## **Tech Spotlight**

App: YES/NO Data

**Type:** AAC/Communication

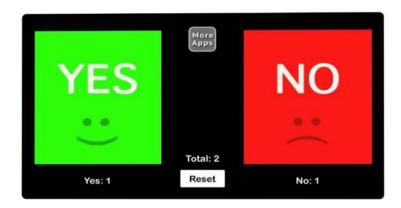
Price: FREE!

Available on: iOS devices

Communication remains one of the biggest challenges for many individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Even individuals who have the ability to speak verbally may struggle to be understood by staff, friends, family, and members of the community. Luckily, there are many technologies available today to help people get their point across.

In this exciting installment of Tech Tuesday, we'll focus on a simple and accessible group of communication apps. These apps are not for everyone but could be a great introduction for anyone who has never used a communication app or device. This family of apps are known as Yes/No apps. As you may have guessed, these apps let a user choose "yes" or "no" from a simple interface.

There are many examples of this type of app available today. However, we really like one called Yes/No Data. It is available, **for free**, on Apple's AppStore. You can find it easily by searching "Yes/No Data." Here's a link to the App!



The interface is easy to use and understand. The user can rely on three types of prompts to help them communicate— the text (Yes or No), the colors (green or red), and the faces (smile or frown). Also, the app captures how many times the "Yes or No" button is used. This sort of data can really help staff keep track of the individual's choices. Although, a formal communication assessment is often necessary to fully understand individual communication needs, the Yes/No data app is a no cost, easy way to start communication exploration.

If you or the individual you support are interested in learning more, the ET Department is here to help! Please reach out to the Enabling Technology team any time. Remember "technology is best when it brings people together!"