

SMART APP PACKET

for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing & People With Speech Difficulties





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As part of the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing's (VDDHH) mission to reduce communication barriers it is our pleasure, to present the Smart App Packet. This guide contains a list of apps available to individuals who have a hearing loss and/or speech difficulties.

Some of the listed resources may be accessed free of charge, while others may require fees. VDDHH does not assume responsibility of any fees associated with the resources listed herein. In addition to providing resources to the community as part of our mission, our agency also provides a Technology Assistance Program (TAP) which offers specialized telecommunication equipment and assistive technology to qualified applicants as a solution to their communication needs. For additional TAP information, or to learn more about how to apply, please feel free to contact VDDHH by phone at (804) 662-9502, videophone at (804) 325-1144, or by email at TAP@vddhh.virginia.gov. In addition to the Smart App Packet provided by VDDHH, additional app resources are available from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) by using the following link, www.fcc.gov/ach

VDDHH also responds to requests for information and referrals regarding a variety of topics related to hearing loss including but not limited to assistive technology, communication methods, captioning, hearing aids, interpreting, telecommunications, and American Sign Language. Please feel free to contact VDDHH by phone at (804) 662-9502, videophone at (804) 325-1290, or by email at info@vddhh.virginia.gov.

We appreciate your interest in the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

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In Person Captioning Apps:

The apps listed below will provide captions for conversations that are taking place in person. Some apps are free while others do have a fee. The Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing does not assume responsibility for the cost of these apps.



Ava: Available for Apple (iOS) users

https://apps.apple.com/us/app/ava-communicate-beyond-barriers/id1030067058



BigNote: Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users https://apps.apple.com/us/app/big-note/id1448497055



Cardzilla: Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users http://www.cardzilla.ws/



Easy Talk Pro: Available for Android users

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tost.frederic.easytalk.pro&hl=en_US&gl=US



Hearing Helper: Available for Apple (iOS) users

https://www.iaccessibility.com/apps/deaf/index.cgi/product?ID=338



iOS



Android

Live Transcribe: Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users

https://www.livetranscribe.app/



Make it Big: Available for Android

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.suspedeal.makeitbig&hl=en_US&gl=US&pli=1



Otter: Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users

https://otter.ai/



Sorenson BuzzCards: Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users who also use the Sorenson Video Phone App only

https://apps.apple.com/us/app/sorenson-buzzcards/id380582593

Telecommunications Captioning Apps:

The mobile apps listed below are apps that will provide captions for all telephone calls made or received by the app user. Captioning services are paid for by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). All app users must have a hearing loss in order to utilize these services. Some apps are free while others do have a fee. The Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing does not assume responsibility for the cost of these apps.



Android TTY/RTT Options: TTY/RTT directions for Android users https://support.google.com/accessibility/android/answer/9042284?hl=en



Apple (iOS) TTY/RTT Options: TTY/RTT directions for Apple (iOS) users https://support.apple.com/guide/iphone/rtt-and-tty-iph3e2e47fe/ios



CaptionMate: Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users https://www.captionmate.com/



Caption Call: Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users https://captioncall.com/products/mobile-app



Clear Caption: Available for Apple (iOS) users, coming soon for Android users https://clearcaptions.com/mobile-phone/



Hamilton CapTel: Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users https://hamiltoncaptel.com/mobile-apps-for-smartphones-and-tablets.html



Nagish: Available for Android and Apple (iOS) https://www.talknagish.com/



InnoCaptions: Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users https://www.innocaption.com/technology



Olelo: Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users https://www.olelophone.com/



T-Mobile IP Relay: Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users https://www.tmobileaccess.com/services/iprelayinfo

Video Call/Video Relay (VRS) Apps:

The apps listed below are video platforms for visual communication access for individuals who use signed language as a primary mode of communication. Some of the apps listed work with Video Relay Service (VRS), while others are only video platforms that can be utilized for direct communication. The Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing does not assume responsibility for the cost of these apps.



Convo (VRS): Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users https://convorelay.com/download/



FaceTime: Available for Apple (iOS) users (*Captioning available within settings for iPhones 11+*) https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204380

https://support.apple.com/guide/iphone/turn-on-live-captions-in-a-facetime-call-iphb41156356/ios



Glide: Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users https://www.glide.me/



Marco Polo: Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users https://www.marcopolo.me/



ntouch (Sorenson VRS): Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users https://www.sorenson.com/video-relay/apps/



Oovoo: Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users https://www.oovoo.com/oovoo/



P3 Mobile (**Purple Communications VRS**): Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users https://www.purplevrs.com/p3mobile



Skype: Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users https://www.skype.com/en/get-skype/



Wavello (Sorenson VRS): Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users https://www.sorenson.com/video-relay/wavello/



Z5 Mobile (ZVRS): Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users https://www.zvrs.com/services/products3/z5/

Emergency Preparedness Apps:

The apps listed below may be helpful in emergency situations. Some will assist you in tracking weather changes, while others will provide alerts to any sounds that may happen around the user. The Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing does not assume responsibility for the cost of these apps.



American Red Cross Disaster Apps: Available Android and Apple (iOS) users Stay informed about emergency weather alerts by choosing between a standard Emergency App, Hurricane App, Tornado App, and/or Earthquake Apps provided by the American Red Cross depending on your need.

https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/mobile-apps.html



BeAware Deaf Assistant: Available for Apple (iOS) users

Provides alerts to any sounds identified around you and will provide in person speech to text captions. https://apps.apple.com/us/app/beaware-the-d-deaf-assistant/id1609670787



FEMA: Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users *Customized disaster resource to help you prepare for and recover from natural disasters.* https://www.fema.gov/about/news-multimedia/mobile-products#download



iPhone Sound Recognition: Available for Apple (iOS) users https://support.apple.com/guide/iphone/sound-recognition-iphf2dc33312/ios



The Weather Channel: Available for Android and Apple (iOS) users https://weather.com/news/news/2018-08-25-the-weather-channel-app-update



Sound Alert: Available for Apple (iOS) users http://www.soundalert.co/index.html



CLiME: NOAA Weather Radar Live: Available Android and Apple (iOS) users https://climeradar.com/

Speech Aide Apps:

The apps listed below assist by providing speech for the user. Some apps are free while others do have a fee. The Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing does not assume responsibility for the cost of these apps.



iSpeech Text to Speech: Available for *Multilingual Apple (iOS) and Android users https://www.ispeech.org/apps/tts



Proloquo2Go: Apple (iOS) tablet users https://www.assistiveware.com/products/proloquo2go



Proloquo4Text: Available for *Multilingual Apple (iOS) users https://www.assistiveware.com/products/proloquo4text



TouchChat: Available for Apple (iOS) users https://touchchatapp.com/