

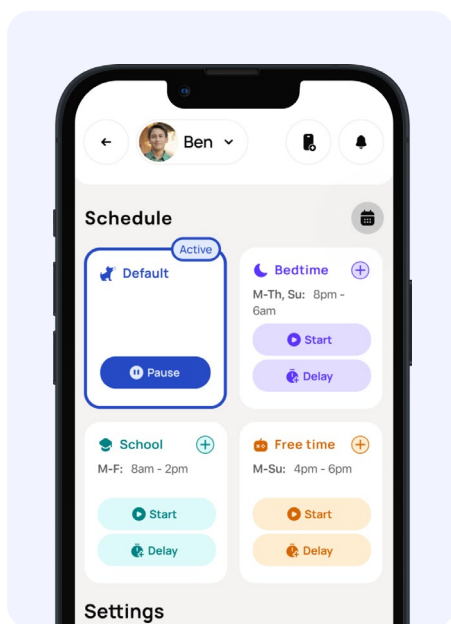


For North Carolina care coordinators

Technology that helps members build independence safely through the NC Innovations Waiver

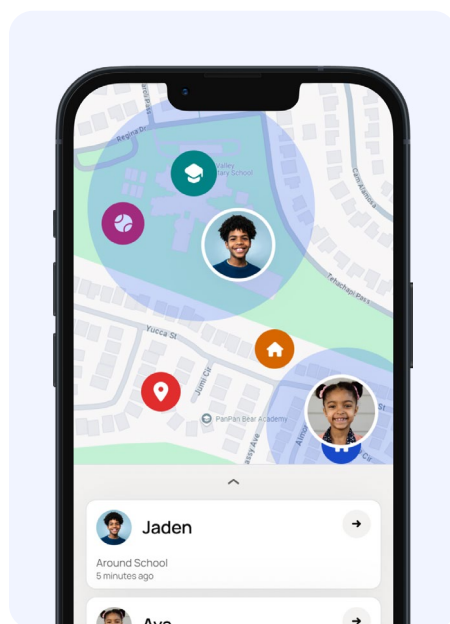
The Bark Phone and Bark Watch are available through North Carolina's NC Innovations Waiver for eligible members served by **Trillium Health Resources**, **Vaya Health**, and **Partners Health Management**. Bark devices can support person-centered goals related to safety, communication, community participation, and increasing independence while giving families and care teams greater visibility and peace of mind.

AREAS OF SUPPORT



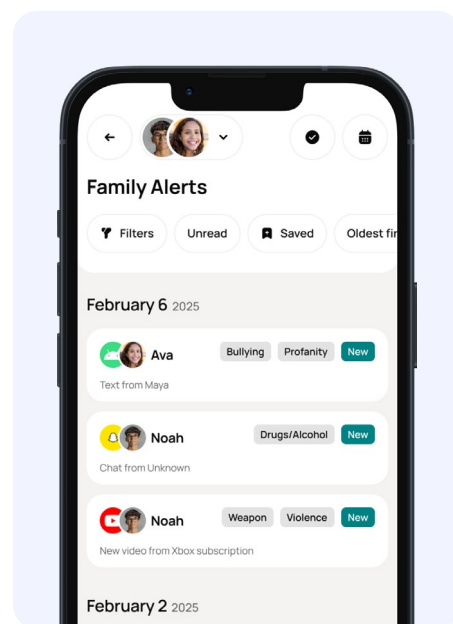
Independence & self-management

Gradually builds responsible technology use, communication skills, and independence with customizable supports that can evolve as the member grows.



Physical safety & elopement support

GPS location, safe zone alerts, and emergency features help families respond quickly to wandering or elopement while giving members greater freedom to participate safely in their communities.



Safe community participation

Help children and young adults safely participate in school, work, recreation, relationships, and their communities while caregivers maintain appropriate visibility and support.

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.

- ✓ Approve every contact and app download
- ✓ Activity monitoring across texts, images, web browsing, and apps, with alerts across 30+ categories
- ✓ Customizable, structured screen time schedules that support ISP goals
- ✓ Real-time location tracking with safe zone alerts
- ✓ Customizable filters block harmful content and limit apps

Bark Watch

A simple, focused device for younger kids — built for staying connected and no distractions.

- ✓ GPS location tracking
- ✓ Contact management
- ✓ Emergency SOS feature
- ✓ No internet, social media, or browsers

WHO IT'S A FIT FOR

A Bark Phone or Bark Watch may be appropriate when a member:

- Benefits from GPS location and safe zone alerts because of wandering or elopement concerns
- Is working toward greater independence in the community
- Needs structured communication with family, peers, or support staff
- Would benefit from gradually increasing access to technology while maintaining appropriate safeguards
- Is transitioning to school, employment, volunteer work, or more independent living

HOW TO REQUEST A DEVICE

1 Determine fit

Discuss whether a Bark Phone or Bark Watch supports the member's person-centered goals for safety, communication, or independence.

2 Include it in the service plan

Work with the member's care team to request the device through the **NC Innovations Waiver**.

3 Connect with Bark

If you have questions about documentation, device selection, or next steps, contact Andrea Bucci at andrea.bucci@bark.us.

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**

"It's helped my son feel more like a teenager. He **struggled with social skills, but now he connects with friends** and feels included. It helps us to talk about social interactions. It's a great tool to teach social skills." —Parent of child with Autism