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To: Employed People with Autism or Intellectual Disabilities
Employers of People with Autism or Intellectual Disabilities
Employment Agencies

Project title: Remote Job Coach App

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Subject: Research Pilot Project Launched & Input Needed

OVERVIEW OF PROJECT: COVID-19 has fundamentally altered the way in which job support is provided to people with Autism or Intellectual Disabilities. Remote Job Coach App is a communication technology pilot project to test job coach software applications that can be used in the workplace.

WHAT IS A REMOTE JOB COACH APP? Remote job coach apps are designed to help you to attain work and be more independent in the workplace. With these apps you can capture a set of instructions in a step-by-step guide for future reference. For each step, inserting written direction, pictures and video is possible to help you with the task. Tasks can be set up by time or location, prompting you to start specific tasks. Once completed the task is removed until it is scheduled again – prompted again by time or location.

HOW DOES IT WORK? Management of the app can be done by your caregiver, employer, or family member. The app can be managed from the phone or tablet it is installed on or from a remote device. The benefit of managing the app remotely is that it can be used when changes need to be made without physical access to the device itself. As well an app is designed to track tasks and is uncluttered – no distractions to pull your attention away.



MORE INCLUSIVE WORKPLACE BEYOND COVID19. Together we will bring increased opportunities for employment and more independence in the workplace by utilizing appropriate software and hardware. This will lead to a better, more inclusive workplace.

TOP TEN BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEES, EMPLOYERS AND AGENCIES:

1. Ease of set up and maintenance
2. Reminders daily or work tasks
3. Always have access with the app on your phone
4. Access on a computer, tablet, or phone
5. Ability to text, speech, and video reminders
6. Tasks and reminders are available connected or unconnected (some apps)
7. Not bandwidth intensive so minimal plans required
8. Maintains social distancing measures
9. Transforms communication between employer, employee, and support network
10. Builds confidence and independence in the workplace as well as daily living.

INPUT NEEDED: Although the project is limited to Winnipeg and Manitoba, the project is always seeking input and testimonials from across the country and world about the use of technology and remote job coaching. Tell us how technology has helped you in the workplace.

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PROJECT PARTNERS: The project is led by Inclusion Winnipeg and partnered with three other parties, Premier Personnel, SCE Lifeworks, and Connect Employment.