

MOBILE APPLICATION CRANNY

How to Choose Apps

Examine and assess the following:

- Client preference
 - Do you want to use it because it has potential to be therapeutically beneficial or just because its novelty?
 - Does the app carry possibilities with music that align with client's experiences of music?
For example, if client(s) preferred music experiences include receptive (listening), does the app allow for playback of whatever you just recorded with them.
 - If client(s) aren't already tech inclined, is there an openness within them to learn with your support?
 - Test the app together during session to see if it is something they would enjoy.

- Accessibility
 - Is this app suitable for client(s) developmental level, motor skills, and cognitive ability?
 - How much does it cost? Do you want the client(s) use it for themselves beyond their time with you?
 - If necessary, can you adapt the interface (screen size or how its touched) for client(s) use?

- Personal Comfort/Proficiency
 - Choose a couple of apps you want to learn and become proficient in
 - Have you used the app in your own time and know the music experiences it could afford?
 - What are possible questions the client could ask about the app and do you know the answers?

Then, determine what type of app would be best suited for your practice and/or advocacy:

- Virtual Instruments: For emulating traditional non-tech instruments
 - Ex: The Piano, RealGuitar, REAL DRUM
- Receptive: For music listening/watching
 - Ex: Spotify, AppleMusic, YouTube
- Creative: For making sounds
 - Ex: Launchpad, Kaossilator, Figure
- Recording: For recording sounds
 - Ex: GarageBand, Koala, Soundtrap
- Games: For musical play
 - Ex: Sounddrop, Circadia, Bloom, Nodebeat
- Notation/Charts: For finding and storing notation
 - Ex: Ultimate Guitar, Guitar Tabs, OnSong
- Documentation: For collecting and storing notes/data
 - Ex: TheraNote, SimplePractice, Evernote
- Organization/Communication: For administrative and marketing needs
 - Ex: Slack, Padlet, Canva

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