

CONNECTING YOU TO PLAY: JOOAY

Jooay App Monthly Newsletter

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ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Jooay newsletter! Jooay is a free mobile and web app (<https://jooay.com/>) that helps children with disabilities and their families locate leisure opportunities that are close to where they live; accessible and inclusive; suit their needs and abilities; match their preferences; and can help them develop and participate in society.

Stay tuned for monthly updates on adapted leisure events and opportunities, as well as updates related to the Jooay App and our community. Let's help children get more involved in leisure together!

ACTIVITIES

1. Summer Camp, Toronto, ON

Looking for a fun way to keep your kids occupied during their break from school? Consider summer camp at True North!

Camps run from July 2nd until August 23rd.

[Click here to learn more!](#)



2. Virtual Lunch & Learn

Join Alberta Ability Network and Office of the Child and Youth Advocate for an engaging presentation to hear about topics related to their report 'Beyond Barriers' which focuses on the challenges faced by vulnerable populations in Alberta. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.

[Click here to learn more!](#)








Virtual Lunch & Learn
Beyond Barriers: A Special Report on Young People with Disabilities in the Child Intervention and Youth Justice Systems
Thursday May 30, 2024 12PM – 1 PM

The poster features a collage of four young people with disabilities: a girl in a wheelchair holding a basketball, a boy in a striped shirt, a boy in a plaid shirt, and a girl with Down syndrome. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. Logos for 'ocya', 'AAW', and 'BARRIER-FREE ALBERTA' are at the bottom.

3. Sport, Recreation and Leisure Programs, Toronto, ON

Easter Seals challenges and encourages Canadians living with disabilities to get active and get involved. Our specialized, fully accessible sport, recreation and active living programs encourage active participation and enhanced well-being. Programs include activities such as:

-  Sledge hockey
-  Wheelchair basketball
-  Swimming
-  Sailing, canoeing & kayaking
-  Music, dance and dramatic arts

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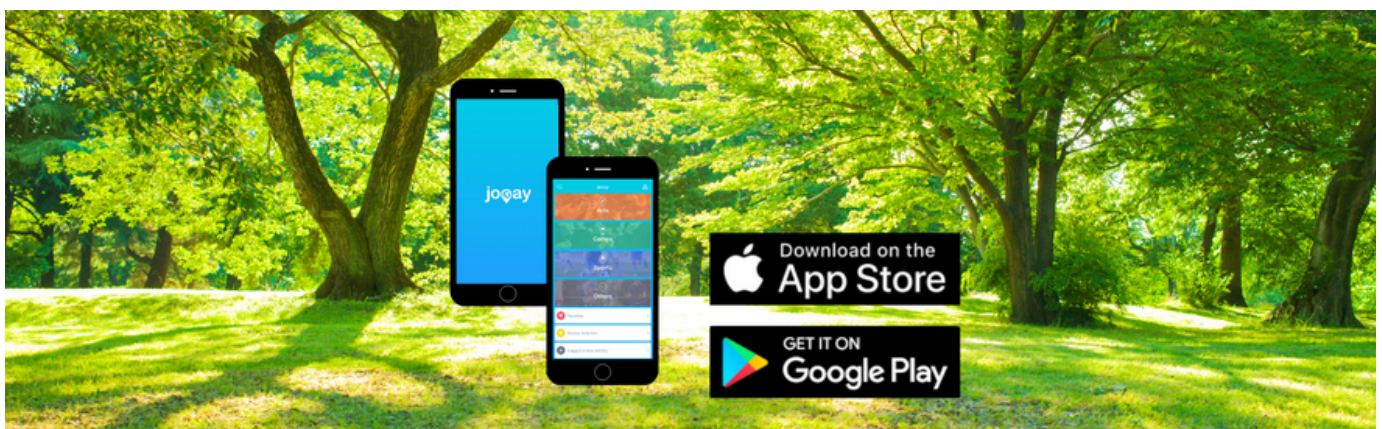


Easter Seals
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PROGRAMS & SERVICES

SPORT, RECREATION, & LEISURE PROGRAMS

The poster features a woman in a wheelchair shooting a basketball into a hoop. A logo is visible in the top right corner.



The advertisement shows two smartphones displaying the Joqay app interface against a background of a sunlit forest path. The app name 'joqay' is visible on the top phone. Download instructions are provided for the App Store and Google Play.

Download on the **App Store**

GET IT ON **Google Play**

4. Inclusive Adventures, Vancouver, BC

Power To Be's adventure programs create new possibilities in nature for those who face a barrier. Through a variety of different programs, they focus on skill and community building through activities like hiking, paddle sports, rock climbing, camping, and more.



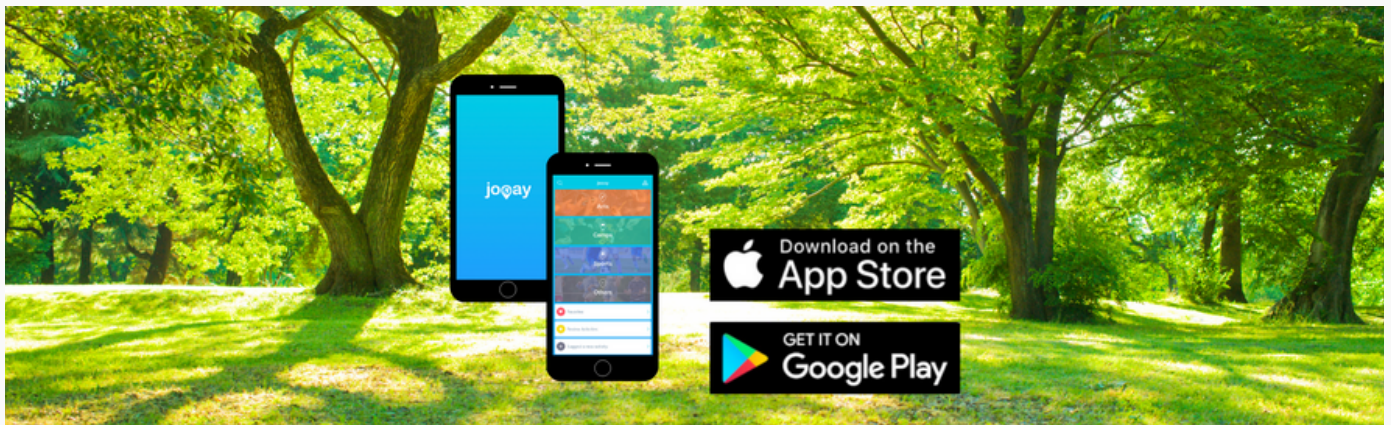
[Find out more here!](#)

5. Défi Sportif AlterGo, Montreal, QC

The Defi Sportif is an international event joining elite athletes and rising stars of all types of disabilities. Every year, 5000 athletes from 20 countries compete for 7 days of competition in Montreal and on the South Shore of Montreal from April 26 to May 5.



[Click here to find out more!](#)



6. Multi-Sports, Mississauga, ON

Multi-Sports is a program for children ages 3-12 years with physical disabilities as well as their siblings or friends. Parents are also encouraged to play with their children. The emphasis is on fun and learning the skills necessary to play more competitive sports. Co-operative games where children learn to work together and competitive games like tag are also introduced in this program. Children are welcome to bring walkers or other adaptive equipment for some of the games.



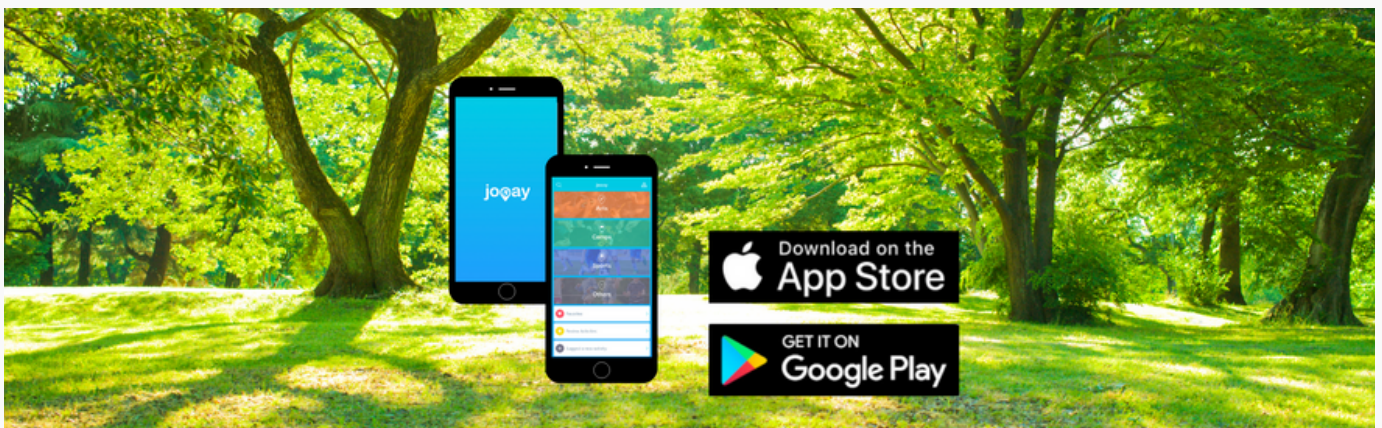
To register, click here!

7. Swimming Opportunities

Canadian Down Syndrome Swimming Association offers competitive swimming opportunities for people with Down Syndrome across Canada.

You can contact them for more information at:
knrrobin@yahoo.ca

A promotional poster for the Canadian Down Syndrome Swimming Association. The top part features a large photo of a swimmer celebrating with arms raised, and three smaller circular photos showing swimmers in action. Below the photos, the text reads: "CANADIAN DOWN SYNDROME SWIMMING ASSOCIATION", "RECRUITING SWIMMERS", "Interested in being part of a team and competing with others of similar abilities and interests?", "The Canadian Down Syndrome Swimming Association connects T21 swimmers to opportunities for personal growth as they journey toward inclusion in local, national and international competition.", "We are actively seeking competitive swimmers who have Down Syndrome to join our team." At the bottom, there is a red banner with the Canadian flag logo, contact information for Roy Robinson (knrrobin@yahoo.ca), and the website CDSSA.CA. The banner also includes social media icons for Facebook and Twitter, with the text "CDSSA Powered by XtraChromosome".



JOOAY APP UPDATES

BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD OUR UPGRADED ANDROID
VERSION OF THE JOOAY APP!

FIND IT TODAY ON THE PLAY STORE & DISCOVER OUR
NEW FEATURES.

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE 'ONLINE' ACTIVITIES TAB!

The advertisement features three smartphones against a green and blue bokeh background. The leftmost phone shows the JOOAY logo on a blue screen. The middle phone displays the app's main menu with categories: Arts, Camps, Sports, and Others, along with options for Favorites, Review Activities, and Suggest a new activity. The rightmost phone shows the 'Art Activities' screen with a list of online programs, including 'Online DA@Home - Dance Adventure', 'Online Easter Art Packs - Rebekah Jane Art', 'Online Multi Arts Programs - MultiArtWorks', 'Online Colouring Sheets - BC Disability', 'Online Multi Arts Day Program - Dramaway Theatre', 'Online Virtual Summer Camp Program - Dreams C...', 'Online Para Dance Classes - Ballroom Fit', and 'Online Ability Dance Classes - Ballroom Fit'. Each activity listing includes a star rating, a 'P.O.A.' icon, and an 'Online' label. In the top right corner, there is a 'GET IT ON Google Play' button. In the bottom center, there is a 'Download on the App Store' button with the Apple logo.

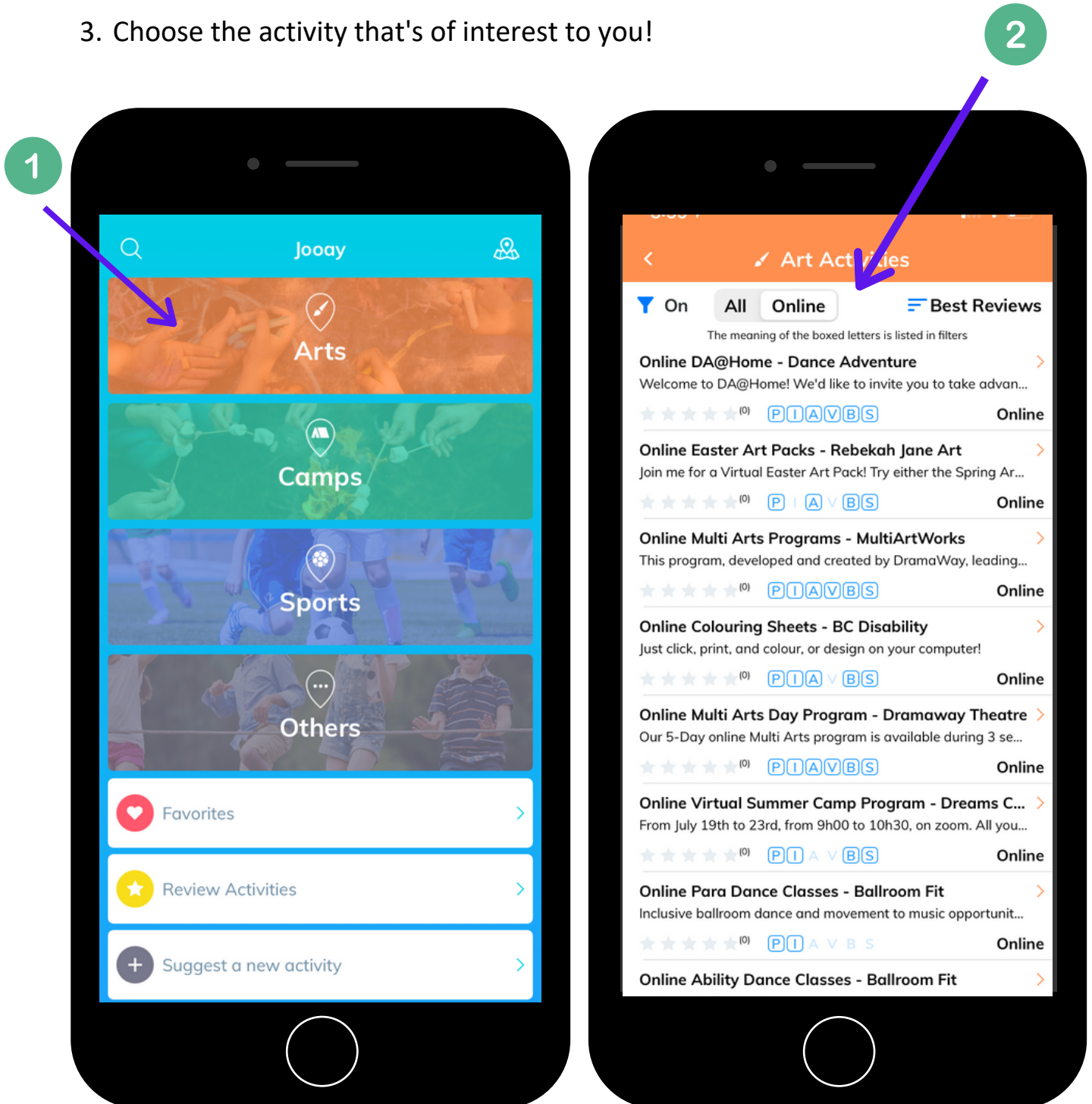
THE UPGRADED ANDROID VERSION OF THE JOOAY APP

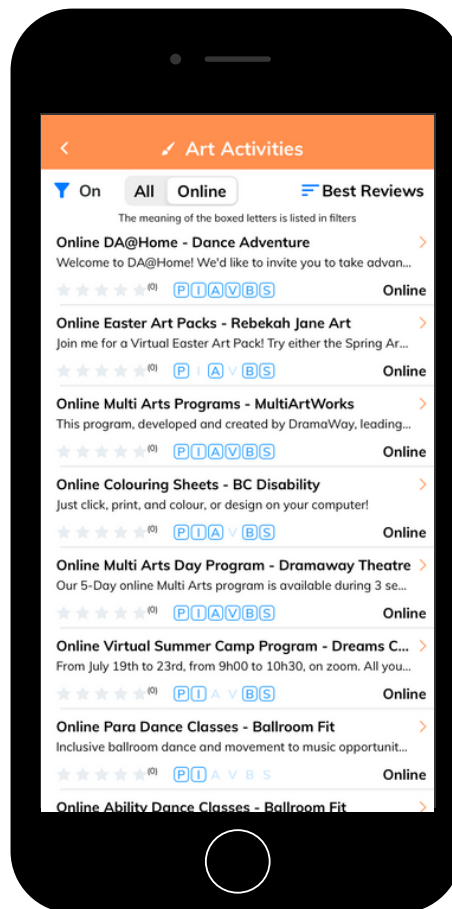
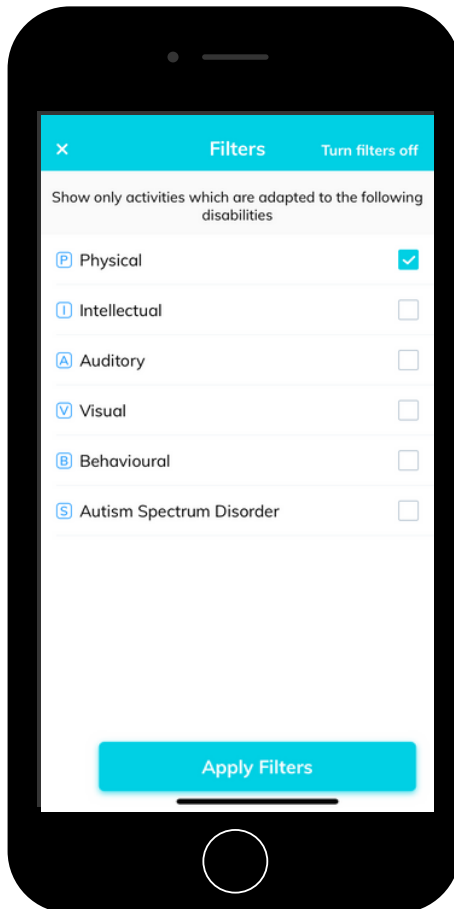
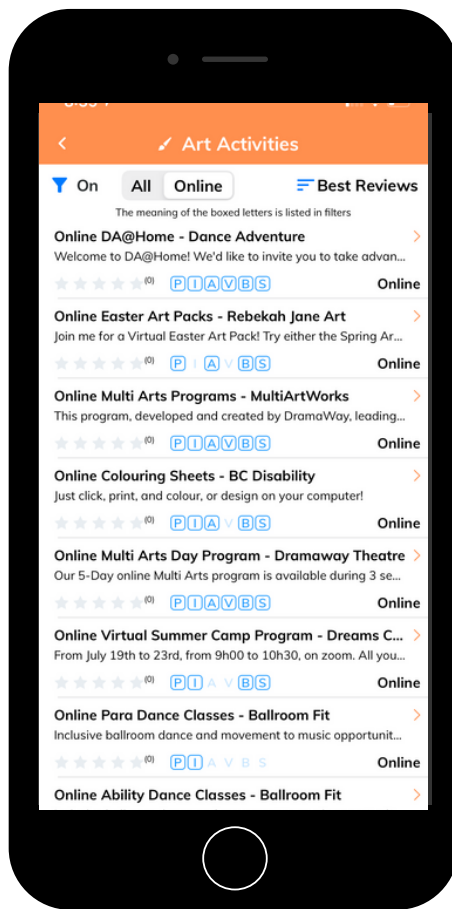
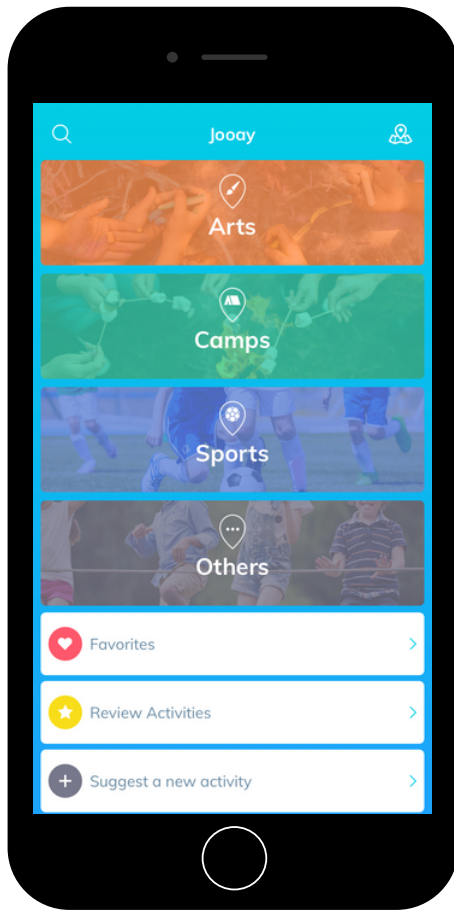
HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THE JOOAY APP?

Tip #1: SEARCHING FOR ONLINE ACTIVITIES

When viewing an activity in the Jooy app ...

1. Select an option among the activity' categories
2. Select the 'Online' Tab to have access to virtual activities
3. Choose the activity that's of interest to you!





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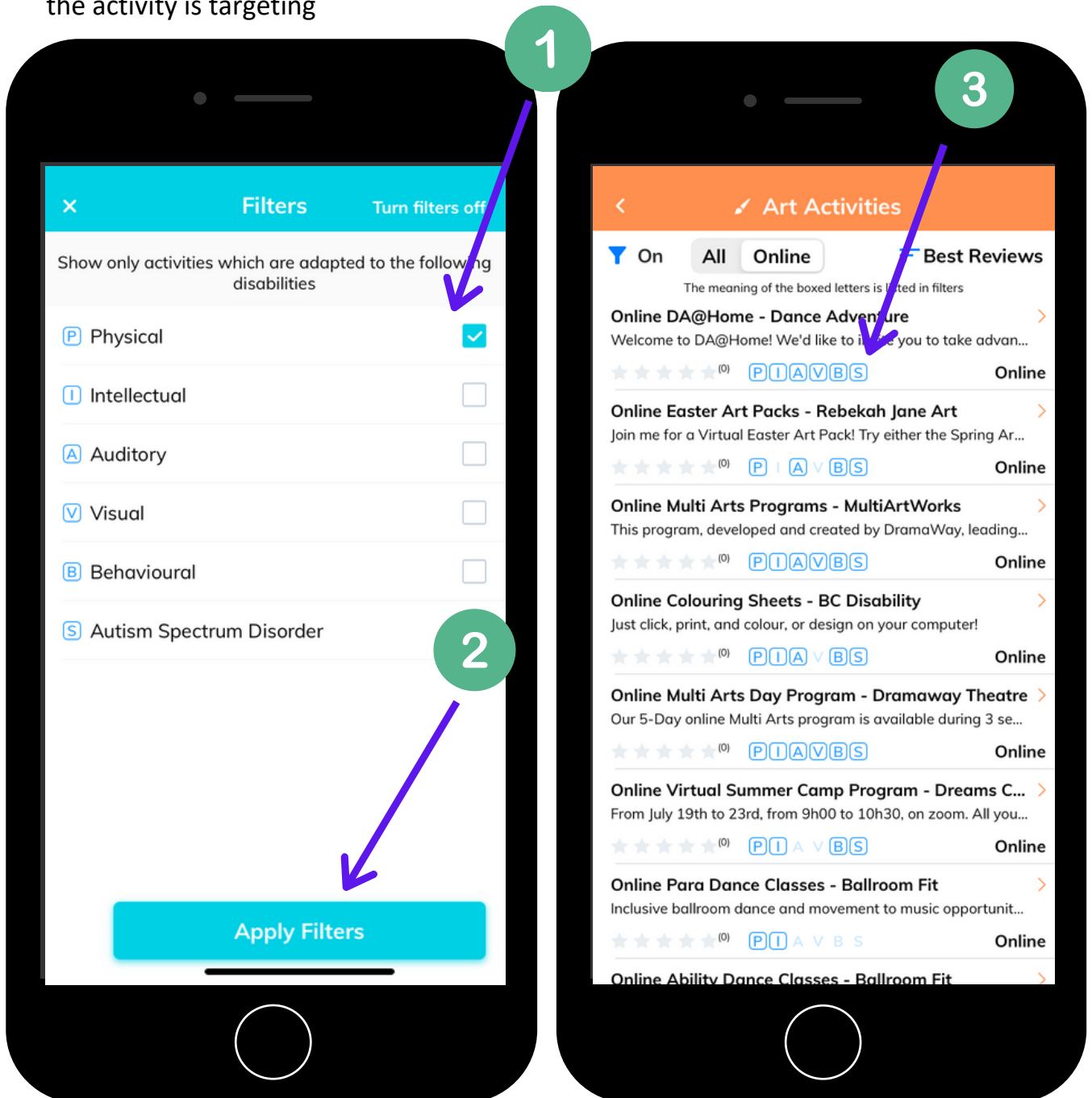
Tip #2: SEARCHING FOR THE TYPE OF SPECIAL NEED

When viewing an activity in the Jooay app ...

1. Select the filter of your choice
2. Click on "Apply Filters"

OR

3. When viewing activities, see the Letters which indicate the type of disability the activity is targeting



**Dr. Keiko Shikako's interview
with AMI-télé is out!**

Watch here



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contact: jooay@childhooddisability.ca

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