young children	www.thepuzzleplace.org
Rainbow ABA	ABA	www.rainbowtherapy.org
Seashore Pediatric Therapy Center	Speech, OT, PT	www.seashoreptc.com
Sensory Playground	ABA, OT, PT, speech	www.sensoryplaygroundtherapy.com
Social Behavior Learning Solutions	Early intensive behavioral intervention, school readiness, social skills groups for young children	www.socialbehaviorlearning.com
Speech Pathology Solutions, LLC	Speech therapy	www.speechpathologysolutions.com
Step Up Family Services	ABA	www.stepupfamilyservices.com
Unlocked Potential	ABA	www.unlockedpotential.com
Weisman Children's	OT, PT, speech, feeding therapy	www.weismanchildrens.com

THERAPY

(Art, Play, Equine, Music)

<u>AGENCY NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>
Allaire Community Farm	Equine	https://allairecommunityfarm.org
Chariot Riders	Equine	https://chariotriders.org
HorseSense Therapeutic Center	Equine	www.horsesensenj.com
Jennifer Lawrence Art Therapy	Art and play	www.jenniferlawrencearttherapy.com
Mosaic Music Therapy	Music	www.mosaicmusictherapy.com
Special People United to Ride (SPUR)	Equine	www.spuronline.org
Special Strides	Equine	www.specialstrides.com

PART 2: AUTISM-RELATED FACEBOOK GROUPS

Autism Parents Support Group <i>(for caregivers)</i>
Autism Society Southwest New Jersey Affiliate 532 <i>(for caregivers)</i>
Autism Support Group for Teens, Young Adults, and Parents <i>(for autistic teenagers and caregivers)</i>
Autism Teens and Adults of NJ <i>(for autistic teenagers and adults)</i>
Autistic Adults Jersey <i>(for autistic adults)</i>
Autistic NJ Neurotribe <i>(for autistic adults)</i>
New Jersey Autism Warriors <i>(for caregivers)</i>
NJ Autism Moms <i>(for mothers, grandmothers, and legal guardians of children with autism)</i>
NJ Special Needs Connection <i>(for caregivers – provides resources)</i>
Parent to Parent NJ <i>(for caregivers)</i>

<p>Parents of Adults with Developmental Disabilities and Other Support Needs <i>(for caregivers of adults)</i></p>
<p>Parents of Sensory Kids <i>(for caregivers)</i></p>
<p>A REAL Autism Support Group for Teens, Adults, and Parents <i>(for autistic teens, adults, and caregivers)</i></p>
<p>Sib20 <i>(for siblings of disabled individuals; geared toward ages 18 – 30)</i></p>
<p>SibNet <i>(for adult siblings of disabled individuals)</i></p>
<p>SibTeen <i>(for teen siblings of disabled individuals)</i></p>
<p>SibsNJ <i>(for adult siblings of disabled individuals)</i></p>

**PART 3: “THE BEST AUTISM APPS” ACCORDING TO
AUTISM PARENTING MAGAZINE (2025)**

Autism Parenting Magazine is a reputable publication that contains helpful information to caregivers. Each year, it publishes an article describing the best apps for autistic individuals and their caregivers.

The link to the 2025 article, which reviewed the best apps of 2024, is below.

www.autismparentingmagazine.com/best-autism-apps

**PART 4: AUGMENTATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE
COMMUNICATION (AAC) DEVICES AVAILABLE AT OCL**

iPads preloaded with apps: LAMP Words for Life, Tobii Sono Flex, & My First AAC are available for in-house use at the Brick, Little Egg Harbor, & Stafford branches.

Patrons with library cards in good standing will be able to trial the apps before making the purchase for their home devices or to trial for students or patients.

AAC devices are augmentative/alternative communication systems that allow a person to communicate with those around them without speaking. There are many different types of AAC but the most common are high-tech AAC Devices that allow a person to push a button to speak a message. These are helpful for children or adults who have either lost the ability to speak or who are not able to speak well enough to clearly communicate everything that they want to say. This includes some children with conditions such as autism, childhood apraxia of speech, and other types of speech/language delays. These devices are sometimes called “communication devices” or “talkers.”

These devices are supported in full with funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the New Jersey State Library, award number LS-252474-OLS-22.

FAQs -

1. What apps are available?

LAMP Words for Life, Sono Flex, & My Frist AAC

2. Do I need to have an Ocean County Library Card in order to borrow the devices?

Yes, you will need to have a valid Ocean County Library card, with fines under \$25 to borrow a device.

3. How long can I borrow the device?

A device may be checked out for use in the library only and must be returned to a service desk before the branch closes for the day.

4. Can I renew the device?

Devices are not renewable.

5. How do I return the device?

The device must be returned in person to the service desk, directly to a staff member. They cannot be returned to a library book-drop or left on the service desk.

6. What if the device is damaged or lost?

Please alert staff if the device you are borrowing is damaged or lost.

7. Will I have to accept any terms to use the devices?

Not at this time.

8. Am I able to save my documents or applications on the device?

No, you may not save any documents or applications on the device. You are encouraged to use your personal email, cloud storage, or file sharing service before you return the device



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