Live Smart. Not Hard. Tools and Strategies for Making Life Easier

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Smartphone

The End.

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What is Assistive Technology?

AT Defined

Assistive technology (AT) is any product or piece of equipment used to maintain or improve the functional capabilities of people with disabilities.

These items may be commercially-made products intended as assistive technology, common products that have been modified to serve an individual's need, or custom-made. They may be as simple as using a loop-style drawer handle, or as complex as a sip-and-puff switch to operate a personal computer.

AT is Literally Anything

- Assistive Technology is literally ANYTHING that make life easier!
- People of all ages can benefit from services that help them with the AT they want to use at home, in school, or at work.

AT Example: Memory Loss

- Couple
- Husband with hearing loss
- Wife with dementia
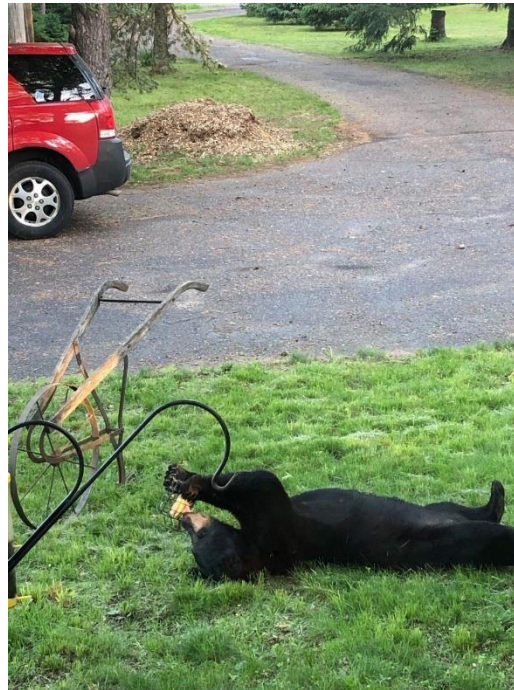- Wandering concerns

Making Life Easier

- Hear
- See
- Communicate
- Do and move
- Home and life management
- Have fun
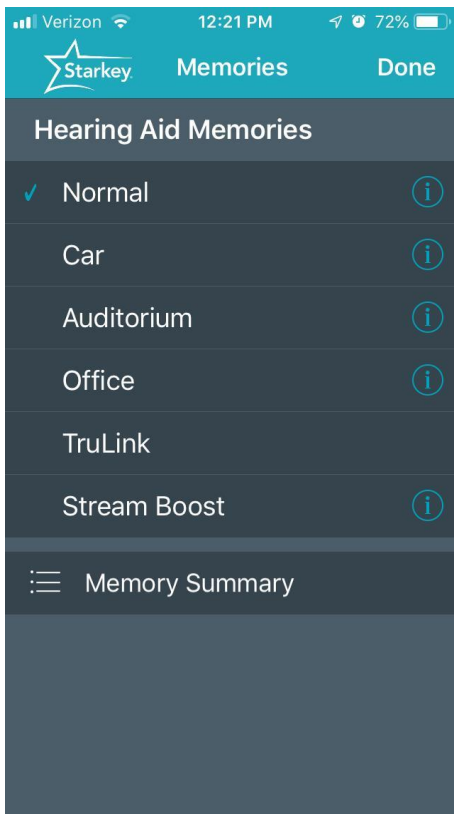- Get places
- Safety

- High tech
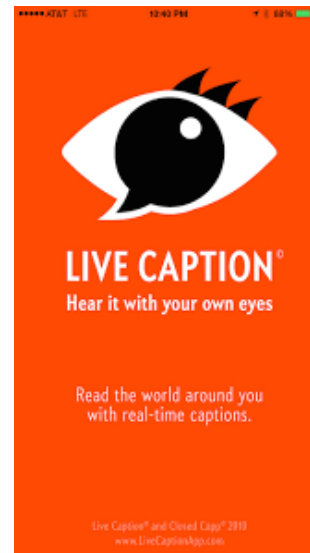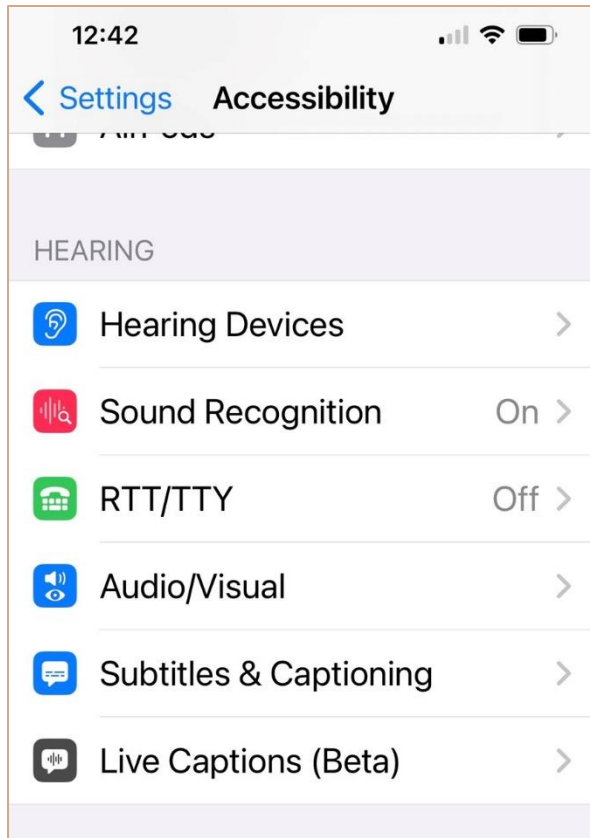- Low tech
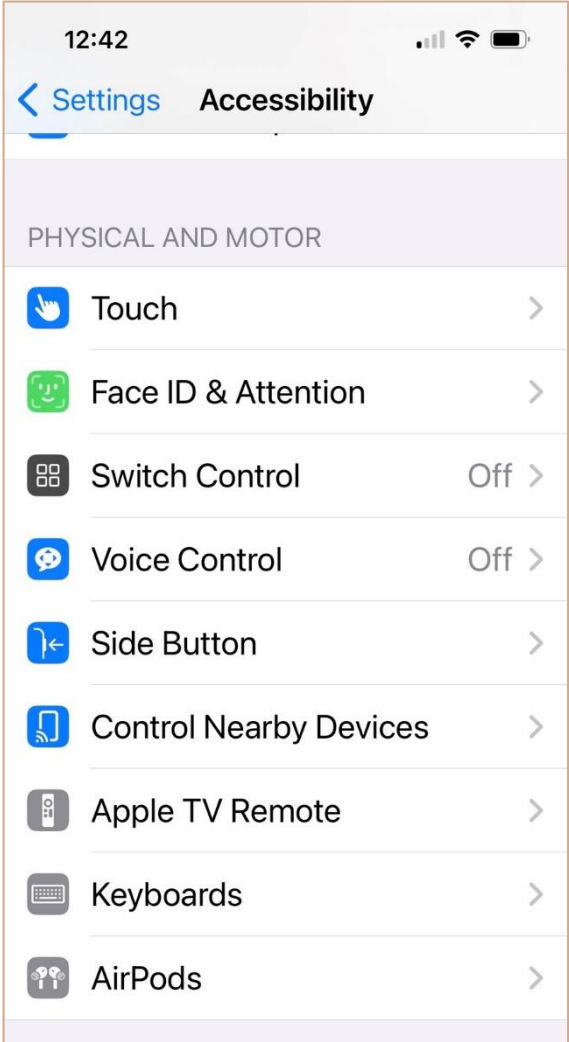- No tech

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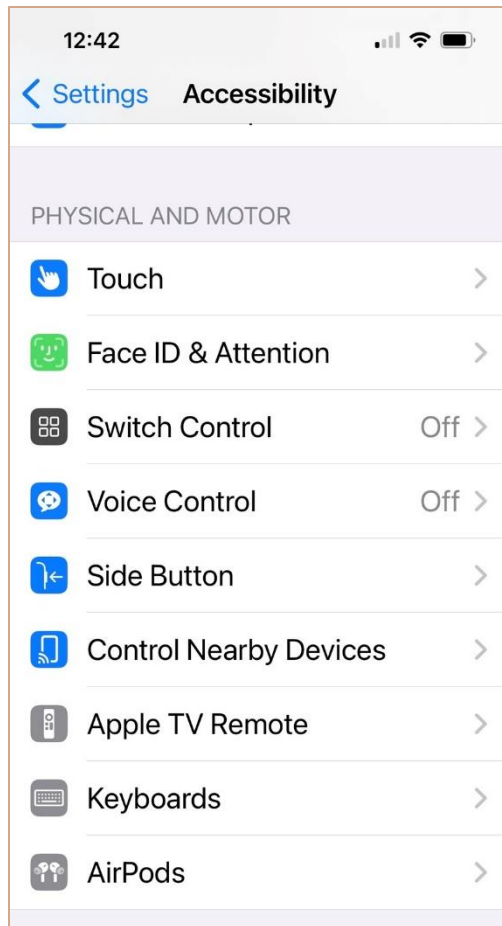
Thinking Creatively

Hear

More Hearing

Settings > Accessibility

12:42

< Settings   **Accessibility**

HEARING

Hearing Devices   >

Sound Recognition   On >

RTT/TTY   Off >

Audio/Visual   >

Subtitles & Captioning   >

Live Captions (Beta)   >

Noise 10:09

100 dB

⚠ **Loud**
Repeated, long-term exposure to sounds at this level can

LIVE CAPTION
Hear it with your own eyes

Read the world around you with real-time captions.

Verizon

9:13
Tue, Jan 5

SOUND RECOGNITION   now
Cat
A sound has been recognized that may be a cat.

SOUND RECOGNITION   now
Baby Crying
A sound has been recognized that may be a baby crying.

SOUND RECOGNITION   now
Spouse Repeatedly Yelling Your Name
A sound has been recognized that may be your spouse repeatedly yelling your name.

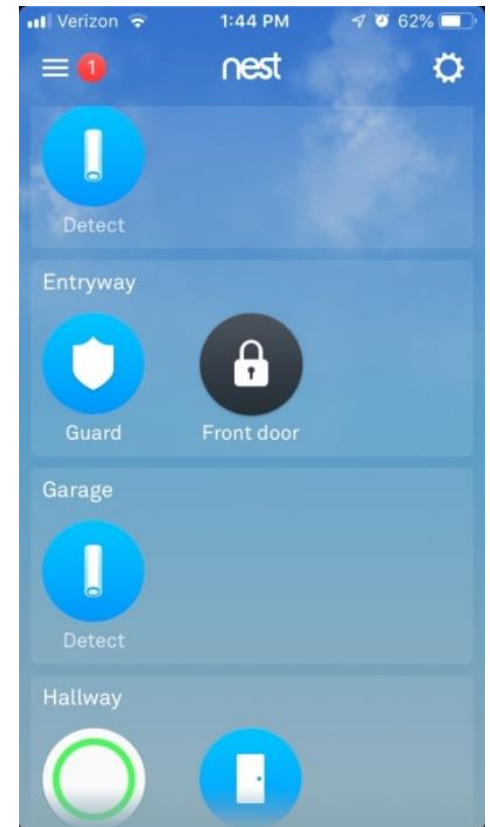Swipe up to open

See

Communicate

DO and Move Smartphone

Do, Move, Home Management

Do, Move and Life Management 2

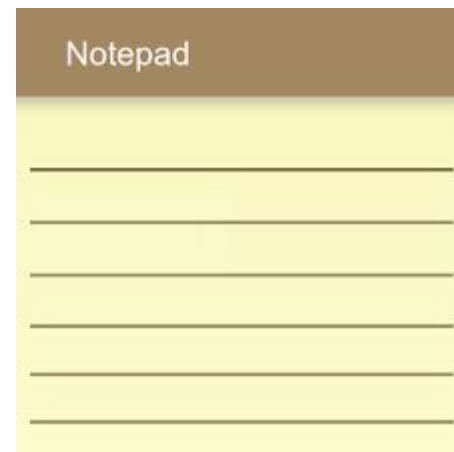# Smart Technology

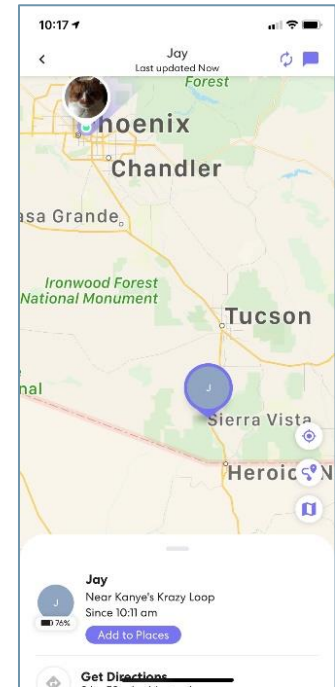# Have Fun

More Fun

Remember

Get Places

Safety

Extras

Coming Now
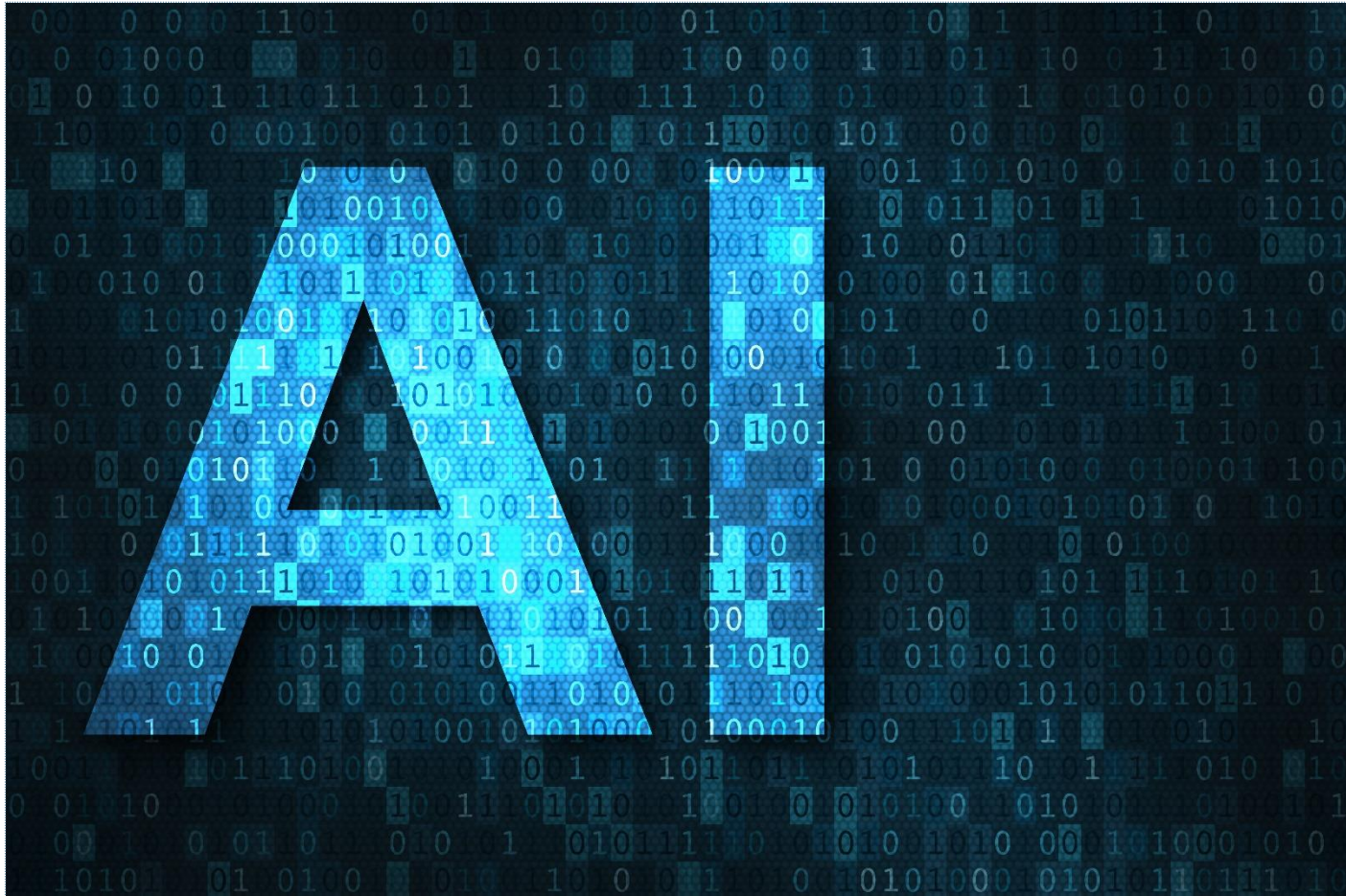
Reason We Still Work Hard

- Not aware of the options
- Limited financial access to the solutions
- Limited broadband access
- Little or no help in obtaining, setting up, and training
- Digital illiteracy
- Limited willingness to use or learn new things
- Updates and maintenace

Additional Barriers

- Cultural, gender, and racial considerations
- Generational
- Judicial
- Language
- Housing status
- Undocumented individuals
- Disabilities
- Geographic

Questions to Ask

- What needs to be done and where?
- What solutions could be used?
- Will you (or the person) use it?
- If it's "techy", does it need connection? Internet options? Internet affordability?
- What are the privacy considerations?
- Setup? Training? Upkeep? Troubleshooting?
- Will it cause confusion or frustration?

ILCs and ADRCs

Independent Living Centers Serving Wisconsin

1. North Country Independent Living
2. Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin
3. Midstate Independent Living Choices
4. Independent Living Resources
5. Options for Independent Living
6. Access to Independence
7. IndependenceFirst
8. Society's Assets

Wisconsin's Aging and Disability Resouce Centers

■ Tribal Governing Partner
▲ Tribal Aging and Disability Resource Specialist

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Resources

- [Communication Card](#)
- [Wisconsin Independent Living Centers](#)
- [Wisconsin AT4ALL – Device Loan and Demo](#)
- [TEPP Program](#)
- [TAP Program](#)
- [ICanConnect](#) Program
- [Generations iPad and iPhone Tutorials](#)
- [FCC Broadband Assistance](#) (May 2021)

Questions

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