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Special Needs Tools for Families

- **eLearning and Online Training Resources:**

  - Porchlight Autism Education Series: PACE's Porchlight Autism Education Series offers 50 free online learning modules, tailored to parents and caregivers of individuals with autism and developmental disabilities: www.porchlighteducation.org/

  - Autism Classroom From Home Tips and VISUALS SCHEDULE TEMPLATES!: Click here

  - ADEPT Training (Online Training for parents in ABA Strategies): Click here

  - Profectum Online training for parents of young children in naturalistic, developmental strategies https://profectum.org/ppt/

  - Children's Health Council (CHC) has many of their trainings and presentations online: https://www.chconline.org/

- **Apps for Autism:**

  - *Choiceworks App*: can be used to make visual schedules, visuals with a timer and what someone is waiting for, and feelings visuals (when I am *feeling* I can *blank* or *blank*). Comes with icons loaded in the app or you can take pictures to make your own icon. http://www.beevisual.com/

  - *First Then Visual Schedule HD by Good Karma Applications* (available in App Store and for Android) it can be used to create a task analysis or visual schedule of the day's activities as well as choice boards. It allows you to add video or sound. The schedules can be printed out for hard copies from pdf. https://www.goodkarmaapplications.com/first-then-visual-schedule.html

- ○ *iCommunicate, by Grembe Inc.*: This app lets you design visual schedules, storyboards, communication boards, routines, flash cards, choice boards, speech cards, and more. It is customizable to meet your child's needs. https://apps.apple.com/us/app/icommunicate/id320986580

- ○ *i Create- i Create… Social Skills Stories* is an application with the ability to customize sequential steps of a storyline for individuals who need help building their social skills. The app is designed to make unlimited personalized social skill story books. https://apps.apple.com/us/app/i-create-social-skills-stories/id513666306

- ○ *Pictello* (available on app store) - a make-your-own visual story app with lots of options for customization! Great for social stories or showcasing fun memories. https://www.assistiveware.com/products/pictello

- ○ *TimeTimer* (available on the app store and android market). Great visual timer for our students. https://apps.apple.com/us/app/time-timer/id332520417 Note that while this is the official "TimeTimer" app, there are several similar apps on the store that are completely free of charge.

- ○ *Visual Countdown Timer*: a visual timer that allows you to set a picture to be gradually revealed as the timer runs. If the student is waiting for something specific, I like to set the picture to a visual representation of what the student is waiting for so they can visually see when it becomes "available". Available on the app store. https://apps.apple.com/us/app/visual-countdown-timer/id541364004

- ○ DayCape- Daily Visual Planner. Allows parents/caregivers and students to create visual daily schedules to help keep the students on track, knowing what they are doing that day. https://www.daycape.com/

- ○ The Autism iHelp series (available on the app store) has a massive library of simple apps on a variety of topics, from shapes to emotions, colors and much more. Some apps are completely free, while others have a small purchase price, depending on the amount of content provided https://apps.apple.com/us/app/autism-ihelp-play/id521485216

- **Educational Resources for Families:**

  - *Scholastic Learn at Home***:** Activities and resources for at-home learning: Click here
  - *BrainPop***:** Animated educational site for kids: www.brainpop.com
  - *GoNoodle***:** Movement for kids with repetition: www.gonoodle.com
  - *NAT Geo 4 Kids***:** Easy to follow science resources: kids.nationalgeographic.com
  - *Vooks***:** Audible books for students with music: https://www.vooks.com/parent-resources
  - *Smarty Symbols***:** Visual Support Access for families for 1 month: https://smartysymbols.com/
    Use Promo Code: HOMEVISUALS
  - *LessonPix:* Adapted materials for various activities and topics: https://lessonpix.com/sharing
  - *PRC AAC Language Lab***:** access to materials focused on the Unity and LAMP softwares.
    Free for two months: https://aaclanguagelab.com/#subscribe