AAC and Social Media: Making Connections

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Key Learning Outcomes

• Participants will understand why we value social connections for AAC users
• Participants will learn about social media opportunities for the people they know who use AAC
• Participants will learn techniques for connecting to social media through various AAC devices (tablets and iPads)
Overview of Session

• Making connections with others is an important social aspect of learning to use augmentative communication well.

• People who use AAC can connect with others through social media and web 2.0 tools, including Skype, Facebook, Messaging, and E-mail.

• We will demonstrate how AAC devices can connect as alternate keyboards and how iPads can use sharing options to send messages, pictures and video.

• Speakers will include consumers from ValleyLife Adult Day Program DTA 6, either in person or via Skype.

• Individuals will share personal experiences and connections.
Social Connections

• Establishing a topic (common interests)
• Sharing information
• Giving opinions
• Asking questions
• Practicing how to start/end conversations
Equipment Connections

• MMS (texting)
• USB to another computer (keyboard/mouse emulation)
• Bluetooth pair with a phone
• Bluetooth pair with a receiver plugged into another computer (keyboard/mouse emulation)
• With an internet connection (WIFI or cellular data)
  – Send e-mail or post on-line
  – Upload screenshots or other images
Vendor Connections

- www.saltillo.com/support (e-ticket)
- www.prentrom.com
- www.tobiidynavox.com
- www.speakforyourself.com
- www.gotalknow