

Parlerai

Harnessing the power of the Internet for children with special needs.



INNOVATIVE:

- Tools for Children
- Tools for Parents
- Tools for Caregivers

COMMUNICATE with:

- Your Child
- Other Parents
- Family & Friends
- Caregivers

COLLABORATE with:

- Teachers & Aides
- Doctors & Therapists
- Caregivers

STORE & SHARE your:

- Documents
- Records
- Photos & Videos
- Information

Safe.
Secure.
Accessible.
Necessary.



It's About Time.

Kristin and Jon Erickson, parents of a daughter with special needs, built a secure network of people surrounding their daughter to improve communication, organize and store information and provide a safe environment for her to explore the Internet. It changed their lives. Now they are making the same service available to you.

All Ages and All Stages

Parlerai - a service that transitions with your child through all ages and all stages. How can Parlerai help you and your child? Simply click on your child's age to find out.

Birth –
2 years

3-5 years

6-10 years

11-13 years

14-17 years

18+ years

Parlerai's Tools



MyNetwork



PenPal



What I Did Today



ChoiceMaker



Parlerai Library



AboutMe



MyMessenger



MyReports



MyCalendar



ParleraiBlog

Parlerai is the World's First **AUGMENTATIVE COLLABORATION™** Service. Parlerai uses state-of-the-art Internet tools to enhance collaboration bringing together the people and information needed to meet the challenges of everyday life for a child with special needs.

What took so long?

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Birth – 2 years

From the moment you realize your child needs special care – whether at birth or in early developmental stages, you have entered a new world – a world where support of friends and family, resources, information, communication and documentation are essential.

Parlerai helps prepare you for your journey into this new world.

- **MyNetwork:** Establish a safe and secure network of people who care for and care about your child. Doctors, specialists, therapists, teachers, aides, family and friends share thoughts quickly, easily and securely.
- **MyLibrary:** Securely store and share files such as medical records, pictures and video within your child's network securely. Choose specifically who to share each file with or not share it at all!
- **MyCalendar:** Keep track of your child's check-ups, therapy sessions and other important events. Share this information with those who need to know.
- **What I Did Today:** Customize reporting of your child's periodic needs and progress – daily, weekly or monthly. Track important information such as weight gain, food intake, rashes or other medical and developmental information. Keep track of what you think is important for your child.
- **MyReports:** Use the data collected in your daily record to draw correlations and spot trends. Be informed and ready at your doctor appointments. You know your child better than anyone and you can prove it!
- **AboutMe:** Start a journal for your child with photos, video and other documents.
- **ParleraiBlog:** Reach out to other people using Parlerai for ideas and answers. Post information you think would help other people!



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SAFE INTERNET COMMUNICATION

Parlerai opens the world of on-line communication to children with special needs; safely and simply.



3 – 5 years

Whether your child has just graduated from Early Intervention services or you are just beginning to realize your child needs special services, a new group of specialists enters your child's life. Parlerai helps you transition from at-home care and services to pre-school and start to navigate the public school system and IEP process. It provides your new caregivers with a detailed history of your child. They will almost know your child before they have met him!

Introduce your child safely to media available on the Internet such as age-appropriate videos, books and games. For children who need extra help with communication, use Parlerai's ChoiceMaker and MyMessenger tools to introduce pictures and images in a developmentally appropriate framework.

- **MyNetwork:** Invite new teachers and other caregivers into your child's network as you move to this next stage.
- **MyLibrary:** Build your library of information with medical records and other reports. Add to it IEP paperwork and school records. Add access to reports for new teachers while removing access for people no longer involved.
- **MyCalendar:** Life gets busier as your child gets older. A shared calendar is essential to prepare for transitions. Use Parlerai's task feature to help your child with his daily routine.
- **What I Did Today:** Update this daily reporting form with new data fields and remove those no longer relevant. Collaborate with your child's teacher to keep track of what means most to your child.
- **MyReports:** Use this valuable tool to prepare for doctor appointments and watch how indispensable it becomes in preparing for an IEP meeting. Now, parents have meaningful data to support their child's needs!
- **AboutMe:** Add pictures, documents and stories to your child's journal building a history that will stay with him through all transitions and stages.
- **MyMessenger:** Open the world of online communication to your child safely and simply. He can touch on a picture of a friend or relative, touch on a picture such as a heart, and send the message "I love you!" Your family and friends will feel more connected to your child. Messages are created by you using pictures and images meaningful to your child.



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FACE-TO-FACE COMMUNICATION

Parlerai provides a customizable interface and library of media accessible via the Internet to give children a voice anywhere, anytime.



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- **ChoiceMaker:** Use Parlerai's huge library of symbols and images, along with your own personal pictures to help your child communicate. Customize the number of images presented on a page at a time and save groups of images as a board.
- **ParleraiBlog:** Reach out to other people using Parlerai for ideas and answers. Post information you think would help other people!

6 - 10 years

The range of developmental ability starts to vary tremendously during these early academic years. Your child may already have an IEP or you may be wondering if you need to pursue one based on your child's progress. Consistent and meaningful communication among educators, home and outside consultants is essential at this stage.

School and related schedules become the primary focus for your child. Transitions become stressful and collaboration is essential. At the same time, your child craves interaction with friends and family outside of your home.

- **MyNetwork:** Along with new teachers and caregivers, your child may want to invite a few friends into his network. Allow your child to explore on-line communication with family and friends in a safe and secure environment monitored by you.
- **MyLibrary:** Add fun information such as scanned artwork, sports statistics, photos and other memorabilia to your child's library. In addition to storing important documents, your Network's library becomes your child's keepsake box.
- **MyCalendar:** Think about how much easier life is, for you and your child, when everyone in your Network knows her schedule and can prepare her for what comes next.
- **What I Did Today:** Some parents track medical information and developmental data, others use this form for social skills, study skills, homework and grades. Update your daily report to meet the needs of your child.
- **MyReports:** Learn how trends in television, computer games and homework affect your child's grades and moods. Find out if a study skill has an impact on grades. Prove that wheat causes your child's stomach pain.

PARLERAI IS:

- **Accessible:**
Anywhere and anytime the Internet is available on any device
- **Adaptable:**
Customized by the parent and compatible with adaptive technology
- **Simple:**
Providing step-by-step set-up and ensuring ease of use
- **Affordable:**
Improves the quality of life for you and your child for approximately a dollar a day
- **Innovative:**
Uses the latest collaboration and messaging technologies
- **Secure:** Parent has complete control over the service



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- **AboutMe:** Find out about your child's personality by letting her list her favorite music, books and movies and providing links to her favorite media in your Network Libraries or on the Internet. Continue to add pictures and stories to your child's on-line journal.
- **MyMessenger:** Change messages and images to reflect the developing needs of your child. An example would be "I am home now!" represented by a picture of your home. Your child lets you know that she is home safely from school.
- **ChoiceMaker:** Use Parlerai's public library of symbols and images, along with your own personal pictures to help your child communicate. For children who are more developmentally advanced, organize homework, provide access to study tools and provide safe access to media on the Internet and stored in your Network Libraries. Think of it as a personal organizer for your child.
- **ParleraiBlog:** Check the ParleraiBlog for new ways to use Parlerai tools and share your own ideas!

11 – 13 years

For any child, this stage brings uncertainty and independence. Social relationships begin to change. Children want to communicate more independently with their friends. IEPs become more extensive or less involved as your child matures.

- **MyNetwork:** Monitor your child's interactions with friends. You choose with whom your child can communicate and you receive a copy of every message sent within your Network.
- **MyLibrary:** Along with documents and records, add fun information such as scanned artwork, sports statistics, photos and other memorabilia to your child's library. Your child can share pictures and video with friends and family.
- **MyCalendar:** Help your child learn to manage her own schedule. She can keep track of after-school activities, study time, appointments and social commitments.
- **What I Did Today:** If your child is ready, keep track of daily chores, homework and practicing sports and music. Perfect for determining the amount to pay for an allowance!

Parlerai has:

- Tools for parents
- Tools for children
- Tools for caregivers



- **MyReports:** Teach your child how to spot trends and correlations. Use these reports to support your IEP requests. Are grades falling because of too many after-school activities? Does 15 minutes of practice each day make a difference in performance? Does a full glass of milk before bed help me sleep better? The possibilities are endless.
- **AboutMe:** Watch your child's tastes change and grow as she collects favorite music, movies, books and other interesting and important facts in her safe and secure network. Know that only people you authorize have access to this information. Add or remove people at any time.
- **MyMessenger:** Allow your child to communicate online with friends and family using images and pictures safely and securely.
- **PenPal:** Allow your child to communicate online with friends and family using text.
- **ChoiceMaker:** Continue to use Parlerai's huge library of symbols and images, along with your own personal pictures to help your child communicate. Help your child use this powerful, yet simple tool as a personal organizer.
- **ParleraiBlog:** Keep checking for and contributing new ideas shared within the entire Parlerai network.

14 – 17 years

Independence – almost, but not quite. Interests change. Curriculum becomes more diverse. Personalities blossom. Age 14 begins a legal process known as “Transition”. Preparation begins to transition from high school student to higher education or a vocation. Students are encouraged to take a more active role in their IEPs and to become self-advocates. Think about the power you have given your child by creating and helping her maintain her Parlerai network.

- **MyNetwork:** Access to a strong and loyal group of people who can act as mentors, role models, advisors and promoters.
- **MyLibrary:** Medical, school, consulting and developmental documents stored safely and securely in one place and accessible anywhere and anytime she needs them.
- **MyCalendar:** Time management skills strengthened by the use of a consistent and accessible calendar.



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DID YOU KNOW?

The name **Parlerai**, the French word for “**shall speak**”, captures our desire to help children have a voice.



- **What I Did Today:** Self-monitoring that is simple, clear and also monitored by you to ensure results.
- **MyReports:** Encourage healthy habits by showing how eating healthy foods and exercise affect your child physically and mentally. Advocate for your child using detailed reports. Teach her how to advocate for herself.
- **AboutMe:** Let your child express herself in a safe and secure setting.
- **PenPal/MyMessenger:** Allow your child to invite friends into her Network but you need to approve the friend and set permissions. Help your child learn to socialize on the Internet safely and responsibly.
- **ChoiceMaker:** Organizational and study skills solidly developed using a consistent and adaptable system.
- **ParleraiBlog:** Learn about camps, schools and other recreational programs that may be of interest to your child. Share new products, technology and trends.

18+ years

Your child, in the eyes of the Federal Government, has become an adult. So, unless you are awarded guardianship through the courts, your child is now responsible for medical care, educational or vocational progress, recreational opportunities and social interactions. Many children move away from home either to school, assisted living or a place of his or her own!

How wonderful that they can take their Parlerai Networks with them....



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