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The staff at the CPD were astounded last week by the number of apps that would help people with developmental disabilities that are now available for the Apple products: iPad, iPhone, and iPod.

The presentation was made at the monthly CPD Brown Bag Discussion led by Clarissa Barnhill, AT Lab Coordinator, and Sachin Pavithran, AT Program Coordinator, from the Utah Assistive Technology Program (UATP). Interest was high as they demonstrated one after another of the latest apps that could be used by individuals of all ages and of all ability levels.

Here are some of the highlights:

Did you know there is an app that can verbally name close to 8000 symbols that are found in everyday life just by a simple touch on the screen? (Proloquo2Go™)

Did you know you can create a talking photo album or talking book by taking your own picture(s) with your Apple device and adding your own voice? (Pictello)

Did you know you can magnify text or images up to 8x magnification just by pointing an Apple device at it? (Eye Glasses)

Did you know you can scan bar code labels and hear what product you are holding? (Digit Eyes)

Did you know you can record customized messages to help individuals with language disabilities communicate their needs? (Tap Speak Sequence)

Did you know that you could communicate over 11,500 words with sign language on an Apple device? (Sign 4 Me)

Technology is forging ahead by leaps and bounds and taking the disabled community right along with it, opening doors never dreamed of before.

If you would like to learn more about iPad apps and accessibility options, you can view an online training sponsored by the UATP.