An Introduction to the Chat Family

Explore to Know More

Agenda:
- Meet & Greet
- Saltillo Overview
- NOVA chat / TouchChat
- Intro to Core Words
- Device Exploration
- Questions/Discussion

Presenter Information
- This presentation will focus exclusively on Saltillo products/applications and will not include information regarding other similar or related products/applications.
- Disclosures:
  - Financial – Employee-owner of Saltillo Corporation
  - Non-Financial – ASHA Member, ASHA SIG 12 member, ISHA member.

This course is offered by: ASHA, CDE
Beginner level, Professional level.
Meet and Greet

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NOVA chat

NOVA chat Specifications

- Built on Android OS
- 4 Portable Sizes
  - 5 / 8 / 10 / 12 inch
- Built-in Camera for editing
Tablet Hardware

Bluetooth Amplifier

Power Button

Tech Support
Headphone Jack
Charging

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Charging

- Recommended to charge device every night
- Two ports
- Battery life

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- Direct Selection
  - Keyguards
  - Stylus
- Scanning
  - Switches
    - 1
    - 2
  - screen
  - Auditory
Chat Fusion Specifications

- Built on Android OS
- 10 inch
- 2.4 lbs
- Built-in Camera for editing

Direct Selection
- Advanced Scanning
  - Switches (1, 2, screen)
  - Auditory Prompts
  - Visual Effects
- Chat Point: Head Tracking

Symbols
- SS: Symbols Stix
- PCS: Picture Communication Symbols
Symbols
Speech Synthesizers
Chat Editor: computer software

Capture
- Captures the button sequences you select on Chat Editor for use in any document that has copy/paste capabilities (e.g., Word, PowerPoint, etc.)
- **FREE 1.5 hour CEU training: Chat Editor: Explore and Create**
  - Once a month
  - Register at: [http://saltillo.com/webinars](http://saltillo.com/webinars)
  - Hands on. Make and Take

Capture
- Select **CAPTURE**
- As you select a button it will put that icon in your “Button Capture” window.

https://www.youtube.com/user/saltillocorp
Capture

Paste into document

Symbols
- Speech Synthesizers
- Chat Editor: computer software
- Fully Customizable
- 20+ vocabulary files and 4 additional languages
- Writing Enhancement Features
  - Word Finder

Settings: Profiles

Watch the webinar on Profiles online
http://sattillo.com/training/video/nova-chat-profiles
TouchChat

- Full featured communication application for the Technology (available through iTunes)
- Digitized or synthesized speech
- Pre-stored vocabulary files and ability to purchase additional vocabulary
- Customizable (on device or purchased Windows software)
- Access – direct select (iOS Scanning)
- Symbol Stix
- Social Chat
- iShare

Vocabulary Options

- Included with basic purchase ($149.99)
  - 4 Basic
  - Vocab PC
  - Spelling
  - My QuickChat
    - 4, 8, & 12 location child
    - 8 & 12 location adult
  - MultiChat 15 (Student, Adolescent, Adult)
  - Spanish vocabulary pack
In App – Vocabulary Options

- Hebrew Language: $149.99
- iEssence: $99.99
- Talk About AAC: $44.99
- Gateway: $149.99
- Pixon: $79.99
- WordPower: $149.99 (can be bundled)

Vocabulary Files

Lots of DIVERSITY → Lots of OPTIONS!

- NOVA chat
- TouchChat

★ indicates the primary method of message formulation typically used with the file.
✓ indicates additional methods of message formulation available within the file.

All vocabulary files can be modified, and an AAC user may utilize a vocabulary file in a different manner. This is meant as a guide.

Selecting a Vocabulary

Consider the Client
- Motoric Abilities
- Visual Abilities
- Cognitive Abilities
- Language Abilities
- Language Needs
- Strengths
- Presume Competence
- Consider the future

Consider the Vocabulary File
- Who developed it?
- Why was it developed?
- How is it organized?
- What is the button size?
- With my client in mind:
  - What are advantages?
  - What are limitations?
  - How efficient is it?
  - How much will it grow?
  - What communicative functions will it allow?
What is Core Vocabulary?

Messages and words that are frequently used by many individuals across many contexts. This vocabulary typically consists of "functor" words such as "is, was, he, she," common nouns (e.g., people’s names), pronouns, and primary verbs (e.g., like, want).

- Reusable across contexts.
- 250-400 words make up 75-85% of the words we say.
- Same words across gender, age, topic, setting, disability.

(Beukelman & Mirenda, 1992; Vanderheiden & Kelso, 1987)

Classes of Words – CORE vocab

- VERBS: Go, get, do, want, like, make, play, stop
- ADJECTIVES: Big, little, red, funny, wet, dry
- PREPOSITIONS: Under, over, on, off, in, out
- PRONOUNS: I, my, you, yourself, his, her, she, it
- INTERJECTIONS: Yes, no, please, all done, cool, hey
- QUESTION WORDS: What, where, when, why
- ADVERBS: Here, there, always, never, not

What class of words is missing?

NOUNS
WordPower – How

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Additional Resources

www.saltillo.com

- Manual/Quick Reference Guide
- Webinars/Video Tutorials
- Implementation materials
- NOVA chat & TouchChat users group on Facebook

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