OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN DIABETES RESEARCH PROJECT

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AbleLink Technologies is currently engaged in a US Department of Education project to develop and evaluate a diabetes education and self-management program designed for use by individuals with intellectual disabilities.

In the current Phase I of the project, we are developing an iPad based app that presents basic information on diabetes via video clips and step-by-step reviews of key points provided via recorded audio and digital pictures. The system will also include one or more review quizzes, also presented in text, audio and images where appropriate.

Volunteer Participants must:
- Have documentation of an intellectual disability;
- Be at least 18 years old;
- Have diabetes, pre-diabetes or have been medically diagnosed for being at risk for acquiring diabetes.

Volunteer Participants will:
- Take a pretest quiz on an AbleLink iPad (reading/writing skills not required);
- Review basic diabetes educational materials (video clips, step-by-step review) on an AbleLink iPad;
- Re-take the quiz to see if the iPad app can improve basic diabetes knowledge, and;
- Follow on-screen step-by-step instructions (using pictures and audio recordings) to fill a needle-less syringe with water to a designated level.

Assistance will be provided as needed to complete these tasks. Research sessions will occur in March and April of 2015. Sessions should take less than one hour per person. Volunteer participants with IDD will receive a $20 stipend for their participation in the research. If a volunteer with IDD becomes nervous or shows signs of distress during their session, they will be able to discontinue participation and still receive the $20 stipend for their effort. Volunteers will be reminded that their participation is for research only and does not signify a change in their condition or that they will become diabetic, and that they should always follow the advice of their doctor.

Thank you for your interest in this important research.