

**Maine CITE welcomes you to today's webinar!**

# Speech and Communication Tools in AT4Maine

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The webinar will begin soon



# Serving all ages and all abilities!

## Maine CITE and partners provide:

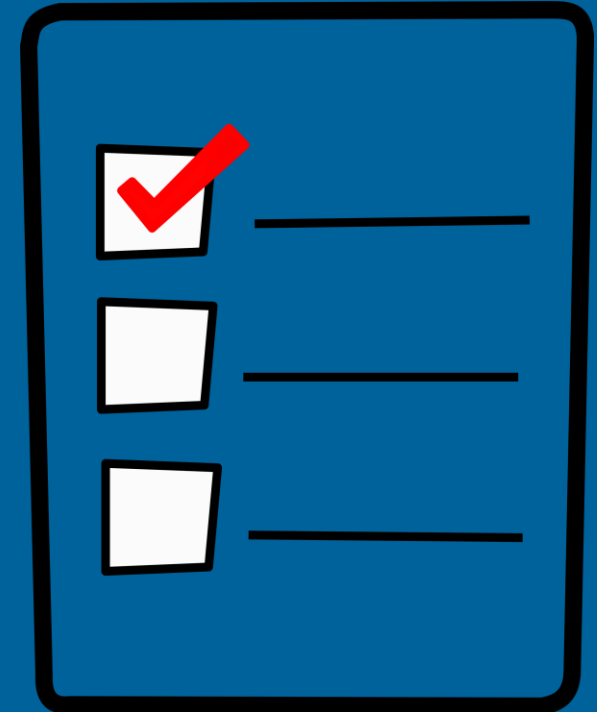
- Information and assistance
- Assistive technology training
- Device demonstrations
- Device short-term loans
- Device reuse

## Partners include:

- Spurwink ALLTECH
- Pine Tree Society
- Gallant Therapy Services
- John F Murphy Homes
- University of Maine  
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# Outline

- Discuss the focus of today's webinar
- Provide an overview of communication and speech augmentation and alternatives
- Low-tech, Mid-Tech and High-tech devices available in AT4Maine



# The Focus of this Webinar is to Introduce:

## Speech and Communication Devices:

**AAC:** Augmentative and  
Alternative Communication

**Augmentative** tools that  
add to or clarify speech

**Alternative** tools are used  
instead of speech

## AT4Maine Device Lending Library:

**Maine CITE's** online  
lending library of Assistive  
Technology (AT) and AAC  
devices

# Thank you to Meg Jackins!



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# Why and how we communicate

- Get and give information
- Social interaction
- Express needs and wants

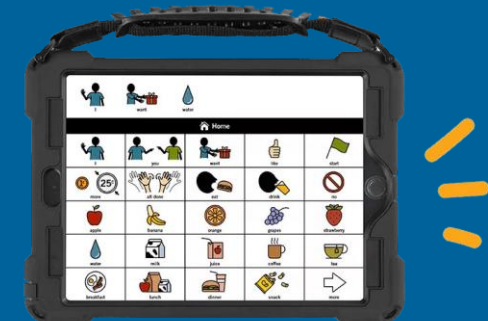
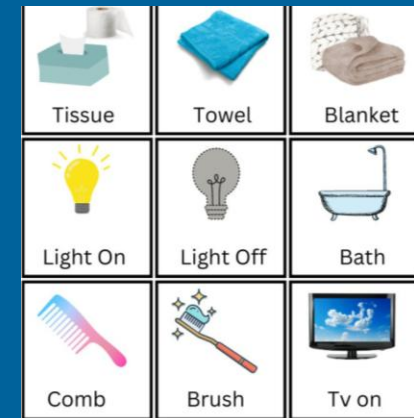


# AAC Evaluations Overview



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




































































- manual signs
- gestures
- finger spelling
- tangible objects
- line drawings
- picture communication boards and letter boards
- speech-generating devices



# Feature Matching



# Core words

I, me, my 	is, am, are = 	go 	to 	not 	what 	hi 	you're welcome 	People 	Bodies 
you, your 	do 	want 	in 	more 	how 	please 	go bathroom 	Time 	Care 
he, she, it, they 	have 	like 	on 	good 	when 	wait 	something's wrong 	Food 	Places 
this 	can 	get 	for 	now 	where 	let's 	sorry 	Math 	School 
that 	see, look 	help 	up 	different 	who 	yes 	cool 	Plans 	Work 
we, us 	will 	stop 	with 	finished 	why 	no 	I don't understand 	Repair (flip over) 	Vehicles 
some 	put 	say 	here 	big 	very 	maybe 	thanks 	Animals 	Nature 
all 	make 	turn 	open 	same 	favorite 	I think that 	something to say 	I need my AAC 	Letters (flip over) <b>A-Z</b>

AssistiveWare

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# Modeling: Say What You See



“ I see your big smile! I think you like that.”

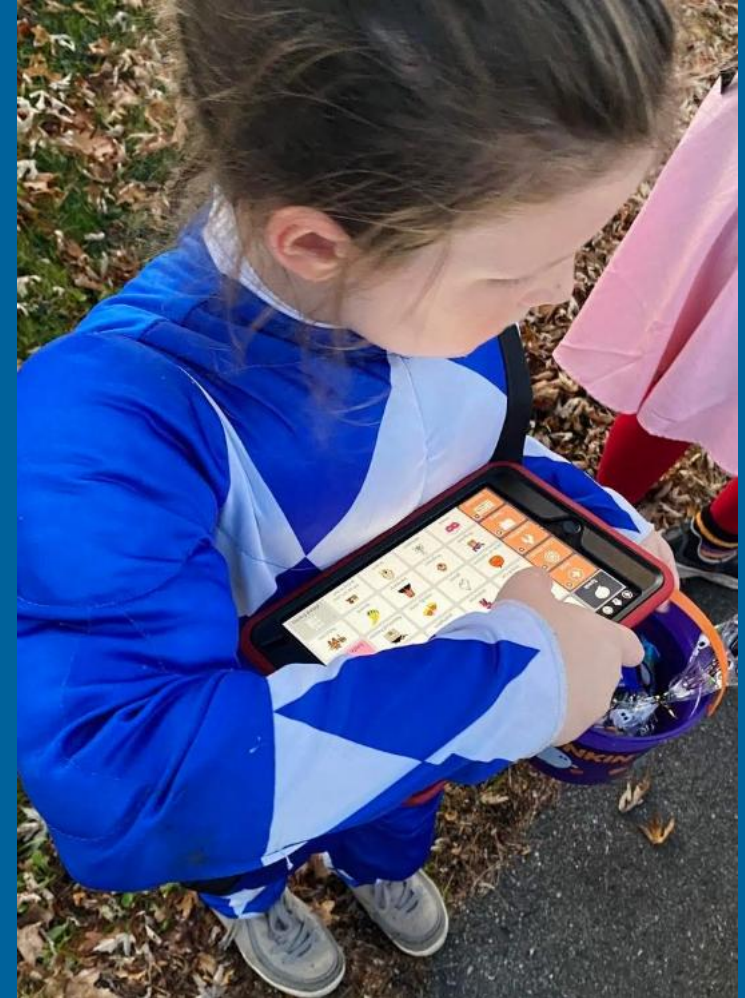


“You are looking up. I think you see that airplane. It is loud.”



“You sat down. I think you might be tired. Let’s be done with this.”

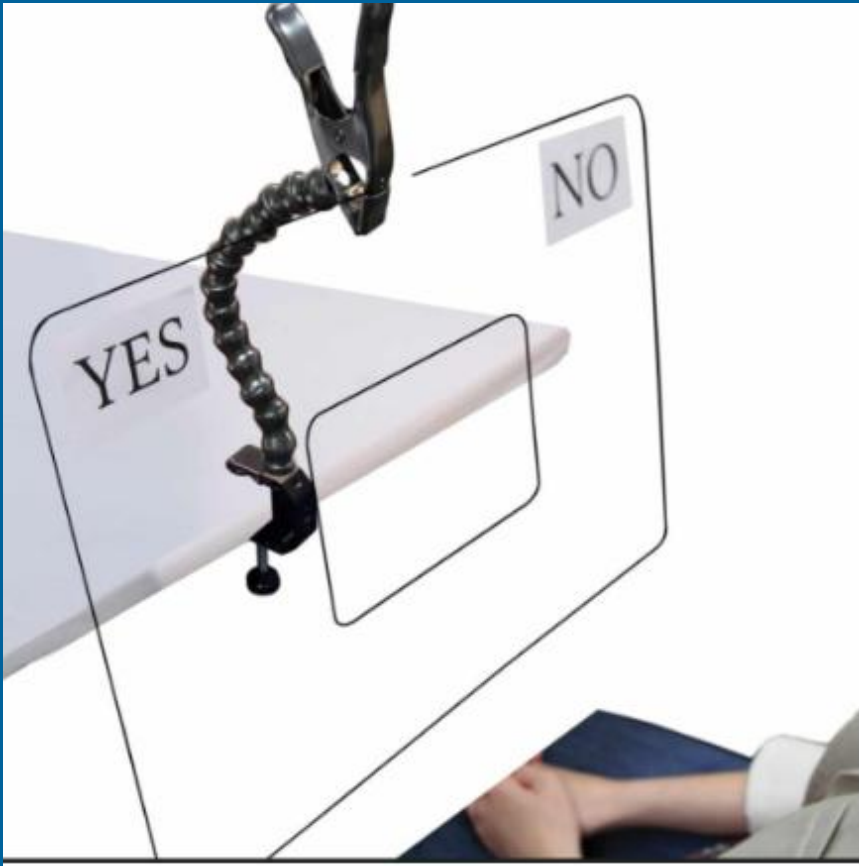
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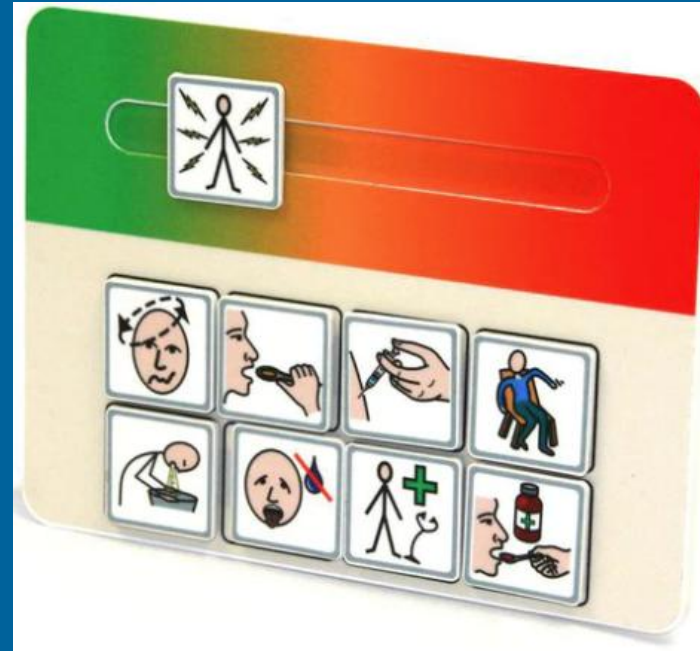
# Low Tech and High Tech AAC



# Low-Tech Tools



# More Low Tech



# Low-Tech continued



# Mid-Tech Tools



# Mid-Tech Tools continued

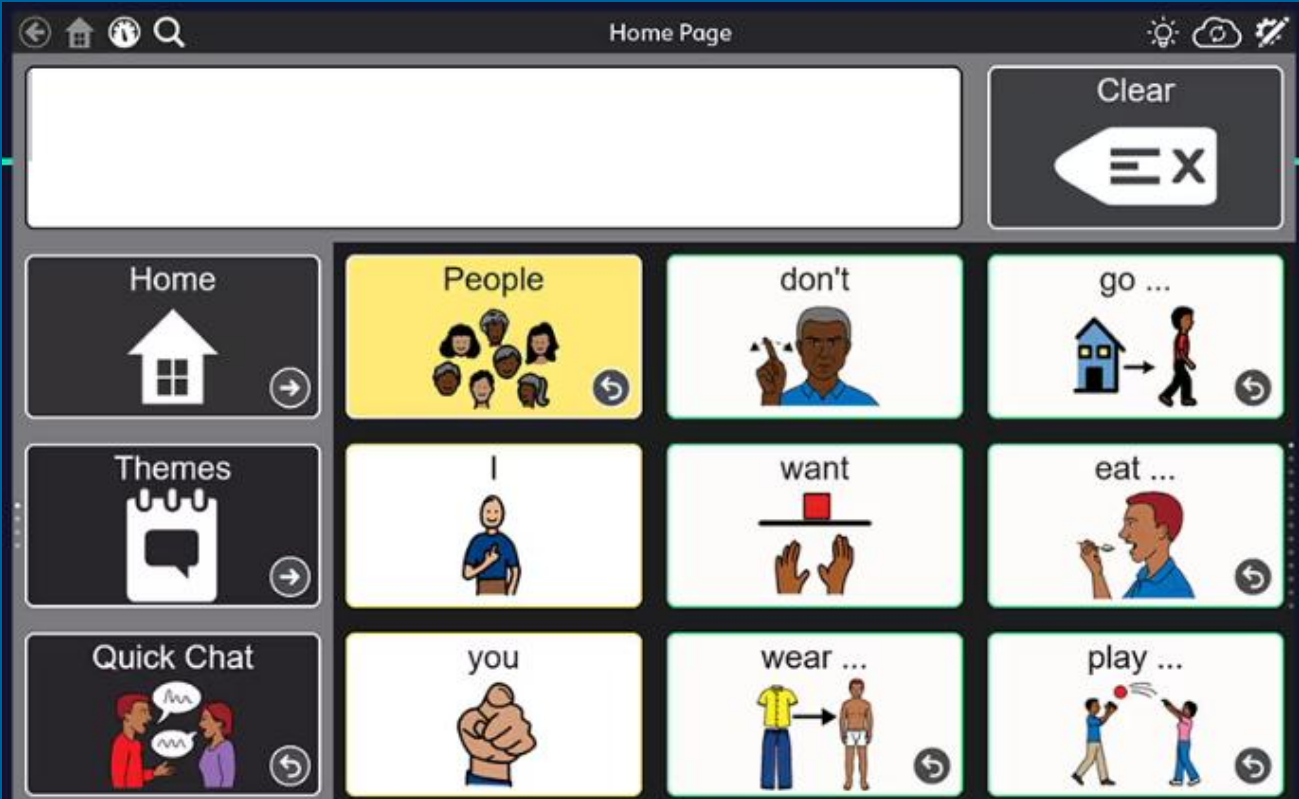


# SuperTalker FeatherTouch by AbleNet

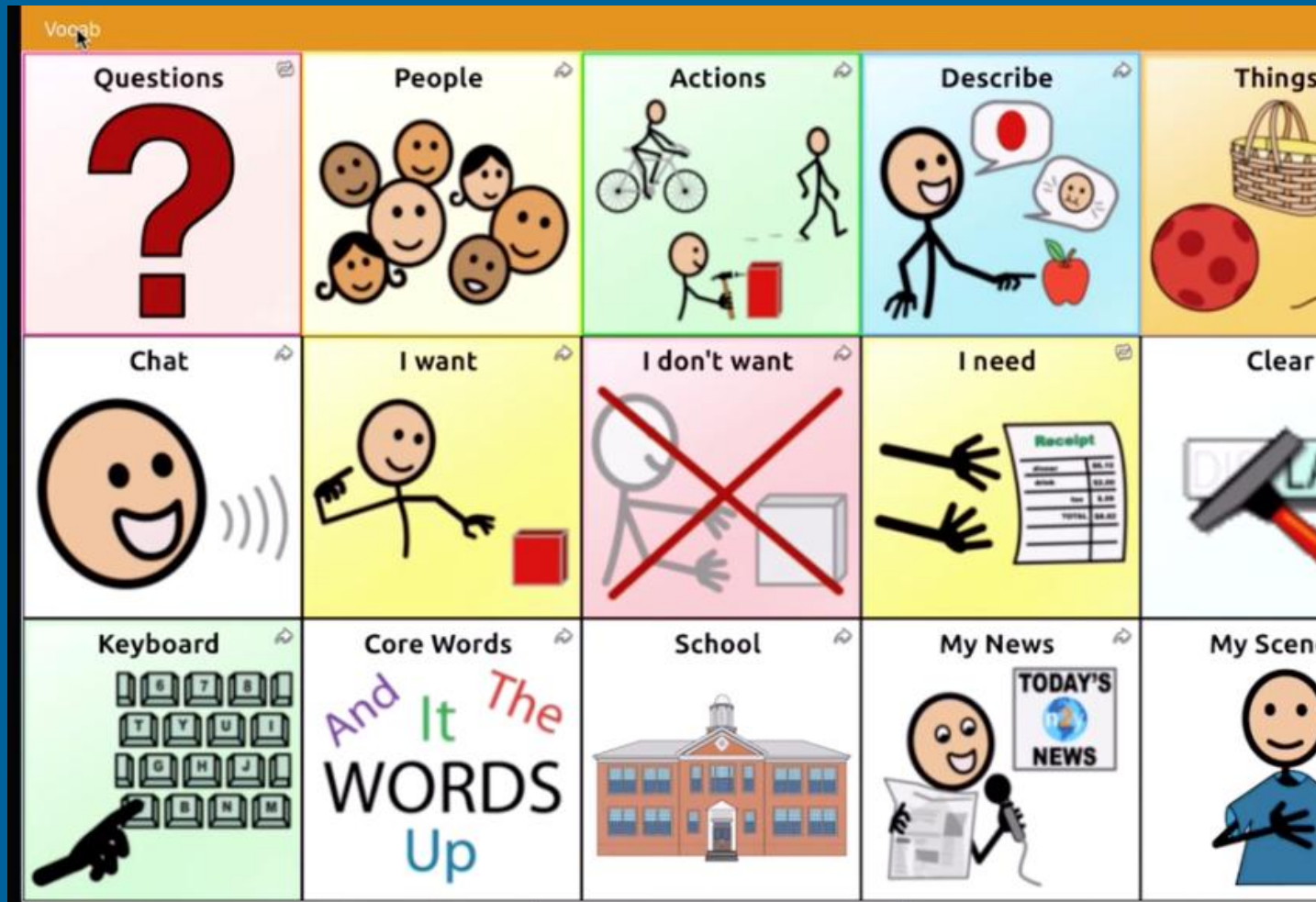


# High Tech: Dynamic Displays

## TDSnap Apps



















# TouchChat Apps HD with Word Power



# Proloquo2Go



# LAMP Words for Life

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look 	I 	in 	fast 
you 	like 	read 	more 
work 	want 	turn 	get 
play 	not 	eat 	no 

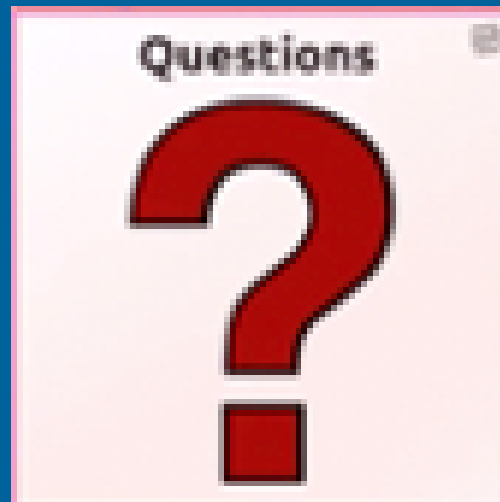


# More AAC Apps Available through AT4Maine

- Unity AAC
- Avaz
- Weave Chat
- Let Me Talk
- PECS
- Phase 3
- Go Talk Now

The screenshot shows the AT4Maine website interface. The browser address bar displays [at4maine.org/item](http://at4maine.org/item), which is circled in red. The website header includes the Maine CITE logo (Assistive Technology for all ages and all abilities!) and a search bar with the placeholder text "Enter a keyword or phrase to search.". A navigation menu on the left side lists: Login or Create Account, Home, ITEMS (with sub-items: Newly Listed Items and Item List, where "Item List" is circled in red), CONTACT (with sub-items: Contact Us and Participating Programs). The main content area is titled "Search Results" and features several filter options: Category (set to "Speech Communication", circled in red), Program (set to "- All Programs -"), Transaction Type (set to "- All Transaction Types -"), and Zip Code (empty). A blue button labeled "Search by Website Category" is also circled in red. At the bottom, a "Sorting:" dropdown menu is set to "Item Name A-Z".

# Questions?



# Reach out! We are here to help!

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