

Wisconsin Assistive Technology Regional Network (WATRAN)

In partnership with the Wisconsin AAC Network



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Spring
2019 Meeting

WELCOME

MISSION

To provide a platform where AT/AAC specialist around the state of Wisconsin are able to meet in regional groups to provide each other support, share knowledge and raise awareness around current issues facing school based AT/AAC professionals.

VISION

Foster a grassroots effort to fill a gap left behind by the defunding of WATI. Bring Wisconsin back to a place where AT/AAC professionals are created, developed and supported in order to provide a high quality of AT/AAC services to all students with disabilities.

Today's Objectives...

- ❖ **Preview** of the Wisconsin AAC Network website! 
- ❖ **Learn** about Ablenet AT resources and tools
- ❖ **Understand** the basics of meaningful switch use for students with significant disabilities
- ❖ **Explore & share** both free and paid switch resources
- ❖ **Reflect** on new learning, network, and identify next steps

Spring Regional Network Meetings - Agenda

1. Introductions (10 min)
 - a. Name, District/Employer, Position
 - b. One thing you would like to learn more about today.
2. Assistive Technology Powerpoint, Hands-on, and Discussions (45 min)
 - a. Meaningful Switch Use
 - b. Switch Resources and hands-on practice
3. Ablenet - Mary Stagsetter (1 hour)
 - a. Devices
 - b. Trials
 - c. Funding process
 - d. Resources
 - e. Hands-on with Ablenet tools
4. Roundtable discussion/Network Opportunities/Case Studies (1 hour)

Communication and Sharing...

- ❖ Share all things Switch related (pictures, questions, ideas) on our [Spring WATRN Meeting Padlet](https://padlet.com/DisruptiveTeaching/WATRN_SPRING)
(https://padlet.com/DisruptiveTeaching/WATRN_SPRING)
- ❖ If you have a question during the meeting, but do not want to speak up, add it to our [backchannel chat](https://padlet.com/DisruptiveTeaching/Spring_Backchannel)
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WATR N School Committee Members

WATR N Leadership Team Bios



JOIN us and learn more about AAC,
volunteer opportunities, events, and
so much more!

<https://wisconsinaacnetwork.org/>

When should I consider using a switch?

- ★ Stepping Stones to Switch Access by Linda Burkhardt:
http://lindaburkhart.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/stepping_stones_chart_10_12.pdf
- ★ More Linda Burkhardt handouts!
<http://lindaburkhart.com/index.php/handouts/>

★ MODEL SWITCH USE
(use it, describe it, simplify it)!!



What are FREE switch accessible resources?

FREE!

- ◀ **Tarheel Reader:** <https://tarheelreader.org/>
- ◀ **SEN Switch for People Learning Access Skills:**
https://www.ianbean.co.uk/ss_senswitcher/
- ◀ **Shiny Learning:** <http://www.shinylearning.co.uk/freegames/index.shtml>
- ◀ **Softpedia Online Resources:** <http://hiyah.net/online.htm>
- ◀ **APPS:**
 - ◀ **Sensory App House:** <http://www.sensoryapphouse.com/>
- ◀ **Using the iPad with Bluetooth Switch Control** (turning pages, music on/off, etc.):
https://www.ablenetinc.com/downloads/dl/file/id/754/product/178/ios_10_switch_control_simplifying_switch_access_with_recipes.pdf

What are some PAID switch resources?

PAID - subscription (very limited district licenses available):

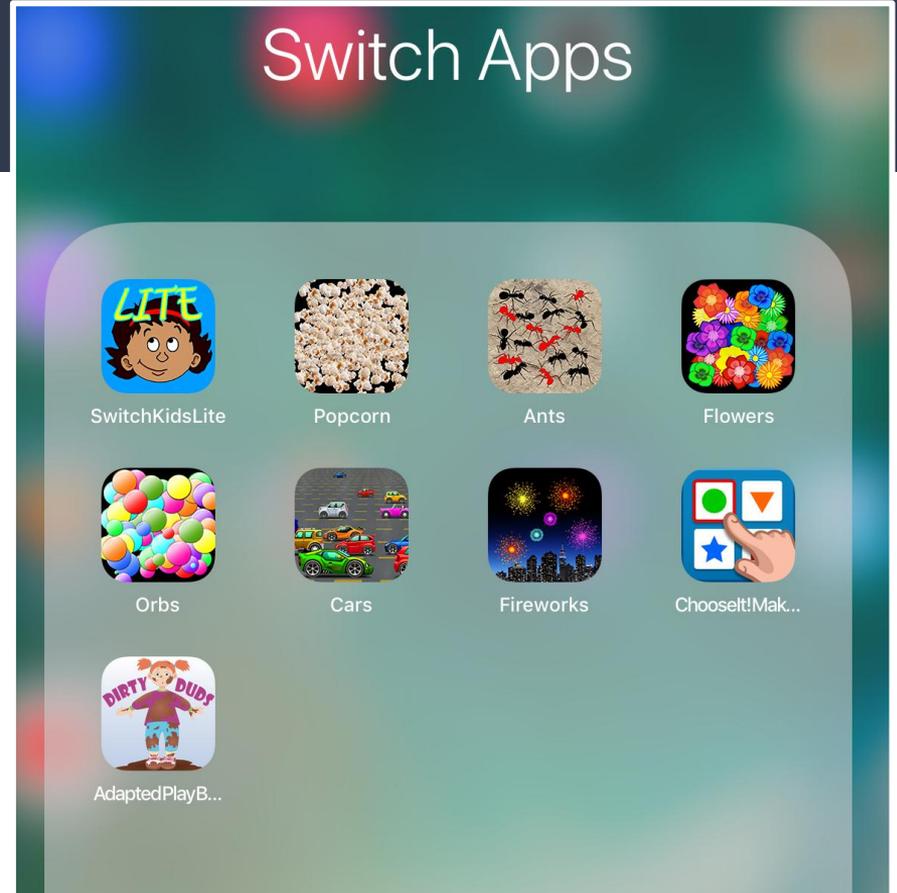
- ◀ **Help Kidz Learn:** <https://www.helpkidzlearn.com/>

PAID - apps:

- ◀ **Judy Lynn Software:** <http://www.judylynn.com/index.html>
- ◀ **Judy Lynn Apps:** <http://www.judylynn.com/ipad/>
- ◀ **Pictello App:**
https://download.assistiveware.com/pictello/files/Pictello_Quickstart_Manual.pdf

More iPad apps...

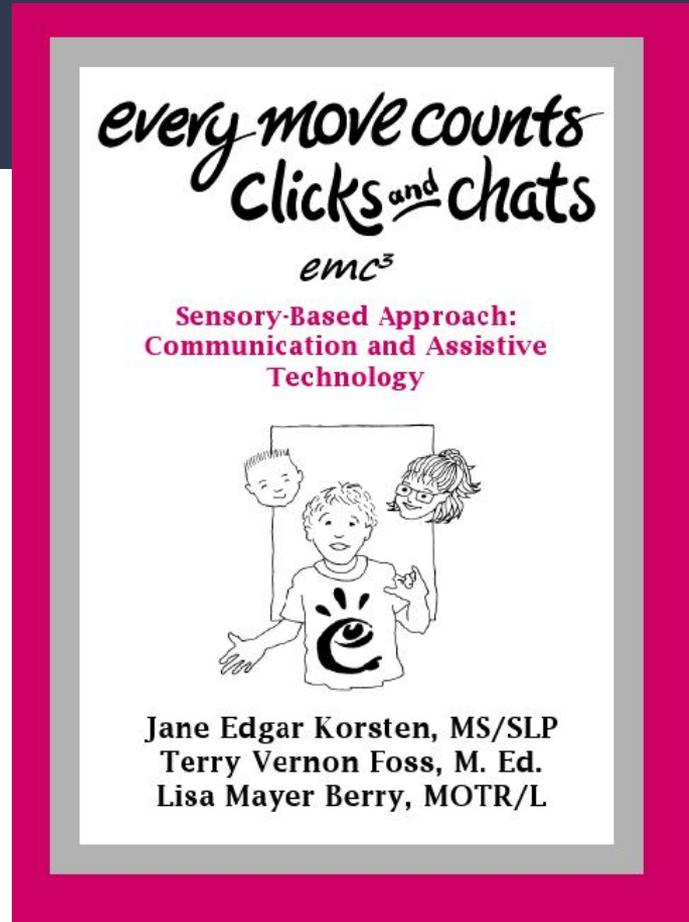
Anyone have more ideas??



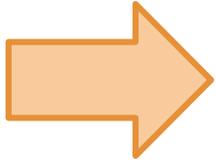
Other Resources

Every Move Counts

<http://everymovecounts.net/>

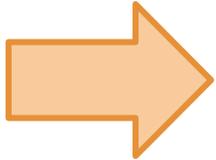


Still need help? It's FREE!



AT Internet Modules - FREE!

<https://atinternetmodules.org/>



**WATI (Wisconsin Assistive
Technology Initiative) - FREE!**

<http://www.wati.org/>

Social Media: #WATRN

- If you're on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) and see any great resources to share, please use **#WATRN** so that we can begin using this as a new way to stay current with our AT skills! It's an easy way to search for resources from each other on social media. Give it a try on Twitter and you'll see a great post from Cassie Frost on Google Keep!
- Another great Twitter resource is the #ATChat on Wednesday nights. There is a facilitator that leads a group discussion by using the #ATChat hashtag.
- Resources for families: [Wisconsin AAC Network Family Support on Facebook](#)

Let's explore AbleNet with Mary Sagstetter...



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Case Studies/Networking/ Roundtable Discussion

Survey time!

Please share your feedback.



If you have any questions and/or need support you are welcome to contact any of the WI AAC Network's school committee members. If you would like to host a meeting in your area, please contact Mike Hipple.

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Thank you for attending the WATRN meeting!

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- **Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI). (2017). Autism Technology Internet Modules. Retrieved from <http://www.atinternetmodules.org/>**

Other links:

- **United States Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication: <https://ussaac.org/>**
- **Please join the - Wisconsin AAC Network: <http://wisconsinaacnetwork.org>**