

Entering Adulthood with Autism, iPad in Hand



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Due to a rise in autism's prevalence and a decrease in financial resources, a dim shadow has been cast over the future of individuals with autism entering adulthood. However, the iPad provides hope to these individuals, as it offers aid to both their developmental and social progress, and a bridge with the community. This presentation will reveal a young man's journey as he leaves school and enters the adult world as a 22-year-old, non-verbal individual with severe autism. It will share my process and findings as I reported a feature/news story on how the iPad has given him a "voice" after a lifetime of silence.