



WI TEPP Certification Guidance for Professionals

Dear professional,

Thank you for supporting your student or client's application for the Wisconsin Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Purchase Program (TEPP). Learn more about TEPP here:

<https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/ForConsumers/TEPP.aspx>

Accessible Tech is an approved TEPP vendor. We help families complete the TEPP application for communication equipment: a new iPad and **TippyTalk AAC speech app**.

We're requesting a letter of support to help the family complete the TEPP application. If you're able to support the request, please see the requirements below.

Eligibility criteria (for clinician reference)

The applicant must meet the following criteria in order to qualify for TEPP

- Applicant age is 3+ (or within 2 months of turning 3)
- Applicant is nonverbal or has a significant speech impairment
- Speech impairment limits their ability to use basic telephone services, including phone or text based communication
- Applicant has the ability to use pictured-based communication

Support letter instructions

Please include your letterhead, your logo if you have one, and your signature

Brief narrative (2-4 sentences)

- Summary of the applicant's speech/communication needs and how this impacts daily communication
- Statement that an iPad with TippyTalk AAC app would support access to communication via phone or text (the telecommunications network)
- Anticipated impact on the applicant's ability to communicate with family, friends, caregivers

Sample Letter

If you need support in writing the letter, you can refer to the sample letter template below [applicant information]

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in support of [Applicant name], a [#-year-old] child with a diagnosis of [e.g. Autism Spectrum Disorder] who presents with significant speech and communication challenges. [Applicant name] is nonverbal and demonstrates limited functional speech, which significantly impacts their ability to communicate wants, needs, and social information across daily environments.

[Applicant name] uses a combination of communication methods including gestures, vocalizations, and picture-based AAC supports for functional communication across environments. While [he, she] demonstrates understanding of language and benefits from visual support, their speech impairment limits their ability to effectively use standard telephone or text-based communication systems.

An iPad with the TippyTalk AAC application provides a robust AAC communication system that supports functional communication and enables access to the telecommunications network through phone and text-based communication. [Applicant name] can use picture-based symbols to generate spoken messages aloud, similar to a traditional AAC device, or send messages through a two-way communication system in which recipients can reply by text, audio, or images that are spoken aloud to them.

This device would improve [Applicant name's] functional communication, reduce frustration associated with communication breakdowns, and significantly increase their ability to connect with family, friends, and caregivers in more meaningful and consistent ways.

Regards,

Your name

Your professional designation

Your company name

Your signature

You can submit your letter of support using one of the following methods:

1. Securely upload it on our website here: <https://accessible-tech.com/submit-documents/>. When you provide documentation to us, files are stored securely in our systems. You can learn more about how we protect personal information by visiting our [privacy policy](#).
2. Email the letter to WI Program Coordinator, Tammy Shauer: tammy@accessible-tech.com

About TippyTalk AAC

TippyTalk is a speech generating AAC app that uses picture based communication.

Users can:

- Tap pictures to generate speech
- Send and receive two-way messages with caregivers/family
- Receive replies via text, voice, or emojis

It's designed to support

- Functional communication and language development
- Reduce frustration and isolation
- Communicate beyond therapy sessions

With caregivers permission, SLP's may be added as Community Members to send messages and edit picture cards and folders. Parents and SLP's may also view insights like communication frequency, vocabulary used, and usage time.

Questions? Reach out via email tammy@accessible-tech.com or phone 720-710-8767

Thanks so much,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy Shauer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tammy Shauer

WI Program Coordinator - TEPP
Accessible Tech / TippyTalk AAC