

Voice Options Pilot Program Summary as of June 24, 2021

Current Month Accomplishments

- 33 consumers completed Short-Term Loans and have begun the process to receive a Long-Term Loan iPad with a speech-generating application.
- 23 consumers received their Long-Term Loan iPad with speech-generating application.
- 3 new organizations were identified for potential partnerships.
- 3 new Providers joined the Voice Options Program: Mellisa Essenburg, Specialized Therapy Services, and North Star Speech and Language Pathology Center, Inc.
- New Voice Options Program locations became available for in-person services in Imperial, Riverside, and San Diego counties.

Statistics from Completed Datasets: Summary

- 87% of California has access to in-person services.
- Remote services are available statewide.
- 214 consumers have completed their Short-Term Loans and have requested to enter into Long-Term Loans.
- 147 datasets have been submitted for completed Long-Term Loans.
- 54% of authorizations were provided by Speech Language Pathologists.
- 58% of consumers over 18 years old made telephone calls during the Short-Term Loan period. 100% of these phone calls were considered successful by consumers, many of whom indicated that this was the first time they had attempted to make a phone call.

Consumer Statistics from Completed Datasets (147)

Preference for Speech Generating Applications

- 44% Touch Chat HD
- 31% Go Talk Now Plus
- 14% Proloquo4Text
- 6% LAMP
- 5% Predictable
- 1% Predictable Spanish

Demographics

- 38% Caucasian/White
- 35% Hispanic/Latinx
- 15% Asian Pacific
- 5% African American/Black
- 2% Other
- 1% East Indian
- 1% Native American
- 1% Pacific Islander
- 1% Decline to State

Gender

- 65% Male
- 34% Female
- 1% Decline to State

Age

- 23% Age 0 to 6
- 33% Age 7 to 17
- 7% Age 18 to 22
- 18% Age 23 to 29
- 3% Age 30 to 39
- 3% Age 40 to 49
- 4% Age 50 to 59
- 7% Age 60 and Older

Disability Type

- 39% Autism
- 29% Developmental Disability
- 11% Cerebral Palsy
- 5% Down Syndrome
- 5% Traumatic Brain Injury
- 3% Other
- 3% Muscle Weakness
- 2% Apraxia
- 1% ALS/Lou Gehrig's Disease
- 1% Stroke
- 1% Dysarthria

Referral Source

- 23% Medical Provider
- 19% Speech Language Pathologist
- 19% Other
- 18% Independent Living Center
- 12% Friend or Family
- 5% Assistive Technology Center
- 2% Internet
- 1% Social Media