

I am an allied medical professional. I work with a number of adults who have cerebral palsy and use communication devices.

1) A 24 year old woman who is a single mother and is working on obtaining a bachelor's degree. Adding a video component to STS could really improve her ability to communicate with potential employers and instructors.

2) A 25 year old woman that I am working with has cerebral palsy and a hearing impairment. She uses a communication device and has used STS to check on hours of operation for various locations/activities with her friends/family. Sometimes it is difficult for the CA to understand her yes/no verbalizations and it would make interactions much more comfortable if the person could see her gestures and the screen of her device. In that case, she could expand the number of people she called and the type of information requesting.

3) Another woman in her 30's that I work with has a communication device and is in a wheelchair. Like the example #2, her phone conversations are typically kept short and simple because the CA cannot see her computer screen or her gestures. Her grammar is poor, but when you can see her face and her gestures the message she is composing is much clearer.