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A practical guide for the people who listen—and the child who needs to be *heard.*

How to use My Voice and The Bridge together: safe places and water awareness, care-circle handoffs, playful sound and word learning, and optional Potty Path support.

LuminAAC

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https://luminaac-web.vercel.app/

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Before you begin

LuminAAC has two parts. **My Voice** is the child's talker. **The Bridge** is the caregiver portal for parents, teachers, therapists, and family. Screenshots in this guide use the demo names **Alex** (child) and **Jordan** (parent)—not a real child.

Safety, honesty, and limits

Safe zones and water danger zones are supplemental. They do not prevent drowning or wandering on their own and never replace adult supervision. Map data can be incomplete (garden pools, new ponds, seasonal water). On the web, location checks run on the My Voice device while it is open—not as silent all-day tracking when the app is closed, the screen locks, or the tab is hidden.

Potty Path and **Sound Path** are optional programs. They stay off until a parent or guardian turns them on. They are support tools, not medical advice, therapy substitutes, or diagnoses.

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ORIENTATION

1. What you will see

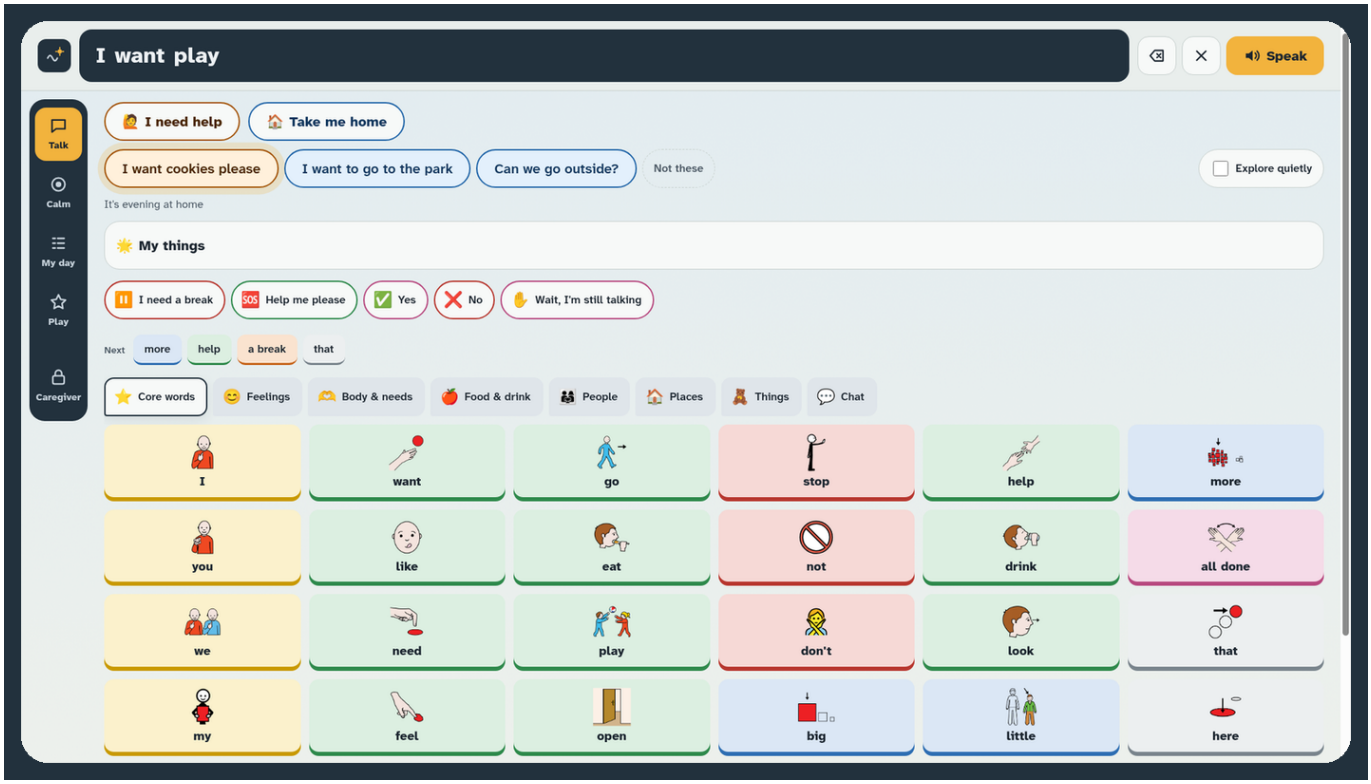
My Voice navigation (left rail on tablet, bottom bar on phones):

Talk Calm My day Play Caregiver (hold to open)

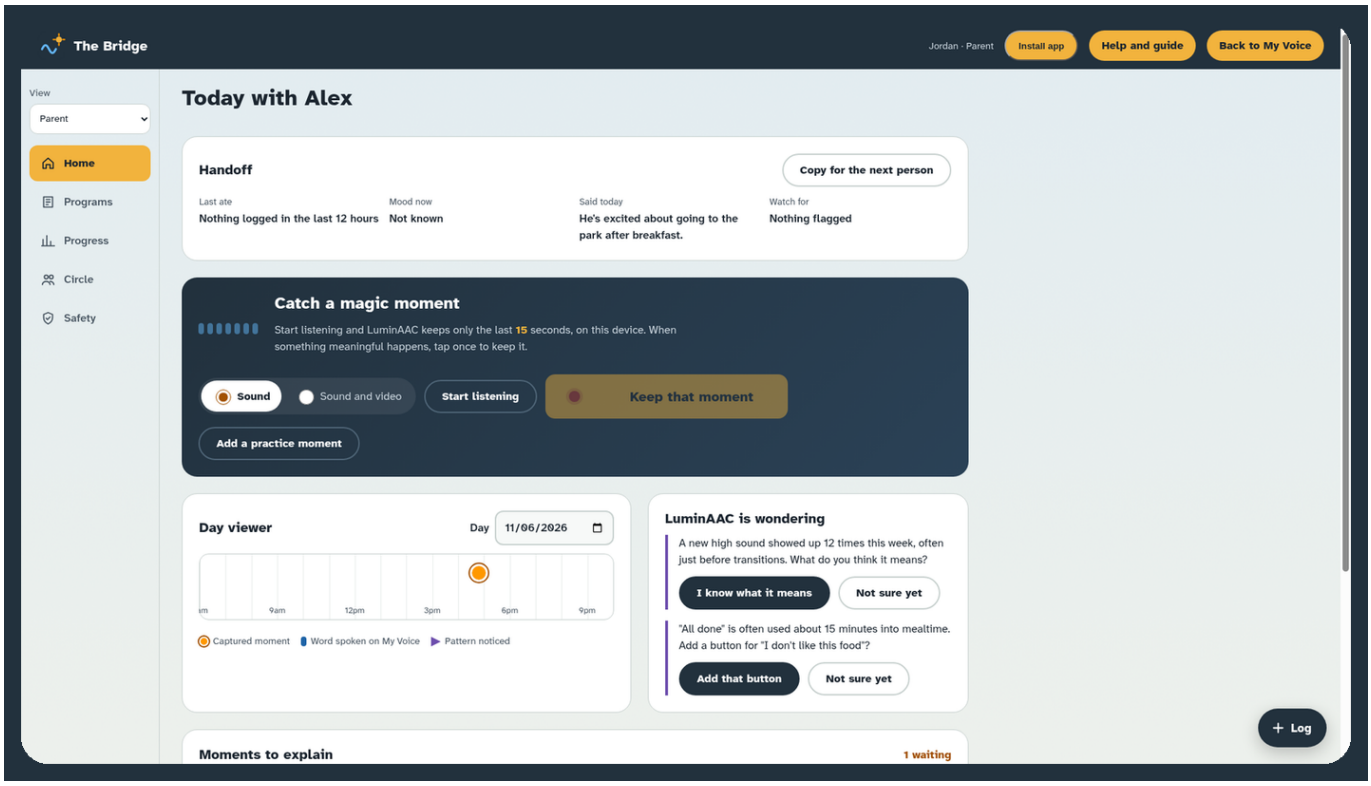
The Bridge hubs:

Home Programs Progress Circle Safety

Programs includes Vocabulary, Stories, **Sound Path**, **Potty Path**, and Videos and games. Circle includes Team, Account and devices, and Privacy. A **View** menu (Parent, Teacher, Therapist, Aide, Family, or Everything) changes which hubs appear first; it does not change server permissions. Use **+ Log** to record meals, notes, mood, and more for the Home handoff.



My Voice → Talk. Core words stay in fixed places. The lit Speak control and dusk navigation band match the “quiet sky, lit strip” app look. Demo board building “I want play.”



Bridge → Home. “Today with Alex” includes the **Handoff** card (Last ate, Mood now, Said today, Watch for) and **Copy for the next person**. Catch a magic moment, the day timeline, and + Log sit on the same page. Demo caregiver: Jordan · Parent.

FAMILIES

2. Getting started for families

1. Open The Bridge. Enter the child’s name, your name, and role (**Parent**).
2. Open My Voice on the child’s tablet. Tap words; tap the strip or **Speak**.
3. Pair devices: Circle → **Account and devices** → pair; on the tablet, hold **Caregiver** and scan the QR or enter the code.
4. Optional safety: Safety → read consent carefully. Only a parent or guardian should turn on safe zones / location. (The screenshot below shows the off / setup state—we did not enable location for this guide.)
5. Optional programs: Programs → Sound Path or Potty Path—turn on only after you understand those sections.
6. Optional circle: create a free family account to unlock Team chat, then invite teachers and therapists.

In-app help: Bridge header → **Help and guide** (also guide.html).

SCHOOLS & CLINICS

3. School and clinic roles

SCHOOLS

Teachers & aides

Join with a parent's invite code (Circle → Team). Use the **View** menu to preview Teacher or Aide hubs. Prefer Home + Log for quick notes, and paste or read the **Handoff** summary at drop-off and pick-up.

Team chat needs a family account and stays off the child's talker. Keep AAC available—communication is not a reward to withhold.

CLINICS

Therapists & SLPs

Progress → Insights → **Print a summary for a therapist** for a one-page record of what happened—not an assessment or diagnosis.

If Sound Path is on, use its printable SLP sheet. Boards can move with Open Board Format import/export in Caregiver settings.

Guardian settings vs staff use

Parents/guardians manage Safety consent, Privacy, accounts, invites, and turning programs on or off. **Staff** typically use Home (handoff + log), Programs content the family enabled, Progress insights, and Circle chat—without changing location or privacy controls reserved for guardians.

A simple handoff routine (2 minutes)

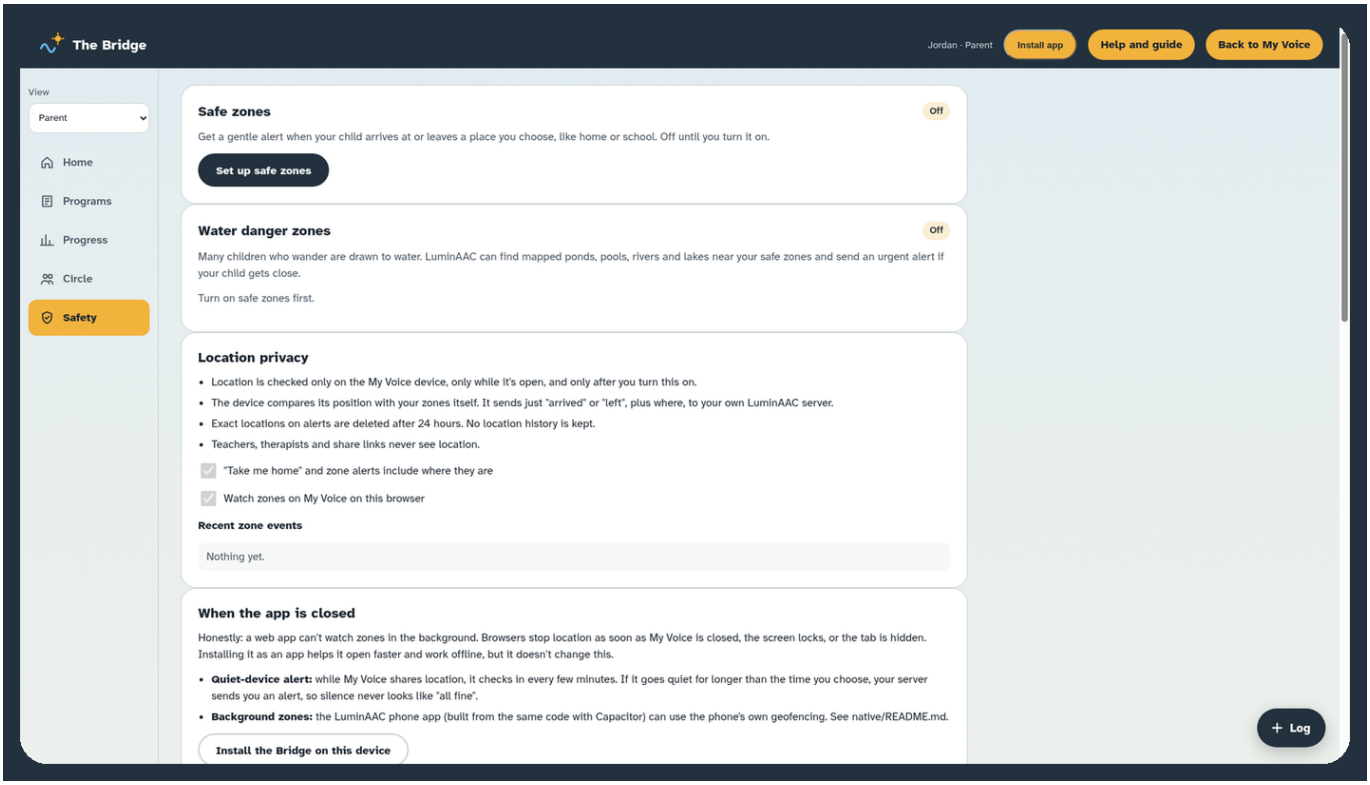
1. During the day, tap **+ Log** for meals, mood, notes, or toilet events the next person should know.
2. At drop-off or pick-up, open Bridge → **Home** and read the **Handoff** card.
3. Tap **Copy for the next person** and paste into Team chat, email, or a paper notebook.
4. If Team chat is Off, set up the family account later—or keep using copy/paste and printed Potty Path school sheets.

PILLAR 1

4. Waterways & hand-drawn zones

Path: Bridge → **Safety**.

When a parent turns safe zones on (after consent), you can mark home or school as a circle, type an address and size, or **draw a custom shape** with finger, stylus, or mouse—then edit handles later. **Water danger zones** can search mapped ponds, pools, rivers, and lakes near your safe places and raise an urgent alert if the child's open My Voice device gets close. You can Ignore water that is not a risk, and draw garden pools the map misses.



Bridge → Safety (demo / setup state). Safe zones and Water danger zones are **Off**. Location-privacy copy and **When the app is closed** explain web limits. This capture did not enable location, attest consent, or show a real child's map.

Read this every time you mention zones

Geofencing and water alerts add information for caregivers. They are **not a drowning-prevention guarantee** and never replace adult supervision. Coverage depends on an open My Voice session (on the web), map completeness, device permissions, and whether anyone is watching the Bridge for alerts.

PILLAR 2

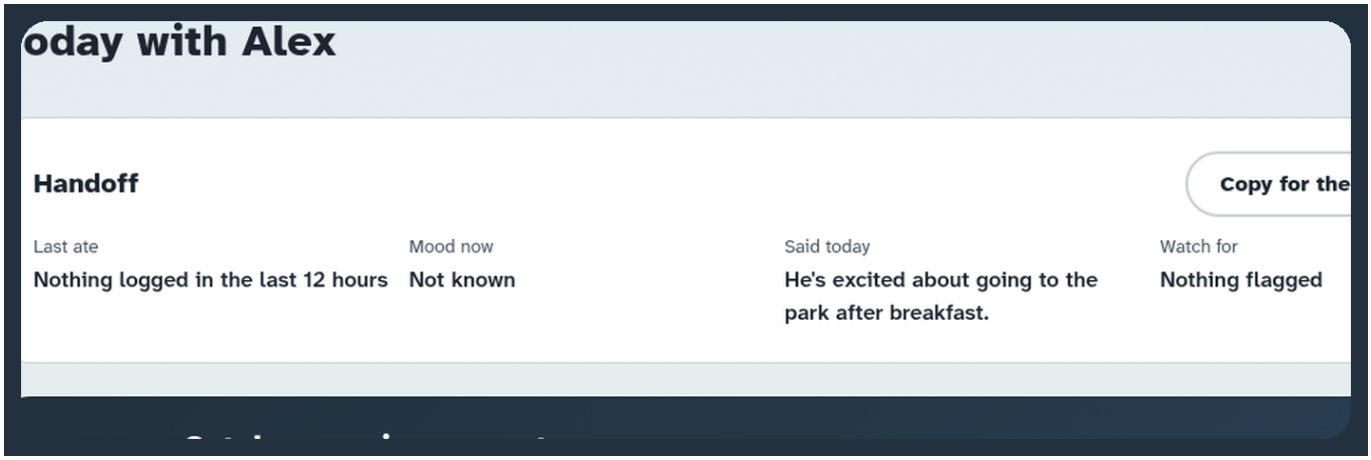
5. Shared handoff & care circle

Home Handoff card (copyable summary)

On Bridge → **Home**, the **Handoff** card gathers what the next person needs at drop-off or pick-up from data already logged:

- **Last ate** · **Mood now** · **Said today** · **Watch for**
- Optional **Last toilet** when Potty Path logging is in use
- **Copy for the next person** places plain text on the clipboard to paste into a message or notebook

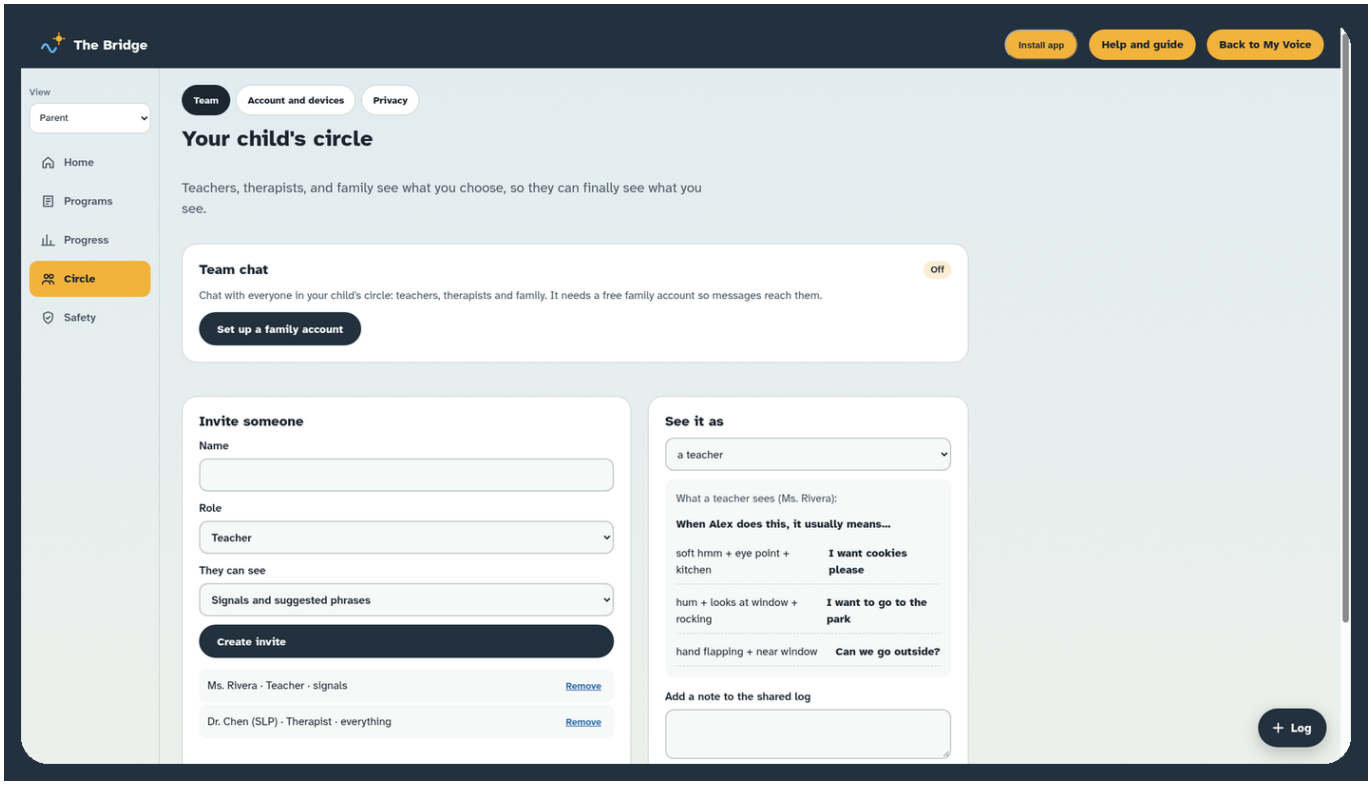
Use **+ Log** during the day so the card stays useful. The View selector (for example **View Parent**) only changes which hubs show first.



Handoff detail (from Home). Demo values for Alex—including a sample "Said today" note. Empty fields show honest "nothing logged" states rather than invented data.

Team invites, preview, and chat

Path: Circle → **Team**. Invite someone by name and role (Teacher, Therapist, Family) and choose what they can see. **See it as** previews a teacher or therapist view. **Team chat** is one conversation for the circle; it needs a free family account, never appears on My Voice, and updates while The Bridge is open (about every 30 seconds). Phone push notifications for chat are not available yet.



Circle → Team (preview / chat Off). Demo invite list (Ms. Rivera, Dr. Chen) and “See it as a teacher.” Team chat shows **Off** with **Set up a family account**—no live signup or messages in this capture.

Printable companions when programs are on: Potty Path → **Print a school handoff sheet**; Insights → **Print a summary for a therapist**.

PILLAR 3

6. Gamified sound & word learning

Path: My Voice → **Play** (stories, sound games, word games). Caregivers configure related settings under Programs → **Videos and games**. Optional **Sound Path** (Programs → Sound Path) adds short voice-practice games and stays off until turned on.

Games use the child's own board words where possible. Nothing is scored as a failure. Microphone listening is optional and measured on the device—not uploaded as recordings for these games. The talker stays available whether or not anyone plays; communication is never locked behind rewards.



My Voice → Play. Stories and practice, Sound games (for example Copy my sound), and Word games (Word Garden, Conductor, Lantern Sky, Tide Pool, and more). Movement can be set to Gentle, Small, or Still in Bridge settings.

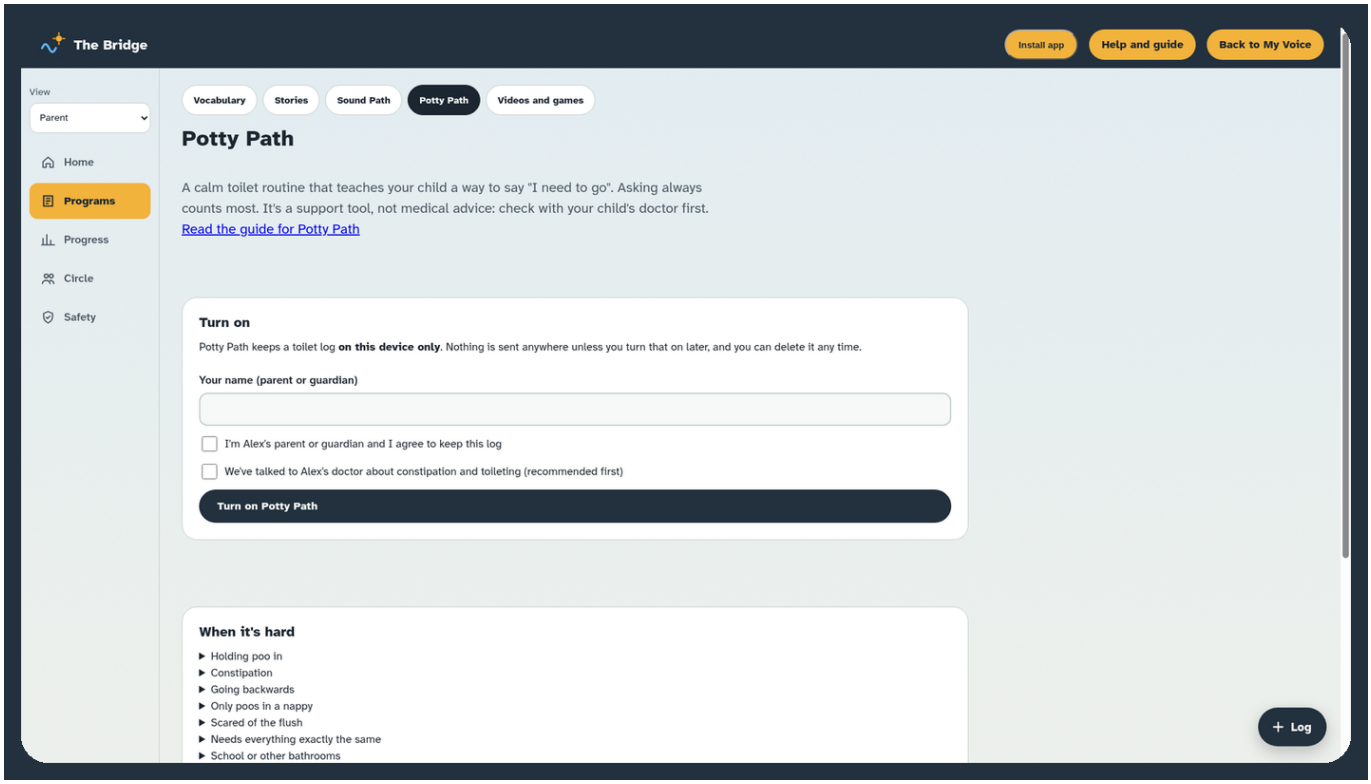
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7. Potty Path (opt-in, non-coercive)

Path: Programs → **Potty Path**.

Potty Path is a calm toilet routine whose main goal is giving the child a way to say they need to go. **Asking always counts most.** It is a support tool, not medical advice—talk with the child's doctor first (constipation is common and should be addressed early).

Until a parent or guardian completes consent and taps **Turn on Potty Path**, the program stays off and keeps the toilet log on the device only (sync is a later, explicit choice). Design rules: tokens only go up; the World only grows; Stop / All done / Help stay available; the tablet is never taken away as a consequence.



Programs → Potty Path (setup / off). Intro copy, empty guardian name field, unchecked consent boxes, and **Turn on Potty Path**. No consent was submitted and no toilet log was enabled for this guide. "When it's hard" tips remain visible for reading.

TRUST

8. Privacy, troubleshooting, and next steps

Privacy in practice

- Words and recordings stay on devices unless a caregiver turns on sync or creates share links.
- Location needs dated parent/guardian consent; teachers and therapists do not receive a location history stream.
- Circle → **Privacy**: retention, export, delete. Shared learning is off unless you opt in.

If something does not alert or appear

- **Zone / water alert missing:** On the web, My Voice must be open. See Safety → When the app is closed.
- **Handoff looks empty:** Use + Log (meals, notes, mood) during the day; then Copy for the next person.
- **Team chat unavailable:** Chat needs a family account; it will show Off until that is set up.
- **Email verify / reset:** The hosted server may not send mail yet—prefer a passkey and a stored password.

Reliable links

My Voice: https://luminaac-web.vercel.app/
The Bridge: https://luminaac-web.vercel.app/bridge.html
In-app caretaker guide: https://luminaac-web.vercel.app/guide.html

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