



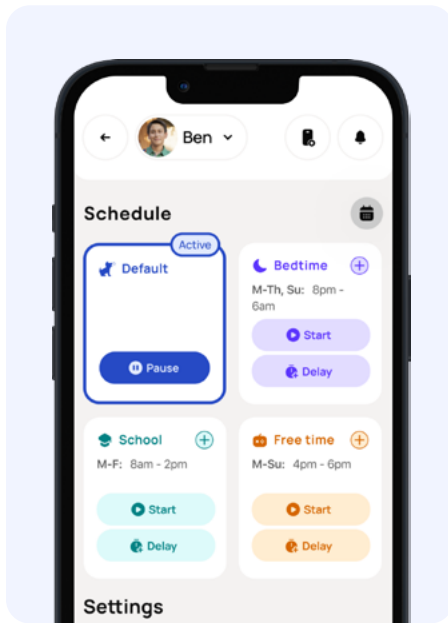
For OhioRISE care coordinators

Devices that help OhioRISE youth stay safe and build independence

Bark devices give youth a safer way to communicate and explore independence — while families and care teams get monitoring tools that support care-plan goals.

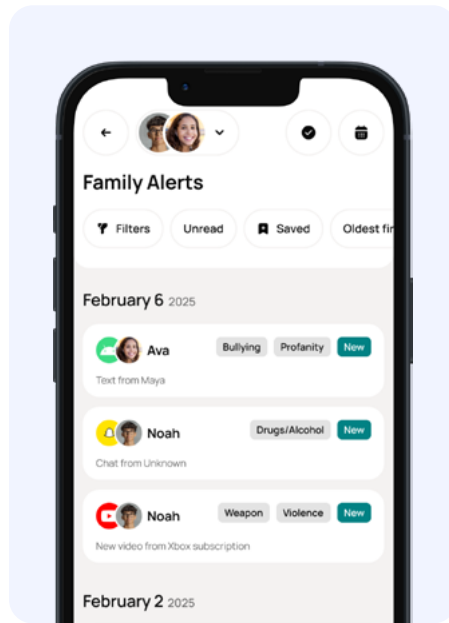
Bark devices are available through the **OhioRISE Customized Goods & Services (flex funds) pathway via Aetna** — up to \$1,500 per enrollee per year — when tied to goals in the Child and Family-Centered Care Plan. Both Bark bundles fall within that annual allocation.

AREAS OF SUPPORT



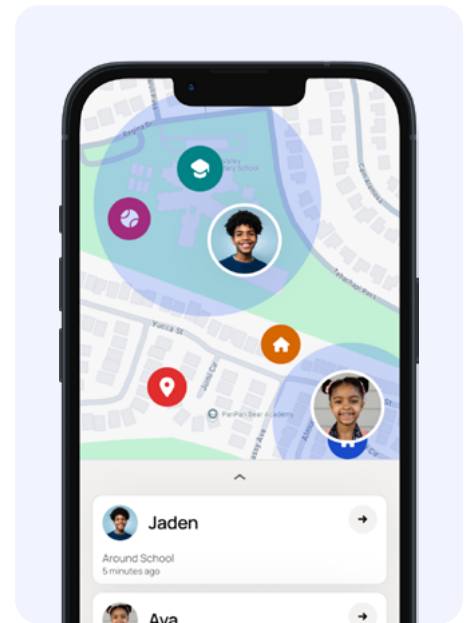
Content & app access

Customizable filters block harmful content, limit apps to what’s developmentally appropriate, and build structured **screen-time schedules** — supporting routines that reinforce care-plan goals.



Digital communication

Every contact is approved before reaching the youth. Bark monitors interactions across **30+ alert categories** — including bullying, depression, sexual content, and predatory behavior — surfacing what matters so caregivers and teams can intervene early.



Physical safety

Location tracking, virtual boundaries, emergency SOS, and reliable talk and text help families and teams stay connected and respond quickly — including in moments of elopement.

OUR PRODUCTS



Bark Phone

A fully customizable smartphone built for safety. Parents control which apps are installed, who can be contacted, and when the phone can be used.

- ✓ Tamper-proof parental controls
- ✓ GPS location tracking
- ✓ AI-powered content monitoring and alerts
- ✓ Approve every contact and app download
- ✓ Customizable screen time schedules

Bark Watch

A safer first device — no social media, games, or browsers. Just connection and safety.

- ✓ Talk, text, and location tracking
- ✓ Virtual boundaries with arrival and departure alerts
- ✓ Emergency SOS button
- ✓ Monitor texts and photos
- ✓ No apps, internet, or social media
- ✓ Ideal for children earlier in their independence journey

WHO IT'S A FIT FOR

Best suited for OhioRISE enrollees whose care plans include safety monitoring, community participation, or social-emotional well-being goals — particularly youth who also have an ASD/IDD diagnosis. To access flex funds, a youth generally must be:

- Enrolled in OhioRISE (ages 0–20 at enrollment) with Ohio Medicaid eligibility
- Working toward care-plan goals a Bark device can support
- Within the federally approved cost limit, with the device tied to the Child and Family-Centered Care Plan

HOW TO REQUEST A DEVICE

- 1 Confirm fit:** The youth is OhioRISE-enrolled and has care-plan goals a Bark device supports.
- 2 Submit the request:** The county agency rep completes the electronic request form with the chosen device.
- 3 Receive the invoice:** Bark provides a 12-month invoice covering hardware, software, and cellular.
- 4 Submit for approval:** The invoice and Child and Family-Centered Care Plan go to Aetna; approval is typically expected within about a week, and denials can be appealed.
- 5 Device ships to the family:** Bark confirms setup, supports implementation, and provides a recorded training webinar.
- 6 Renews annually:** Bark sends a renewal request at the 12-month mark.

Both device bundles fall within the \$1,500 annual flex-fund allocation; an optional device-protection plan is available and is often covered by state agencies.

REAL-WORLD IMPACT

91% of families reported **tangible improvements** within 3–6 months of using Bark

55% saw increased **independence** and fewer behavioral challenges

45% developed improved **social connection** with peers

27% noticed better understanding of **digital social cues**