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Calendar of Events

2018-2019 REGIONAL MEETINGS

Benton-Stearns Ed District Office, Sartell MN

9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

September 17

October 17

November 19

December 19

January 16

February 20 (possible project work day)

March 20

April 17

May 15

37th ANNUAL CLOSING THE GAP CONFERENCE

Mystic Lake Center, Prior Lake, MN

September 30-October 1 (Pre-Conference), October 2-4, 2019

CHARTING THE CS CONFERENCE

Arrowwood, Alexandria, MN

April 6 (Family Day), 7 (Pre-Conference), 8 & 9, 2019

AT Information: Listservs

AT Listserv

The AT Listserv is a wonderful resource for educators who work with students who use technology for learning. Members ask questions, share information, and discuss topics that are relevant to our day-to-day work with students ages birth through 21.

How to Join: To subscribe, visit or send a message with the word “subscribe” in it to the request address, mn.at@mailmanlists.us for further instructions.

To Post on the Listserv: Send message to mn.at@mailmanlists.us. Complete the subject line identifying the topic of your post. Type your message and send it. Remember confidentiality when posting!

QIAT Listserv

The Quality Indicators for Assistive Technology (QIAT—pronounced quiet) listserv is a place to share resources, questions ideas, and problem-solving in an on-going email discussion (there are archives and a website of resources to assist you, too). To sign up, go to the following website <http://qiat.org> and follow the links to join the listserv.

Technology Resources for Vulnerable Students

Autism Speaks

The website for [Autism Speaks](#) features a “Safety Products and Services” page. It is packed with technology related to safety. It is an excellent resource and should be visited frequently for updates and changes in products and services.

Alert Me Bands

Wrist bands to communicate medical, special needs, and allergy alerts. The cloth bands communicate what the student may not be able to share in an emergency. [Alert Me Bands](#)

AMBER Alert GPS

“The [AMBER Alert GPS](#) Smart Locator is a durable, child friendly product that works hand-in-hand with our easy-to-use parent app and portal, keeping busy families connected with tracking information and voice functionality.” This app can be used to keep in touch with a child.

Angel Guard

[Angel Guard](#) is a “seatbelt release cover which acts as a safety barrier that deters children from unbuckling their seatbelts.”

AngelSense

“[AngelSense](#) provides a GPS voice monitoring solution to keep children with special needs safe and well cared-for. The solution includes a wearable GPS device—designed to address sensory issues and a friendly app based on smart analytics. Parents use this product to oversee their child’s daily routine in real time, listen in to make sure they are treated well, get alerts for location changes, locate lost child with live updates, and view pictures of visited locations.”

Be Safe the Movie

[Be Safe the Movie](#) is a video modeling product for teenagers and adults with ASD. It uses actors and simulated interactions between the actor and real police officers to show appropriate behavior. There is also an evidence-based teaching tool and curriculum to accompany the video modeling.

Care Trak

[Care Trak](#) has been used since 1986 to locate at-risk individuals who wander.

ELPH Safety Band ID

[ELPH](#) (Easy Look Up to Phone Home) uses a silicone wristband with a QR Code and 24/7 hotline to help keep the student with ASD in touch with family if he/she wanders.

ICE4Autism

[ICE4Autism](#) stores the student’s contact information and individual needs for first responders and ER personnel. One feature is the “alert my emergency contacts” feature to send an alert to the emergency contact.

If I Need Help

[If I Need Help](#) uses a QR code on patches, shoe tags, ID cards, window clings, bumper stickers, dog tags, pins, clips, etc. to share the student’s contact and emergency information.

Keep Me Safe IDs

[Keep Me Safe IDs](#) doesn’t charge a monthly or annual fee. The company offers message alerts with GPS location, password protection, etc.

Kheelz

[Kheelz](#) is provides an ICE card and medical alert ID as a shoe insert or “sticker” to be used in an emergency.

MedicAlert

[MedicAlert](#) has medical IDs specific for students with ASD.

MX-LOCare™ GPS Watch

This is a wearable GPS watch used for emergency location of wandering individuals. Easily programmed for changing needs. This watch is available from [Adiant Mobile](#).

Safety Teaching Stories from Twigtale

Autism Speaks and Twigtale have collaborated to create scripted social stories that can be personalized to teach safety. Available from [Twigtale](#).

Seatbelt Buckle Guard—Buckleroo

This seatbelt buckle guard prevents the seatbelt from being opened while the vehicle is moving. The Buckleroo can be released in an emergency. It is available from [eSpecial Needs](#).

Smart911

The [Smart911](#) app allows you to create a profile to provide information to first responders. Provides weather, traffic, and other emergencies in the community.

SwingSafe

[SwingSafe](#) is an inserted back support attachment for standard playground swings to protect children 18 months to 5 years of age (up to 100 lbs) with adult supervision.

Trackimo

[Trackimo](#) is a small device that uses a GPS/GSM tracker and your phone to keep track of the child. The device also has an SOS button to alert you if the child needs help.

Floreo

[Floreo](#) is a virtual reality system to help teach social and communication skills. The system has lessons and videos and a data collection system.