

# CDP Update

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## Communication Device Spotlight



### Introducing the I-110

The I-110 features a purpose-built, ultra-rugged design, including being ‘dust tight’ and splash proof from any direction, with a Gorilla Glass screen. The I-110 is durable, reliable, and has a long-life battery.



The I-110 has multiple access method settings, and is compatible with a variety of different communication software options. If your client is just getting started as an emerging communicator, you may want to consider Snap Scene. Symbol-based communicators can use Snap + Core First to start communicating quickly. If your client is a literate, independent user, Communicator 5 or The Grid 3 provides advanced user functionality and control for face-to-face and virtual communication. If you are unsure about what software (or hardware for that matter) would best suit your client, contact the Communication Devices Program so that our clinicians can assist you!



#### Start your adventure

with a sleek yet durable, water-resistant design that can withstand accidental drops and spills, even without a protective case.



#### Go anywhere

with a built-in kickstand and numerous compatible access method inputs beyond touch, including switch-scanning, head-mouse, and touch with keyguards, etc.

### The I-110 is designed to give you peace of mind



#### Make a splash and be heard

with outward-facing speakers that project powerful sound and provide clear speech in any environment, even from across the room or in crowd.



#### Be fearless and communicate your way

with a full range of software apps, unique voices, and an ecosystem of support, you will always have a communication solution that works for you.

### Consider an I-110 for clients who:

- Require basic to advanced communication software, in a mid-sized device
- Require access to alternate modes of communication, including email, messaging and social media.
- Need computer access features in addition to communication

# Access and Selection Method Spotlight - EazyHold

**EazyHold Universal Cuff** The EazyHold® universal cuff grip assist is a general use strap that helps people accomplish daily living activities independently despite physical conditions impacting grip strength. The flexible universal cuffs attach securely to get a grip on handles of utensils, tools, toys and more!

We have found that the EazyHold cuffs are easy to use, and comfortable to wear. They work on both the standard and T-bar style stylus. They also come in a variety of sizes so that we can find the proper fit for the person.



## What makes EazyHold different from a traditional Universal Cuff?

EazyHold is the first and only silicone universal cuff that is completely hygienic and perfect to use and re-use in schools, hospitals, therapy centers and at home. The grip assists are not only hypoallergenic, they are also latex and BPA free. EazyHolds 100% silicone does not harbor bacteria and can be completely sanitized and washed at high temperatures. Best for kids, it's the first universal cuff designed for even the tiniest of hands. EazyHold is adaptable and can fit most anything; it is comfortable and comes in fun colors!



### Consider the EazyHold Universal Cuff for those clients that:

- have difficulty with grip strength or fatigue when using a stylus
- need a little extra support to maintain hand position of a stylus

# Clinician's Corner - MayMonth.ca



Speech and Hearing Month  
Mois de la parole et de l'audition

[www.speechandhearing.ca](http://www.speechandhearing.ca) | [www.paroleetaudition.ca](http://www.paroleetaudition.ca)



May is Speech & Hearing month here in Canada, and it's also Better Hearing & Speech Month in the US. Both National organizations, [Speech & Audiology Canada \(SAC\)](#) and [American Speech-Language-Hearing Association \(ASHA\)](#) have great resources and suggestions of how to get involved and promote #MayMonth!

You can check out some of the promotional material here:

[SAC Resources](#): including graphics, posters, info sheets, brochures, etc. They also have a [Kid's Hub](#) and a section on how to [Get Involved!](#)

[ASHA Resources](#): including graphics, posters, professional cards/signs, etc. They also have information and links to resources/education from 2017.

While looking into the resources for Speech & Hearing Month, I came across a new blog, [The Speech Space](#) created and run by Jessica Cassity. You can learn a little more about her here: [About Me](#). She has plenty of Freebies, including this post "[5 FabFreebies for SLPs. Better Hearing & Speech Month](#)".



In 2016, the Pan Canadian Alliance (PCA) of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Provincial Associations, put together a May Month 'Our Stories' video to highlight the great work that SLPs and Audiologists do! You can watch it here: [#MayMonthStories](#)

You can learn more about the PCA on the SAC website [here](#).

Simon the owl says "Whoooooo's going to spread the word about Speech & hearing month?? I hoooooooop it's you!"



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# Smartbox

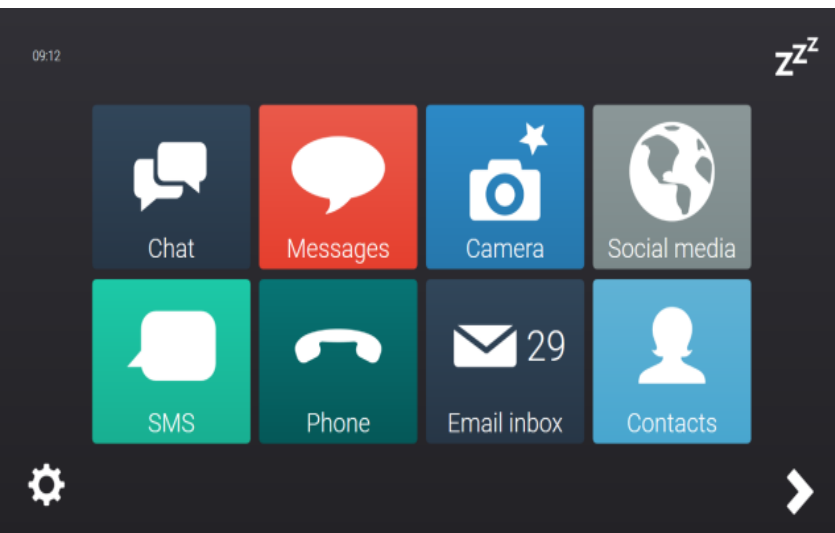
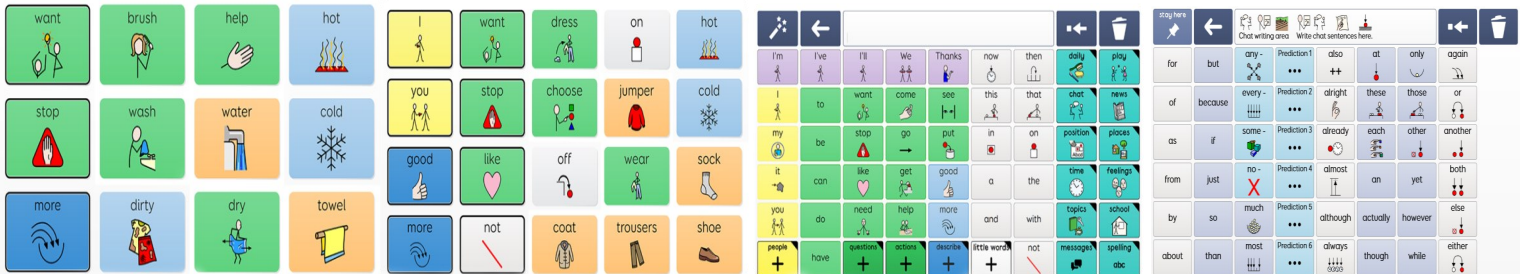
# GRID 3



The Grid by Smartbox (Previously Sensory Software) has continued to grow and develop over the years. It has become a truly versatile and user-friendly piece of software.

Some of the features that we love about The Grid 3 include:

1. A complete AAC software package ([symbol based](#), including [Super Core](#), or [text communication](#) available)
2. EASY and intuitive editing, **we all know how important that is!**
3. [Accessible Apps](#): there are a wide range of accessible apps to help our clients do more. There are grid sets for everything, from making a quick phone call, sending a text or emailing a photo, it is easier than ever to stay in touch with family and friends!
4. [Environmental Control](#): enables your client to control everything from lamps to your front door, your TV to your Hi-Fi, all by simply using your computer. \* **Note**: some of the above options require additional equipment that is NOT funded by the CDP.
5. [Computer Control](#): you are in the driving seat, with all of the tools you need to access your computer using multiple different access methods. Grid sets enable you to control every application you need for home, school or work.
6. Multiple languages available for clients (i.e. English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Hebrew, Greek and more!)



**Brand new** - hot off the presses in March 2018, [Super Core](#) is an easy-to-use core vocabulary designed to help early AAC users experience success with symbol communication. Super Core is designed to provide functional yet simple vocabulary, that supports language, learning and literacy development. It is grounded in research, and was developed by Smartbox Speech and Language Therapist, Daisy Clay.



# Odds and Ends - Talking in Emoji

## New, more inclusive Emoji proposed by Apple!

Have you seen this yet!?! Apple has proposed 13 new accessibility related emoji's! In a [proposal](#) to the [Unicode Consortium](#) on 23 March 2018, their opening statement suggested that, "Apple is requesting the addition of emoji to better represent individuals with disabilities. Currently, emoji provide a wide range of options, but may not represent the experiences of those with disabilities "



The article: [Apple Proposes New Accessibility](#)

[Emoji's](#), got me thinking about the way communication continues to change and evolve over time. I'm old now, so I still believe that the 😜 'winky' emoji means joking or 'ha ha', but after watching this video from Mashable on '[Jargonology and Emojis](#)', I now know that I have been flirting my way through many a text!

😲 I really hope that all of you understood that emoji to mean I was a little shocked and embarrassed.

It really brings up a good point though, and a reminder that symbols are all open to interpretation, and if we aren't taught what that symbol means, or whether it has multiple different meanings, we might not be communicating what we intended. Same goes for our clients!

In 2018, [157 new emoji's](#) were added to the standard. That brings the total number of emoji's to 2,823! You can get the full article here: [157 New Emojis in the 2018 Emoji List](#). Can you imagine what text exchange will look like in the years to come? Are pictorial representations of language going to be the way of the future? I'm having a hard time picturing a report written in emoji...



If you want to stay current and avoid text disasters like mine, you might want to check out [Emojipedia](#), an online dictionary of emoji and their multiple meanings.

Last but definitely not least, I think we need new emoji to reflect people with language and/or speech disabilities. Who wants to tackle it? Here's a blog post on how to [Pitch a new emoji and Submit a proposal to the Unicode Consortium!](#) It would be great to see an aphasia and/or Speech Generating Device emoji in the 2019 List of Standard Emoji!



Answer: With hard work and a little luck, we can achieve success!