Georgia's Assistive Technology Act Program

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May 4 & 5, 2016

Sharpening Your Skills: Exploring Assistive Technology Toolkits

Aging Disability Resource Centers/Area Agencies on Aging

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Your Presenters Today

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With contributions from:

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Ben Satterfield - Center for AT Excellence

Agenda: Day 1

Day 1: Wednesday, May 4

1:00 PM Welcome and Introductions

1:15 PM Coastal Regional ADRC Experience and Tour

2:00 PM Understanding the DAS and TFL Partnership

2:45 PM Introduction to the Tools for Life Program & Network and TFL Database

4:00 PM Adjourn

Agenda: Day 2

Day 2: Thursday, May 5

9:00 AM	Diving Deep into Assistive Technology
10:00 AM	Exploring AT Funding and Resources
10:30 AM	What's in your Toolkit? (Hands-on)
12:00PM	Lunch (provided)
1:00 PM	Feature Matching: Exploring Real Examples
2:00 PM	Discussion & Questions
4:00 PM	Adjourn

Accessibility Made Smart

AMAC creates practical solutions that work, with a focus on utility, ease of use, and high quality.

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- **Certified Assistive Technology team** provides on-site and remote assessments, demonstrations, training and technical assistance for education, work, and daily living environments.

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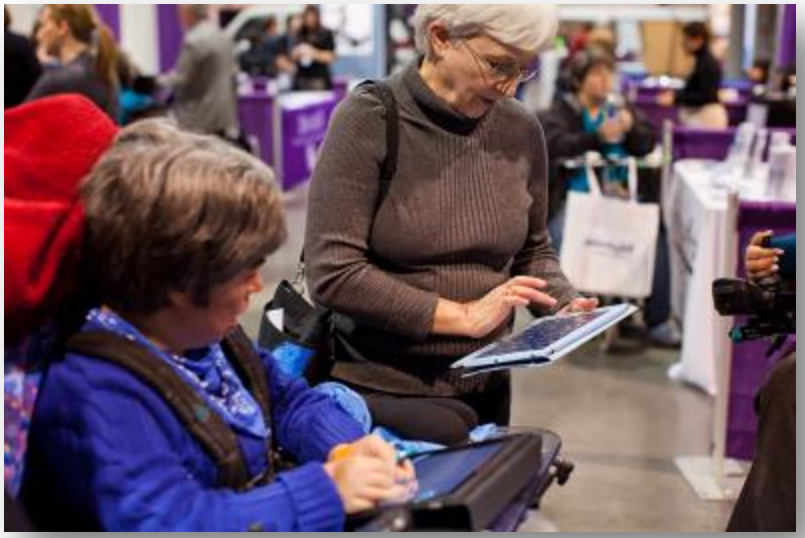
Tools for Life Mission

We're here to help Georgians with disabilities gain **access to and acquisition of** assistive technology devices and assistive technology services so they can live, learn, work, and play independently in the communities of their choice.



Tools for Life

Georgia's Federal AT Act Program

- TFL developed Georgia's Plan for AT
- We serve individuals of all ages & all disabilities in Georgia
  - Over 50,000 thru various activities throughout the year
- TFL Network
  - Assistive Technology Resource Centers/Outreach Centers
  - Lending Libraries
  - Training and Demonstrations
  - AT Reuse
  - AT Funding Education/Assistance and Resources
- Online Resources
  - www.gatfl.org - 5,000 unique visitors a month

Who are We Serving

- Over 54,000,000 individuals in the United States have disabilities that affect their ability to:
  - see
  - hear
  - communicate
  - reason
  - walk
  - perform other basic life functions

Public Law 108-364

Guiding Principle

- DisAbility is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals to:

  (A) live independently;

  (B) enjoy self-determination and make choices;

  (C) benefit from an education;

  (D) pursue meaningful careers; and

  (E) enjoy full inclusion and integration in the economic, political, social, cultural, and educational mainstream of society in the United States.

Public Law 108-364

1 out of every 5

- People with disabilities are the largest minority group in America.
- This group cuts across racial, ethnic, religious, gender and age boundaries.
- Anyone can become a member of this minority group at any time.

Language can Change Everything

What does the word "Handicapped” mean?

Value-Laden Language

- "Handicapped" is an archaic term (it's no longer used in any federal legislation) that evokes negative images of pity, fear, and more.

- A legendary origin of the "H-word" refers to a person with a disAbility begging with his "cap in his hand."

Words to Avoid

What are some words to avoid that are associated with disability?

Disability Awareness

Disability Negative	Disability Neutral
Handicapped accessible	Accessible parking Accommodations
Handicapped, crippled, deformed	Person with a disability Individual with a disability
Quadriplegic, paraplegic, incapacitated	Individual with a spinal cord injury
Wheelchair-bound/ Confined to a wheelchair	Person who uses a wheelchair
The blind	Individual who is blind or has low vision

Disability Awareness & Language

Disability Negative	Disability Neutral
The deaf, deaf and dumb, mute, hearing impaired	Individual who is deaf or hard of hearing
Dwarf Midget	Individual of short stature
Stroke victim Suffered from a stroke	Person who had a stroke
Slow Retarded	Individual with an intellectual disability
Crazy, maniac, lunatic, demented, schizo, psycho	Person with a psychiatric disability or with a mental health diagnosis

What is Assistive Technology?

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Assistive Technology Device
...any item, piece of equipment or product that is used to increase, maintain or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.

- Public Law 105-394 [29 USC 2201]

Low/No-tech

- pencil grip
- adapted books
- slant board
- highlighters, tape
- magnifiers
- color coding
- read to out loud
- picture schedule
- strategies for memory
- colored transparencies
- Proof readers
- note taker

Mid-Tech

- word prediction
- text to speech
- speech to text
- spell checkers
- talking calculators
- digital recorders
- organizers
- e-books
- adapted keyboard
- adapted mouse
- adapted toys
- CCTV
- apps under $100

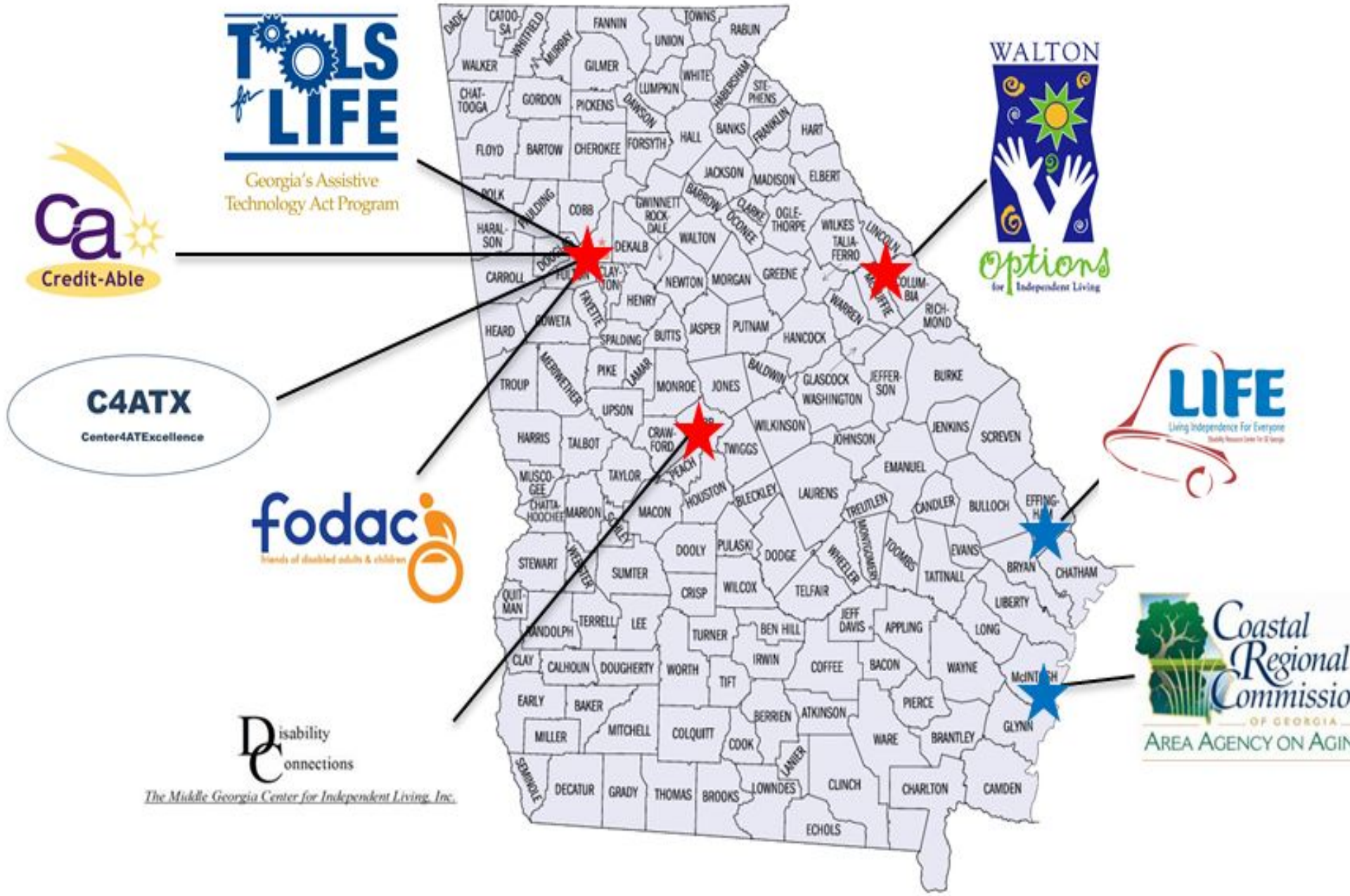
High-Tech

- computer/laptops
- tablets/phablets
- smartphones,
- smartpens
- OCR scanner/software
- magnification software
- speech output devices
- switch, joystick access
- scanning access
- voice recognition
- environmental control devices
- apps over $100

Why Assistive Technology?

- For a person without a disability, technology makes ~~things~~ LIFE easier.
- For a person with a disability, technology makes ~~things~~ LIFE possible.

Accessing the TFL Network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Friends of disabled adults & children
Disability Connections
The Middle Georgia Center for Independent Living, Inc.
WALTON
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BROOKS
LOWNDES
LANIER
CLINCH
CHARLTON
CAMDEN
ECHOLS

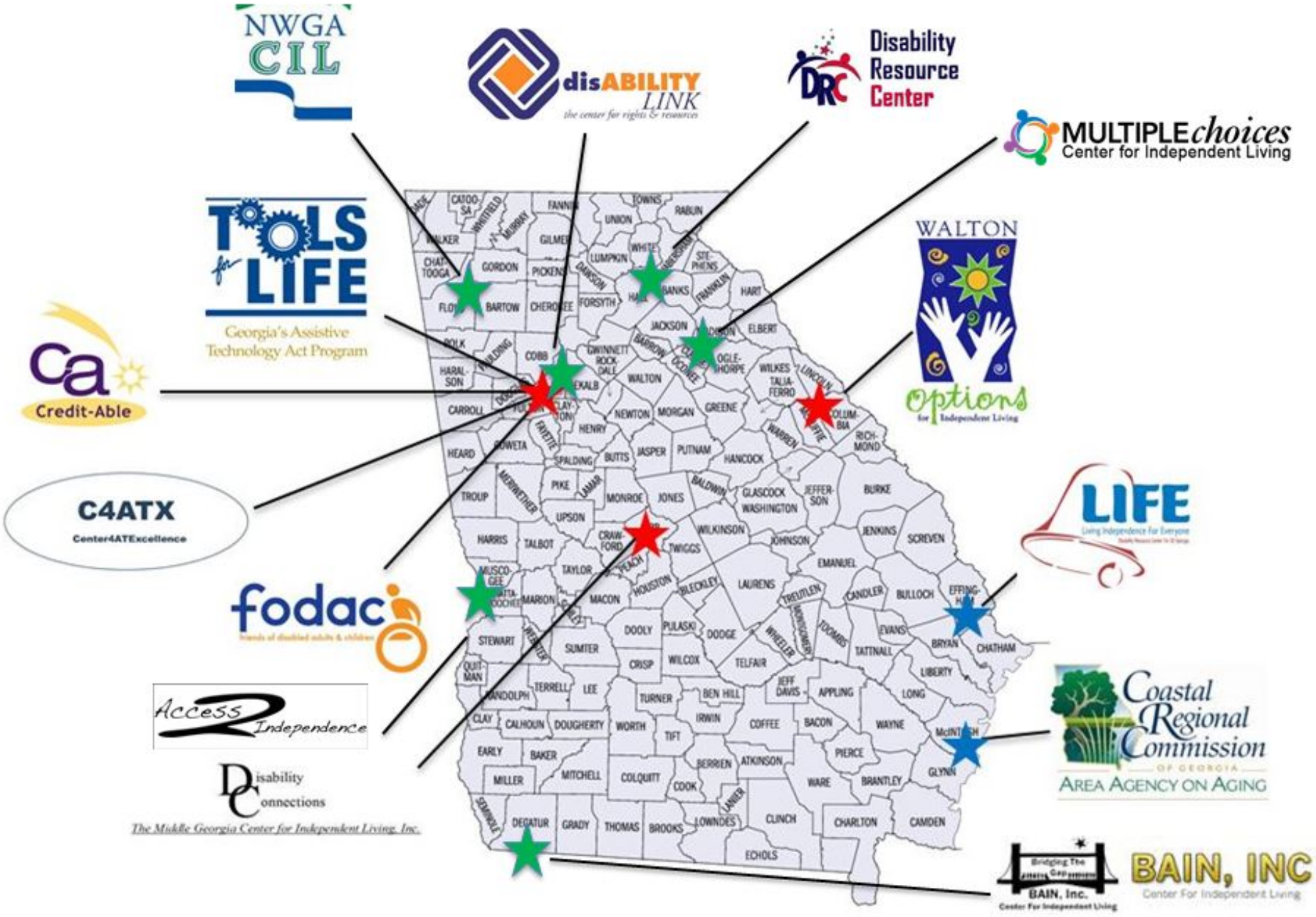
ATRCs and Outreach Centers

- **ATRCs**
  - CREATE
  - Disability Connections
  - Walton Options
    - AT Evaluations
    - AT Funding
    - AT Demos
    - AT Loans
    - AT Reuse
    - AT Training (groups/individuals)
    - Access to TFL Network
- **Outreach Centers**
  - FODAC
  - Coastal
  - L.I.F.E
    - AT demos
    - Some AT reuse
    - Some AT training
    - Access to TFL network

TFL Community Partners

- ✓ Access2Independence
- ✓ BAIN
- ✓ disABILITY LINK
- ✓ Disability Resource Center
- ✓ Northwest Georgia Center for Independent Living
- ✓ Multiple Choices

TFL Network & Community Partners



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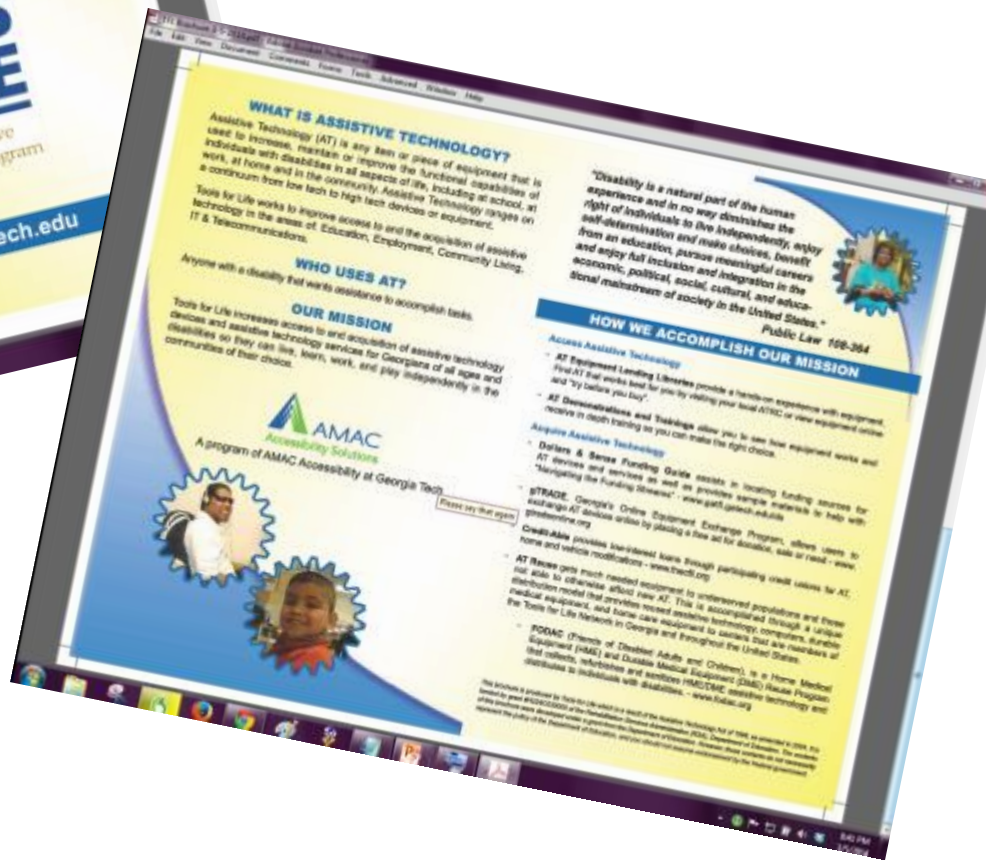

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2015 GATE SEMINAR

DEC 4 — Georgia Tech Student Center

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Zimbra: Inbox
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Get a Financial Loan to purchase AT

The CFII - The Center for Financial Independence & Innovation, Inc. (The CFII) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping individuals with disabilities and their family members advance their financial independence and security.

Obtain AT through our AT Cooperative Buying Program

The Georgia AT Depot is a state-wide buying Cooperative for Assistive Technology for customers in the state of Georgia. The Georgia AT Depot is modeled after the Maryland AT Co-op, which has operated a successful cooperative buying program since 1998. The Georgia AT Depot is a collaborating partner with the Maryland Co-op. In this way we can provide Georgia customers the best discounts possible.

Obtain Reused/Gently Used AT Devices

gTRADE, Georgia's Online Equipment Exchange, encourages members to offer AT and DME for sale or donation to others who may benefit from using technology unneeded by others.

FODAC - Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC) is Georgia's statewide provider of home health and durable medical equipment. FODAC has distributed 20,000 wheelchairs and thousands of other pieces of DME since 1986. Internationally, 65 countries have received some equipment over those years.

2013 IDEAS CONFERENCE

2013 Institute Designed for Educating All Students Conference
June 3 - 6, 2013
Epworth by the Sea, St Simons Island

- Conference Registration
- Conference Website
- Exhibitor Details

WEBINARS

MAY 29 — A Closer Look at Apps and the Tools for Life AppFinder: A Live Demo

JUL 17 — Social Security 911: Understanding Your Rights & Resources

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11:32 PM
5/27/2013

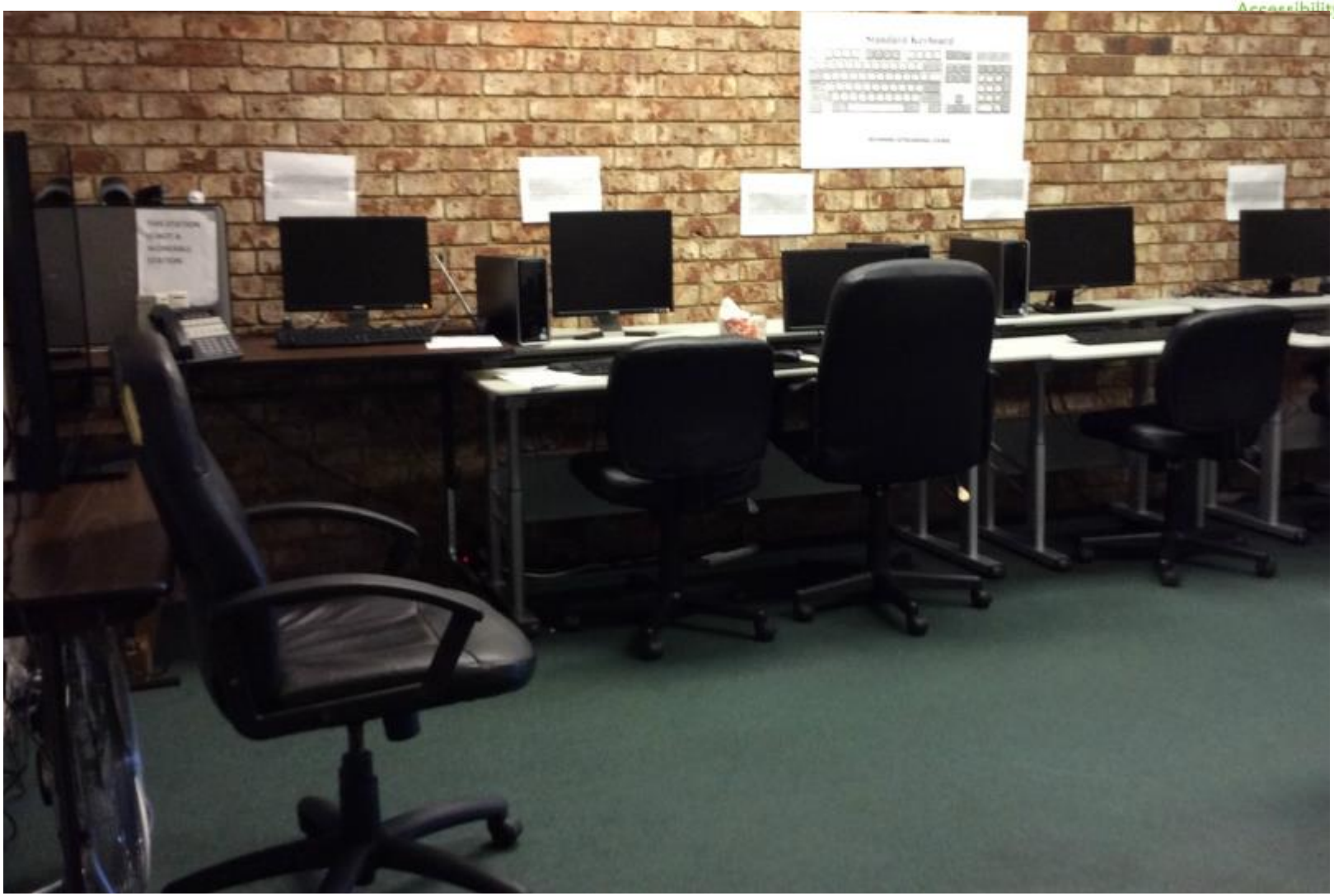
Displaying Equipment

- Glass display cases
- Tall showcase boards
- In the Kitchen
- Displayed in the lobby
- In our computer lab
- In employees offices

Glass Display

Shelf Display

Computer Lab Display



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Directions: Complete top half of page one and email to Kathy two weeks prior to the event.

Date:_____ **Staff completing form:**_____
Person Responsible (print**):**_____ **Signature**_____

Type of event (conference, fair, expo. etc.)_____
Where is event?_____

Date of event:_____ **Will need display by what date?**_____
Estimated number of participants: **Conference has to do with?**_____
Participant type(children, teachers, etc.)_____

Circle each item you will need**:**

- Walton Options table cloth
- Table top display
- Tools for Life (large) floor display
- Give aways
- Brochures:
- Walton Options IL
- Walton Options Employment Srvcs
- Star Network
- Surveys
- Sign in sheets
- Pens/pencils

Equipment(AT) requesting (please circle)

Low tech items
School items
Communication aids
Employment items
Kitchen Items
Hi Tech items
Toys with switches

Other specific items:_____

Below line for TFl dept. use only **Directions**: List **each item** separate and **each accessory** for an item separately. Insert the item's barcode number in appropriate column. When items returned – record date returned and what type of condition the equipment is in.

Item Name	Bar Code	Returned	Condition
Example: FM Transmitter	*WO100009999*	Yes/10/22/2010	Good
Staff pickup signature:		Date	
Staff return signature:		Date	

Set up for Exhibits and Fairs

- We have a normal tabletop display setup
- We only change out the AT and pictures
- AT depends on your audience or topic - Children, College, Seniors, Women, Autism

Equipment Tags

Easy Grip In Mug -16 oz.

No Grasping needed

Designed for individuals who have had a stroke, has Parkinson's or has arthritis, grasping, fine motor, cognitive, and upper extremities difficulties

Can be found Online at

Maxi Aids

Arthritis supplies

The Wright Stuff

Cost: $24.95

Demos

- Scenerio
- Individual with tremors from Parkinson's

- 1. (a) Ask the consumer what she wants to accomplish (her goal)
- 2. (b) Possible solutions; weighted spoon, Liftware spoon, plates
- 3. (c) Include in the data you referred the consumer for

Individual Demo

1. has been spilling food while trying to eat

2. answer: eat without spilling

3. Enter data indicating the AT you demonstrated. If more than one utensil or item was demonstrated, each one has to be entered using their own bar codes.

Understanding Device Demos

Policies and Procedures for AT Demo Lab

- **Device demonstrations compare the features and benefits of a particular AT device or category of devices for an individual or small group of individuals.** The purpose of a device demonstration is to enable an individual to make an informed choice.

- Whenever possible, the participant should be shown a variety of devices. Device demonstrations should not be confused with training activities at which devices are demonstrated. Training activities are instructional events designed to increase knowledge, skills, and competencies, generally for larger audiences.

Policies and Procedures for AT Demo Lab

- **Device demonstrations also should not be confused with public awareness activities at which devices are demonstrated.** The key difference is that device demonstrations are intended to enable an individual to make an informed choice rather than merely making him or her aware of a variety of AT.
- In a device demonstration for an individual, guided experience with the device(s) is provided to the participant with the assistance of someone who has technical expertise related to the device(s). This expert may be in the same location as the participant or may assist the participant through Internet or distance learning mechanism that provides real-time, effective communication to deliver the necessary device exploration.

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- **A demonstration is characterized by its interactive nature whereby the participant can interact with an expert to increase their knowledge and understanding about the details and functions of a device; the participant drives the demonstration and has the ability to interact and have their individual questions about the device addressed.** If the demonstration is conducted via the internet or distance learning mechanism it must be a real-time, interactive demonstration that provides one-on-one assistance to the participant. A web-based demonstration that is archived or is a static presentation without interaction is considered an awareness activity, not a demonstration.

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- **If a demonstration is to be conducted without the participant having direct (hands-on) access to the devices to be demonstrated, the interaction must be structured to ensure the device can be adequately explored to enable decision-making.** For many types of AT devices, it will not be possible to provide adequate interaction in a demonstration without the device being in the hands of the participant.

- *Catalyst*

Policies and Procedures for AT Demo Lab

Rationale:

Assistive Technology demonstrations are available to people with disabilities and their families, as well as providers of education, health, employment and related services. AT demonstrations will increase understanding of the types of devices that can help with a specific need, such as talking on the telephone or reading your mail. Demonstrations of equipment improved knowledge of the devices features and how those features differ from other devices that perform the same type of function. For example, a device demonstration can help to explain the difference between two persons listening devices. Upon completion of an assistive technology demonstration the individual should have a better understanding of how devices can help them achieve tasks at work, in school, at home or in the community.

Policies and Procedures for AT Demo Lab

Policy:

Demonstrations are to be conducted by knowledgeable staff who will compare the features and benefits of a particular AT device/software for an individual or small group of individuals.

Policies and Procedures for AT Demo Lab

Procedure:

- **Demonstrations are meant to be conducted as a hand-on exploration of devices and how they work.** At certain times other modalities can be employed if needed, such as using a web cam over the internet. Demonstrations should consist of 3 items if possible to compare and contrast features that could assist in the area the individual would like to be independent and not focus on brand name
- **Staff members should be able to talk about funding opportunities** for the devices such as, Vocational Rehabilitation, Medicare/Medicaid, alternative financing solutions, and grants.

Policies and Procedures for AT Demo Lab

Policy:

- **Demonstrations can be given at a scheduled appointment, assessment, tour, training, or walk-in.**

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Procedure:

- **Demonstrations can be given to an individual with a disability, caregiver, family member, service providers, and other stakeholders such as employer to become familiar with availability, features, funding, etc.** An individual can request to see certain product demonstrated or ask for a sampling of devices. If an individual is unsure what they would like to have demoed, the staff person may ask more detailed questions. At that time, if possible the staff member will demo the devices or make arrangement for a demonstration at a later date or alternative locations. A two hour time block is generally reserved for a device demo.
- At times, it is possible to show a device demo that is not scheduled. If this occurs, a knowledgeable staff member will conduct the demo and record in TFL staff database system.

Policies and Procedures for AT Demo Lab

Policy:

- **Prior to demonstrations, a knowledgeable staff member will check the items to be demonstrated that they are working and are in the lab**

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Procedure:

- **When possible, the TFL staff member will check item the day before to make sure that the item is in the lab, batteries are charged and device is work properly.** If batteries are not fully charged it is recommended that the devices be plugged in and charged overnight. If equipment is out on loan, if possible, have equipment returned the day before so that TFL staff can clean the item and make sure it works as well.
- **On day of demonstration, TFL staff will make sure the AT lab area is accessible; turn on any needed computers, and have equipment clean and ready.** TFL staff will make sure that any personal information from pervious loaner will also be cleared off.

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Procedure:

- **Professionals in the field of assistive technology, such as school personnel, speech language pathologist, and occupational therapist/physical therapist are able to schedule a time with the AT Demo Lab to provide their own consultation and demonstration services.** Tools for Life may not be involved with this. If this happens, TFL staff will assist in scheduling and preparing the equipment that will be demoed, clean-up and documenting the demo in the TFL database. TFL will make sure that they receive the required following information:
- Device that was demoed and barcode number
- Be associate with the individual or staff member
- Decision that was made
- Satisfaction of the individual
- This information can be given to Martha Rust via e-mail or support call to record into the database system.

Policies and Procedures for AT Demo Lab

Policy:

- Funding possibilities for the devices should be discussed during a device demonstration.

Policies and Procedures for AT Demo Lab

Procedure:

- **During a device demonstration, funding for devices should be discussed.** Individuals should be familiar with funding opportunities that include but not limited to the Tools for Life Assistive Technology Funding Specialist, Credit Able, and the online Dollar and Sense Funding Guide.

Policies and Procedures for AT Demo Lab

Policy:

- **At the end of demonstration, all demos should be recorded in the Tools for Life staff database** section under the Device Demo tab and clean up in AT Demo lab

Policies and Procedures for AT Demo Lab

Procedure:

- All demonstrations should be recorded into the TFL staff database at the end of the demo. The individual name does not need to be recorded. To record a demo in the database:
- 1. Go to www.gatfl.org and click on DIRECT SERVICE DATABASE on the bottom of the page or use the direct link https://gatfl.gatech.edu/sri/users/login

AT Demo Check List

- Is device charged/ cleaned and ready to show
  - Batteries/ cords
- Show all the features of the device/ software
  - Accessibility features
- Show at least 2 or 3 items
- Asked if this device or software would be helpful
- Explored funding options
  - Dollar and Sense Guide
- Items displayed/ cleaned /charged ready for the next demonstration
- Put in TFL Database

Exploring the Tools for Life Database

https://gatfl.gatech.edu/sri/users/login

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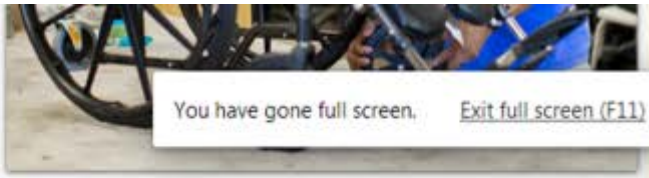

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- AT Demonstration
- AT Evaluations and Assessments
- AT Funding Options & Education
- Access to the TFL AT Lending Libraries
- AT & Durable Medical Equipment Reuse
- AT Training (Individual)
- AT Training (Groups)

Please take our survey to help us gather information that will help better serve the community.

Georgia Tools for Life leads the US in Assistive Technology Services!

...for Living, Learning, Working, and Playing.

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Adding New Customer

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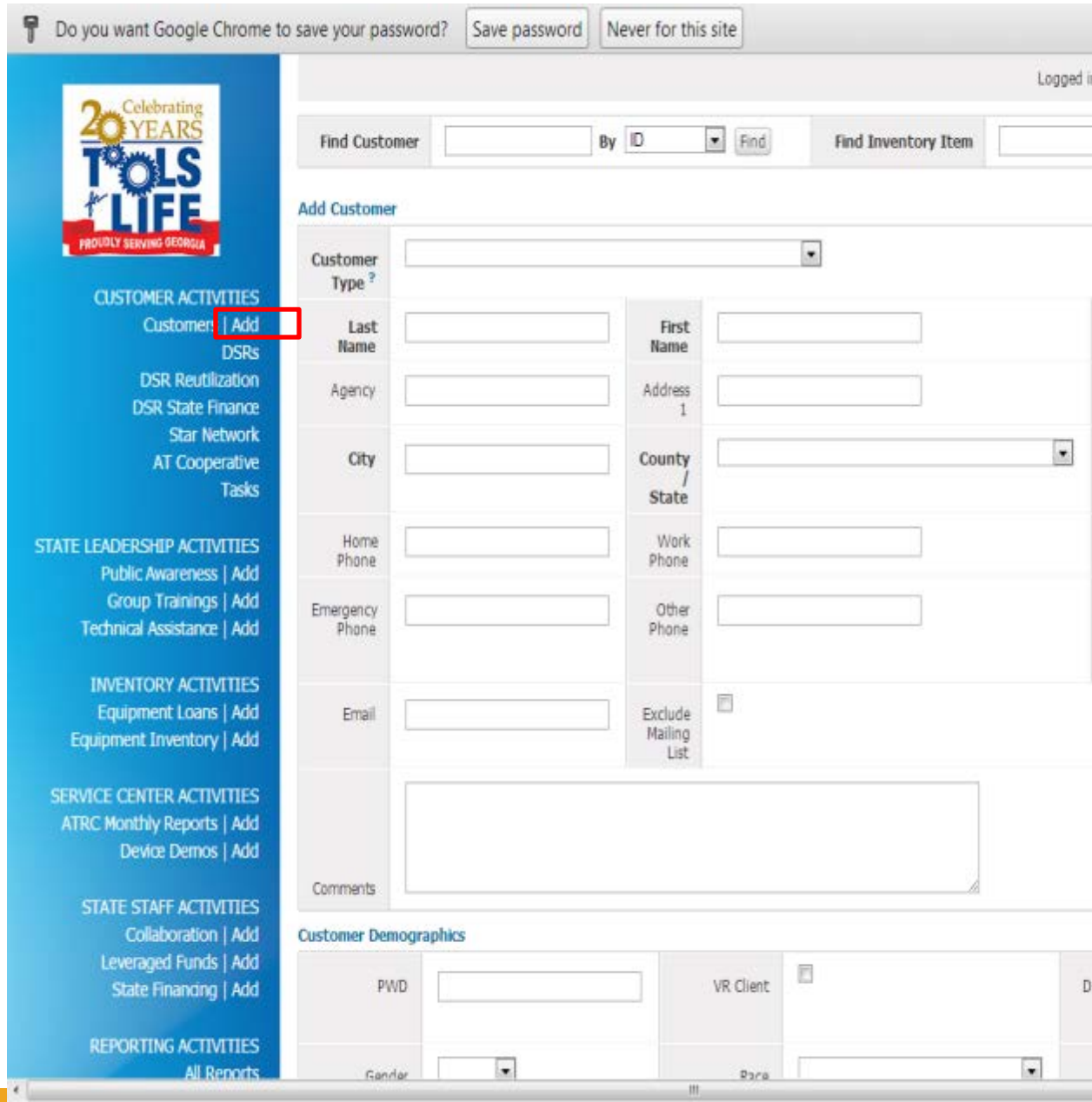

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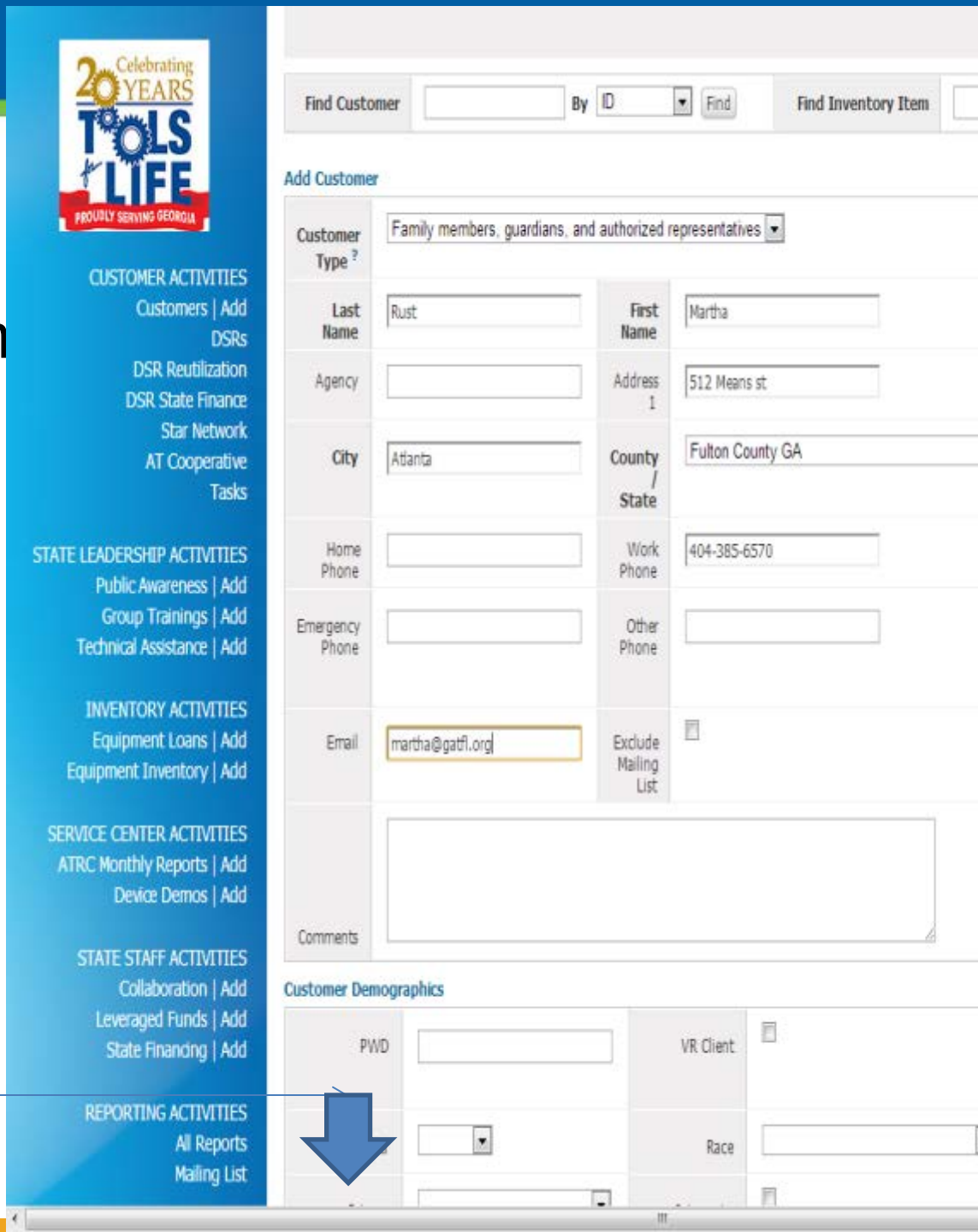
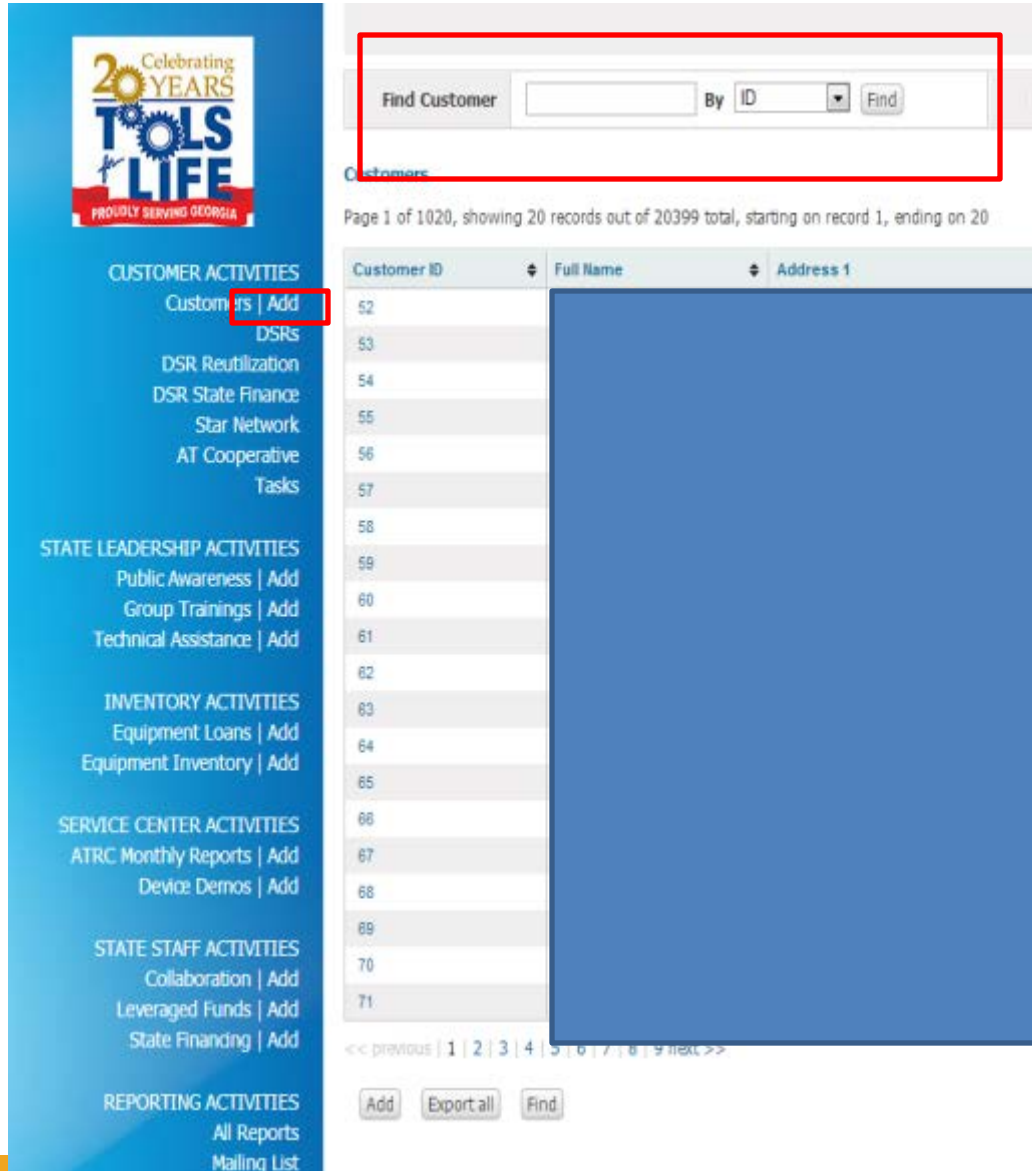
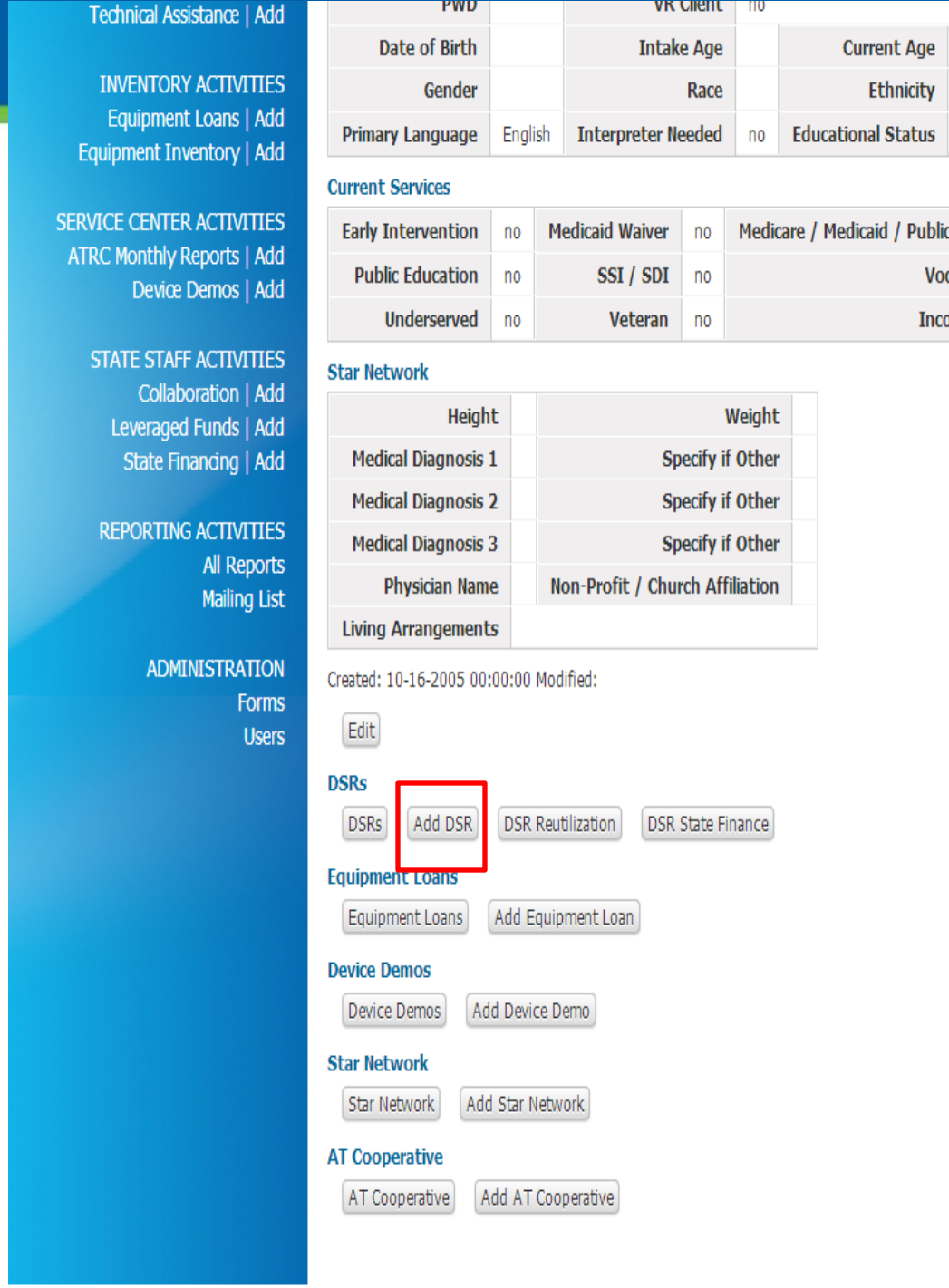


Adding a new DSR

- Click on Customer
- Choose the Individual you would like to add
- You can use search box that the top to Search by ID or Last Name



- Once you have selected the individual you will scroll to the bottom and will see DSRS
- Click on Add DSR



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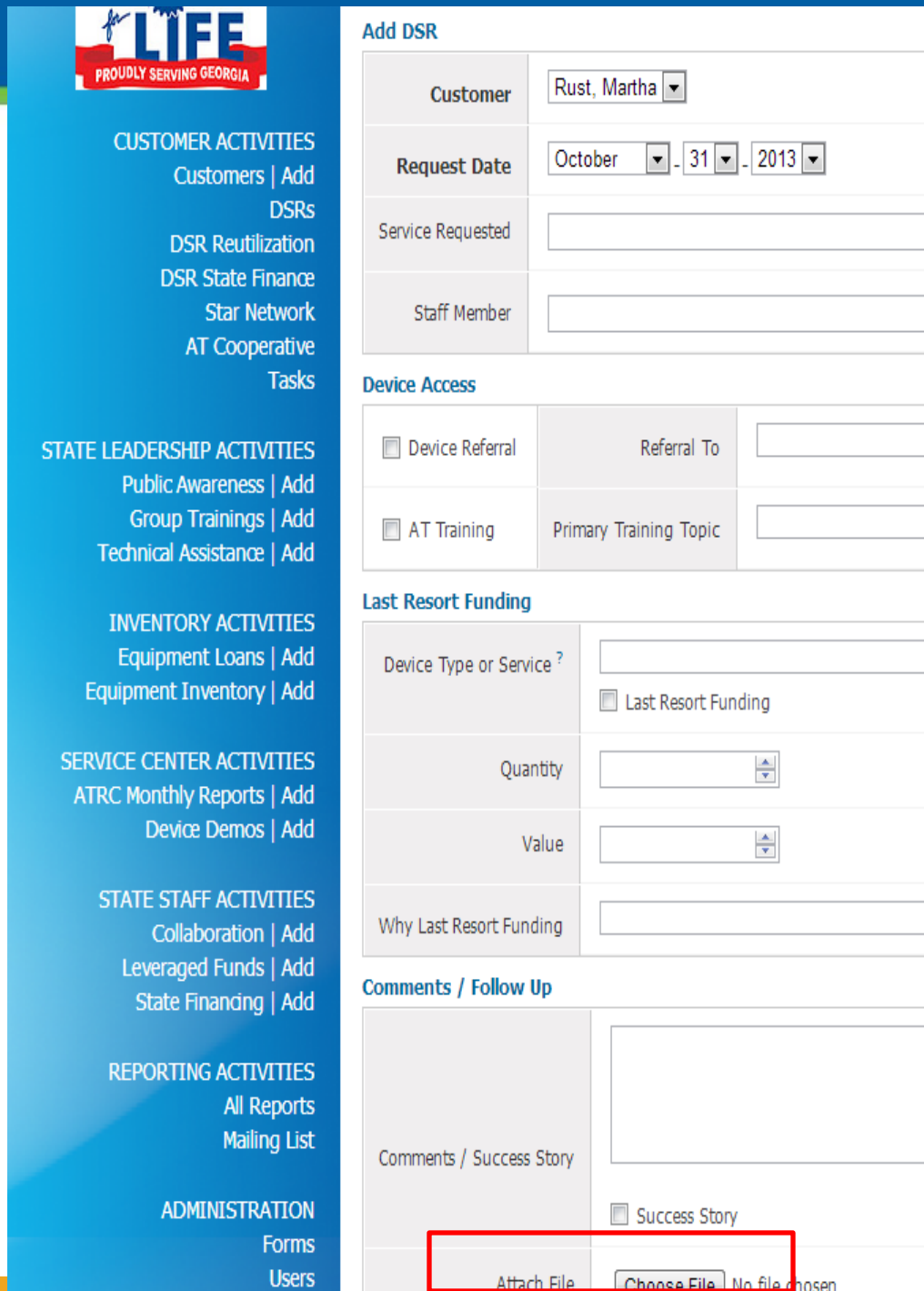
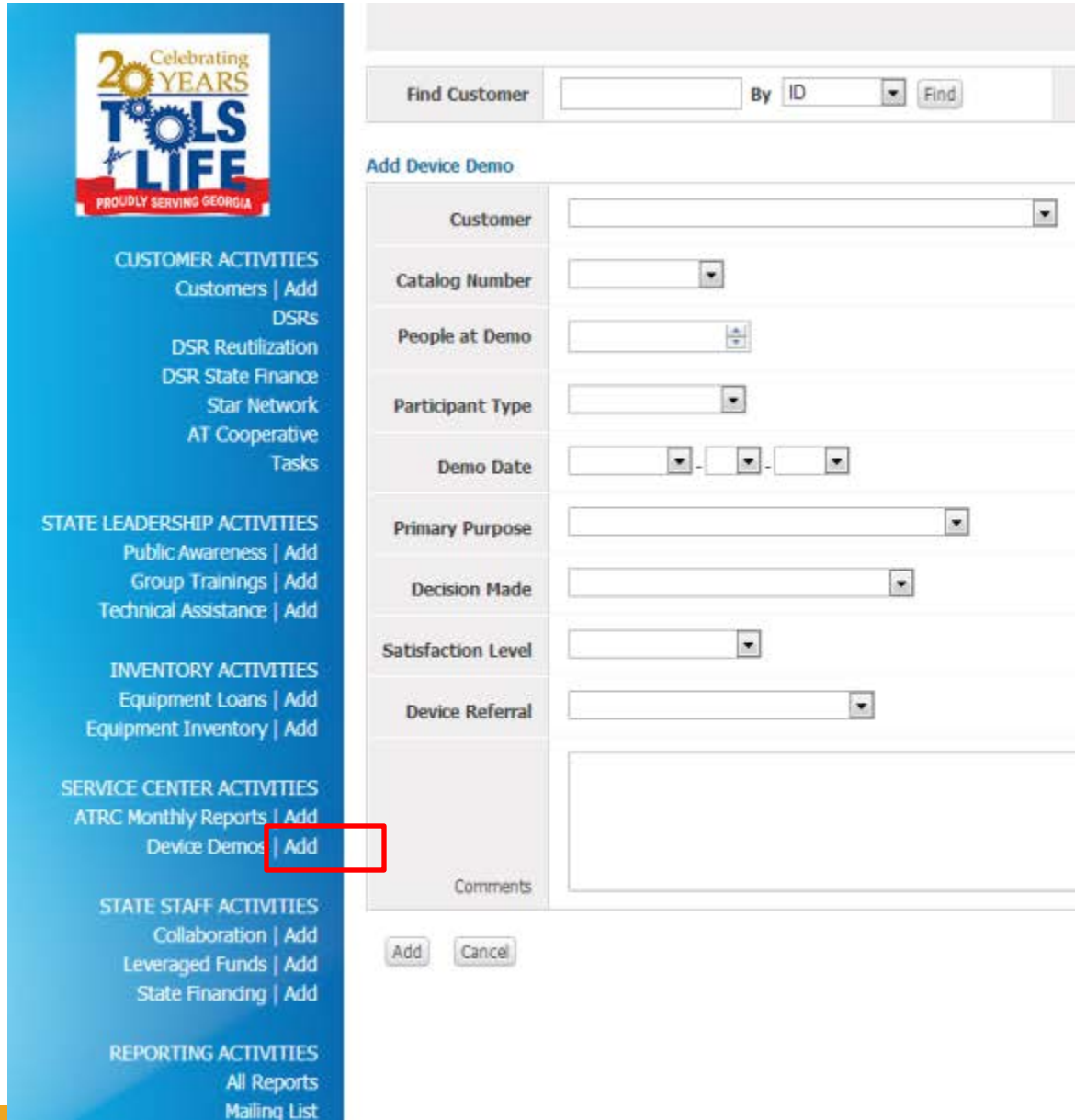
- You will complete the DSR form
- Be sure to add your Service Center
- You have to opportunity to attach a file for the Success Story
- When completed you will Click Add underneath the Success Story



Adding Device Demo

- Click on Add beside Device Demo



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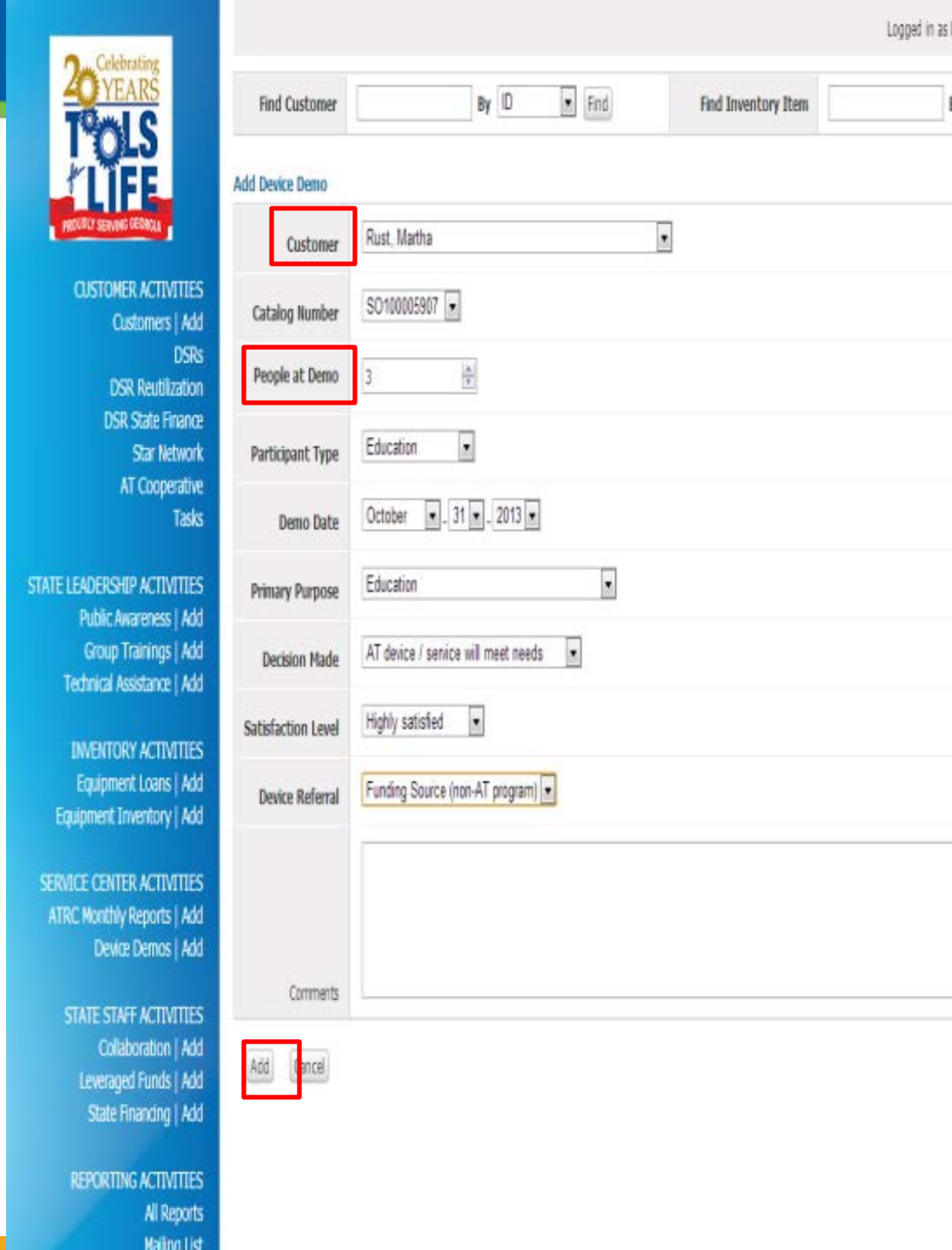
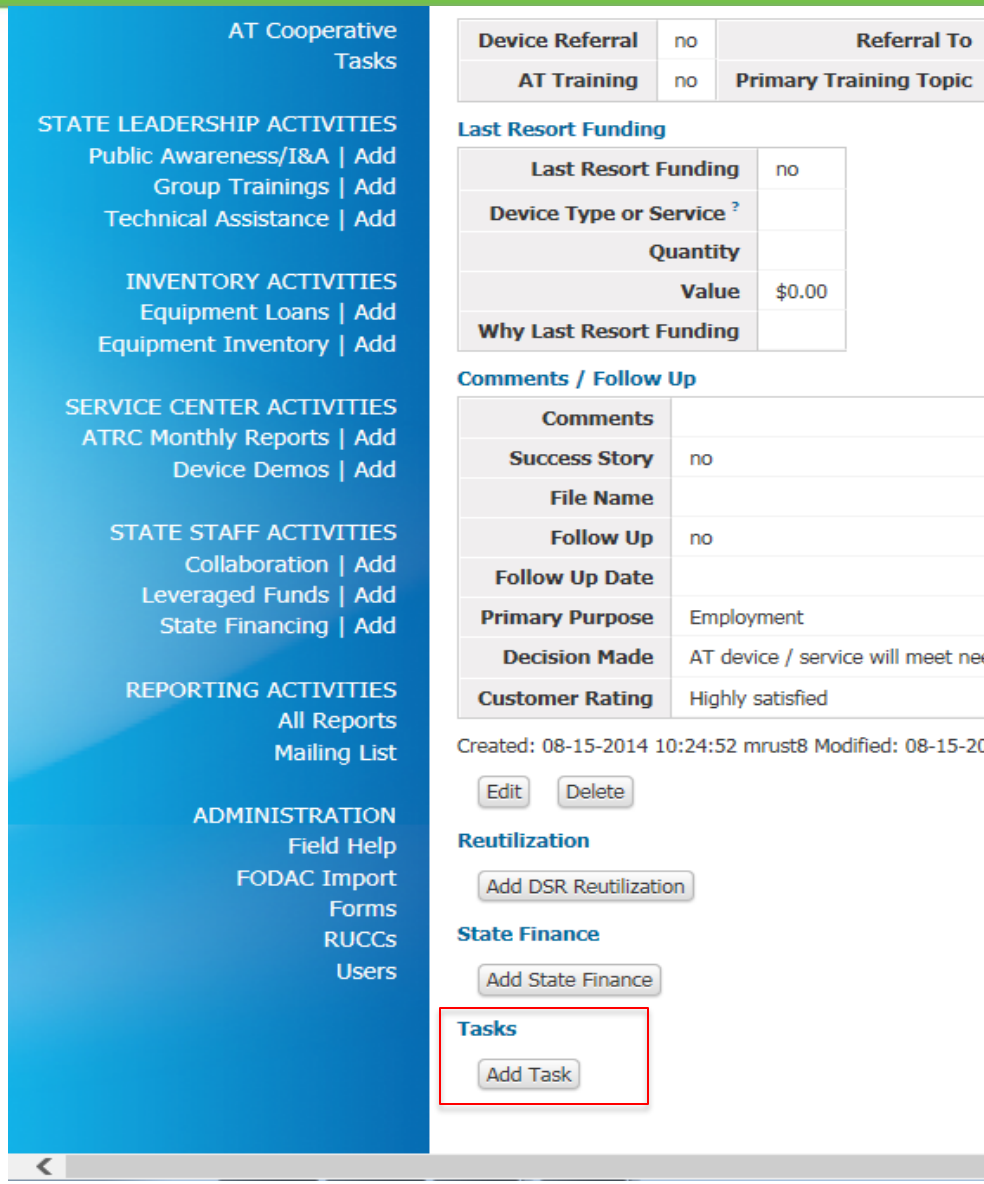
- Click to choose your individual
- Complete Form
- Number of people at the demo includes family members, teachers, therapists, etc
- Click Add



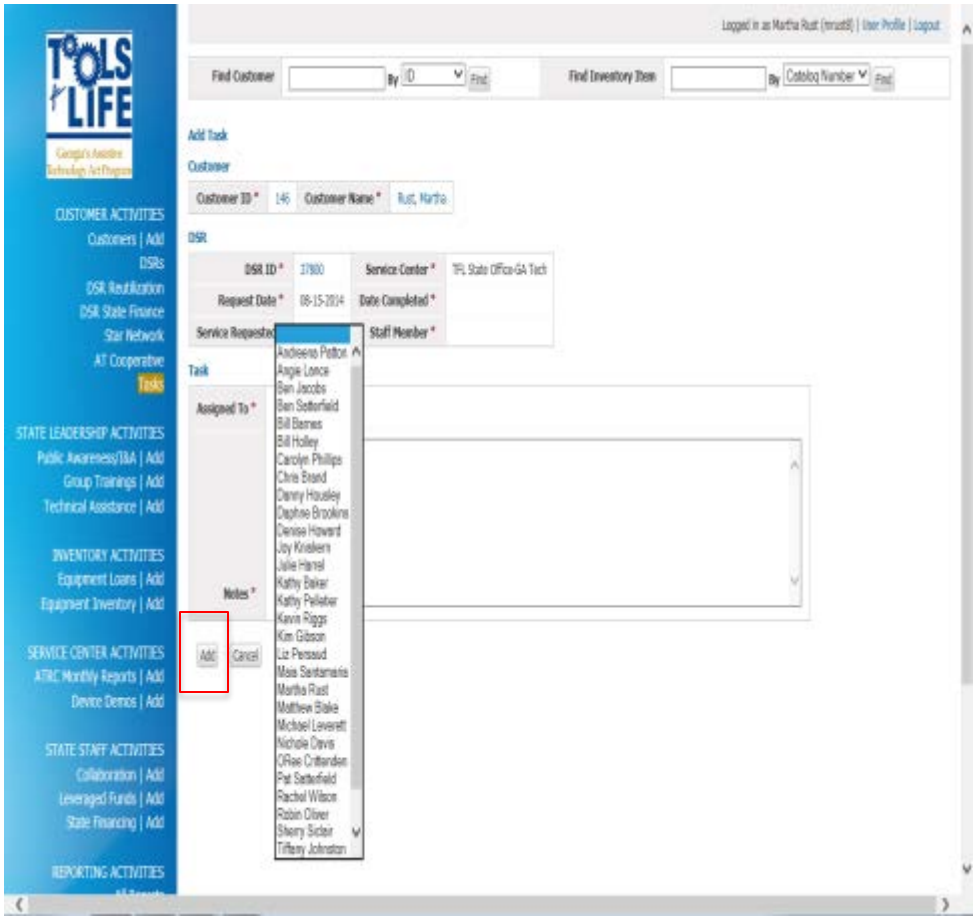
Tasks

- Individual has been added and DSR filled out
- Scroll to bottom and click Add Task



How to Assign Task

- Assign to the individual
- Add in notes
- Click Add
- Individual will receive an email that will have link to task



TFL Database: Public Awareness

Public Awareness activities include all activities that market your program and services to the community. These activities include:

- Conferences/Expos
- Presentations
- Radio/TV Spots (PSA's)
- Billboards
- Articles (How many people did your article reach?)
- Blogs
- Website analytics (How many visitors reach your website every month?)
- Social Media (How many users are on your Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, etc. accounts every month?)
- Tours of your center

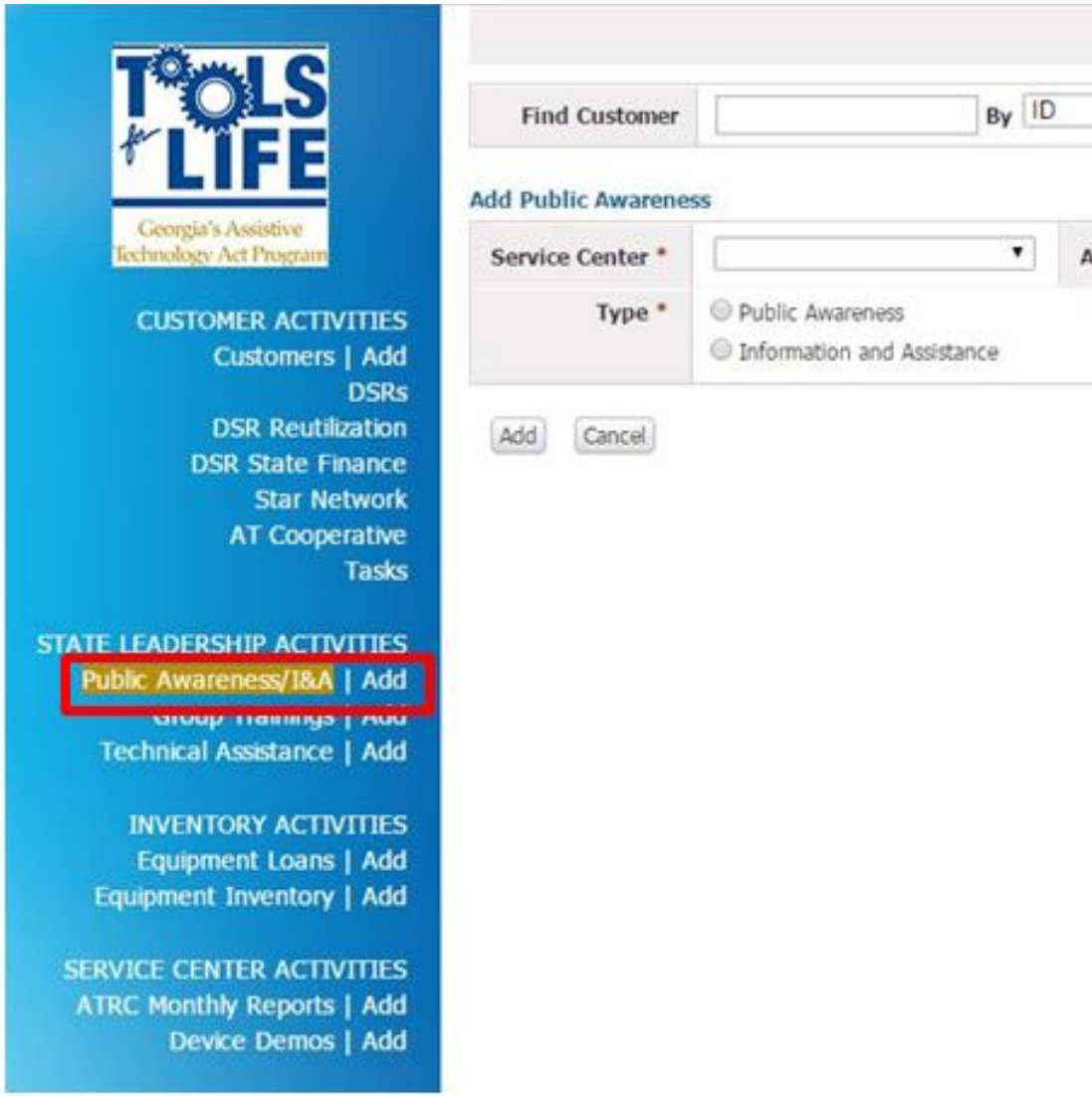
Public awareness also includes your marketing materials:

- Brochures
- Postcards
- Flyers
- other marketing materials with your logo or contact information

TFL Database-Public Awareness

Go to:

- STATE LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES
- Public Awareness/I&A | Add



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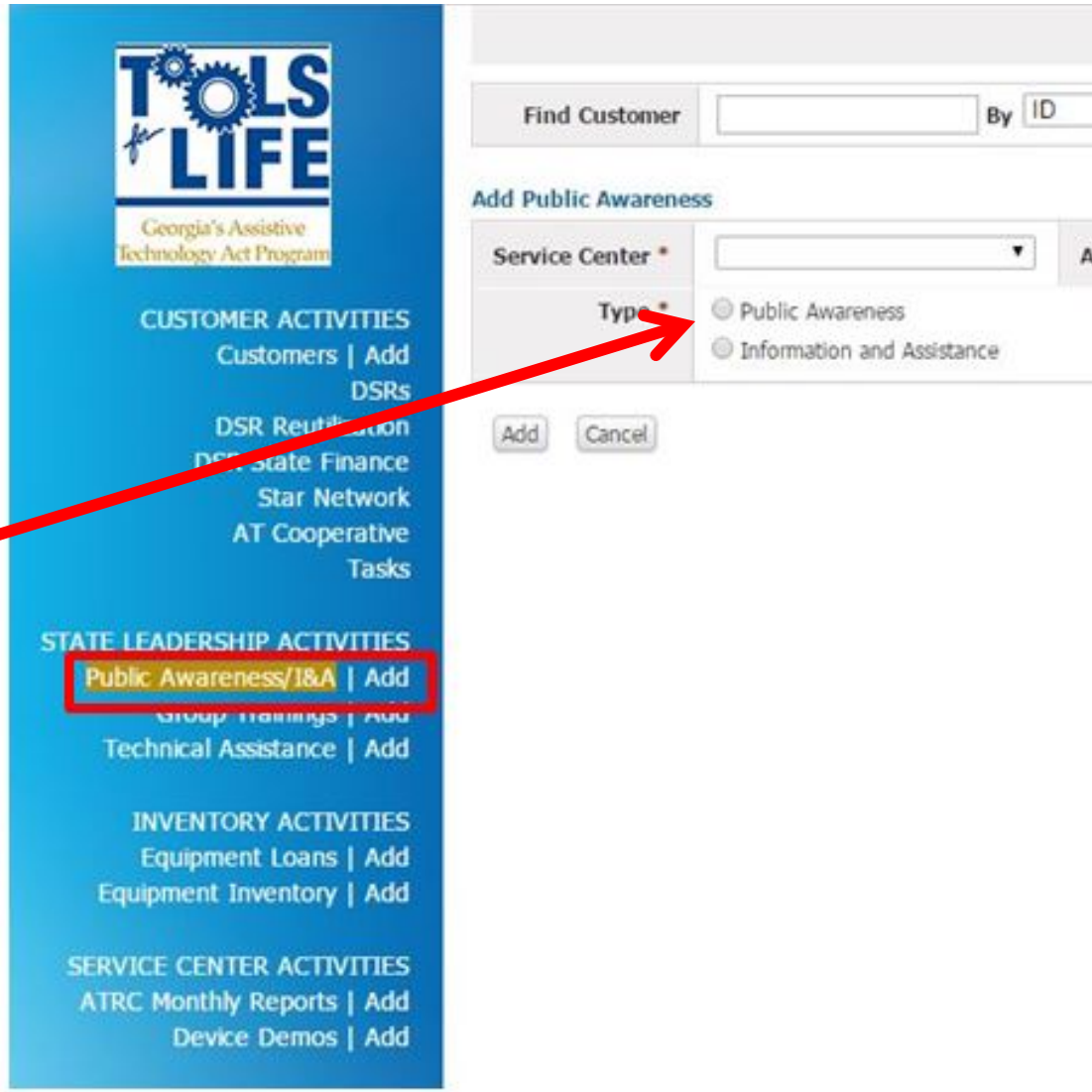
Go to:

- STATE LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES
- Public Awareness/I&A | Add
- Type information into form fields
- Click radio button for Public Awareness



TFL Database-Public Awareness

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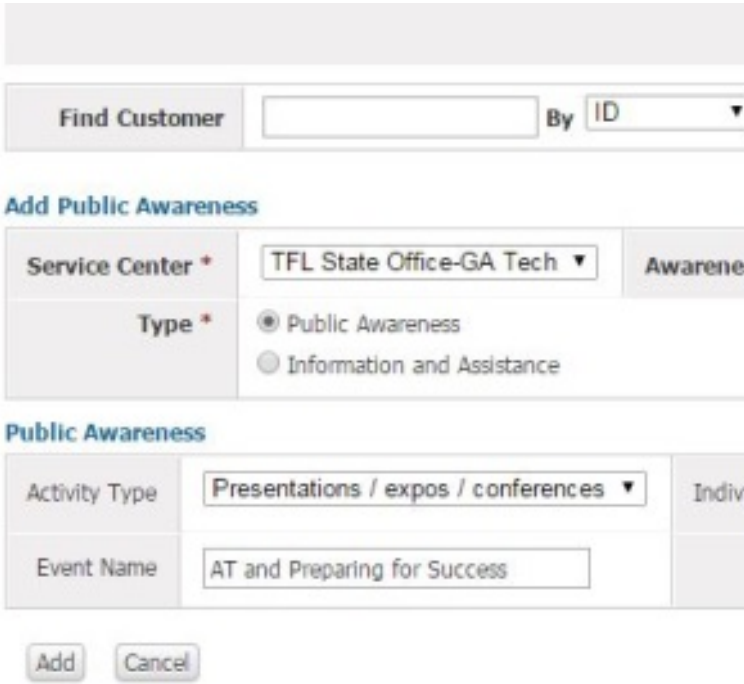
- STATE LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES
- Public Awareness/I&A
- Click Add once your form fields are completed.



TFL Database-Information & Assistance

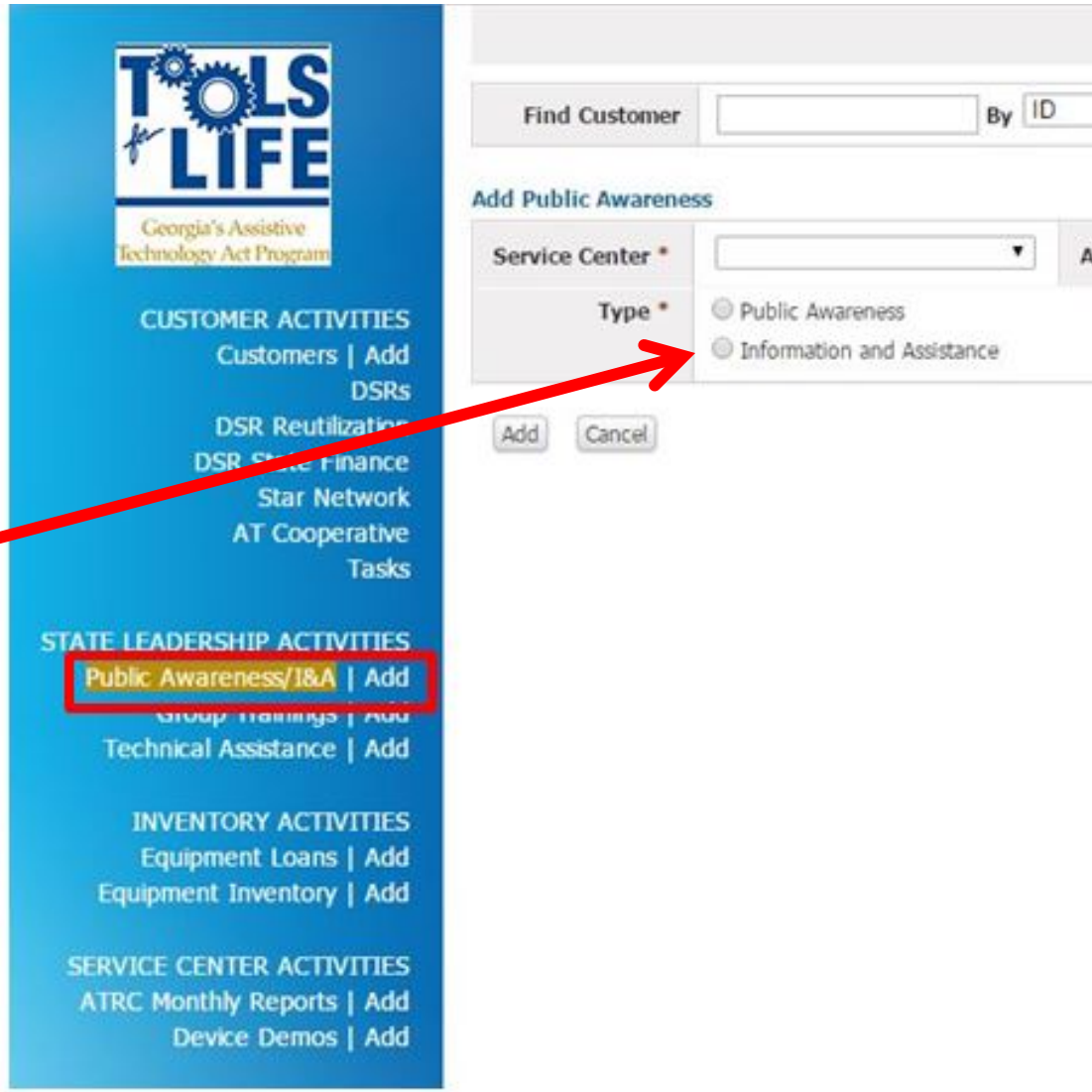
Information & Assistance includes how many people you provided specific information to about your program, AT devices & services, AT funding, and/or related info.

*These are not training or public awareness activities, but are phone calls and/or emails that you receive asking about basic services from your center and/or the TFL Network.

TFL Database-Information & Assistance

Go to:

- STATE LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES
- Public Awareness/I&A | Add
- Type information into form fields
- Click radio button for Information & Assistance



TFL Database-Information & Assistance

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- STATE LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES
- Public Awareness/I&A
- Click Add once your form fields are completed.

AT Funding Resources

Direct AT Service Activities

- Web-based Funding Guide
- A resource for locating funding sources for AT devices and services. This guide was developed to make the funding process easier and to assist consumers in getting the assistive technology they need.
- New resources added frequently!

Dollars and Sense - Search - Microsoft Internet Explorer
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Address http://www.gatfl.org/ds/Search/Search.aspx
Go Links

DOLLARS & SENSE

NAVIGATING THE AT FUNDING STREAM

HOME

GETTING STARTED

FUNDING SERVICES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

SAMPLE MATERIALS

AT RESOURCE CENTER

Please use the drop-down lists below to search...

Age Groups Served: Show all ages

Geographic Areas Served: Show all geographies

Serves People with the Following Disabilities: Show all disabilities

Type of Funding Provided: Show all funding sources

Types of Services Provided: Show all services provided

Search

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NAVIGATING THE AT FUNDING STREAM

AT Resource Center

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. How can I get funding to pay for home modifications?
There are a variety of different funding opportunities for home modifications. Listed below are a few:

- Georgia Dream Homeownership Program
- Credit-Able – Georgia's Alternative Loan Program for Georgian's with disabilities
- Social Security PASS Plan, allows for individuals to save money for a specific purchase
- 211- United Way telephone number to find human service answers
- Aldergate, homes for developmental disabilities
- Brain and Spinal Cord Trust Fund
- Joni Foundation
- USDA Rural Development Section 502 Rural Housing Loan Guarantee-The purpose of this loan program is to enable eligible low- and moderate-income rural residents to acquire modestly priced housing for their own use as a primary residence. The program is available for the purchase and repair of existing and newly constructed dwelling. There is no required down payment, but families must be able to afford the mortgage payments, including taxes and insurance. In addition, applicants must be without adequate housing and be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, yet have acceptable credit histories.

Internet

Direct AT Service Activities

- FREE resource for finding and exchanging assistive technology (AT) devices online
- Place an ad requesting items for sale, donation, or needed
- gTRADE and Tools for Life encourages members to offer AT devices and information for sale or by donation to others who may benefit from using technology and equipment no longer in need by others
- This online equipment exchange program was developed to make to make AT devices and services available and accessible to Georgians with disabilities
- www.gtradeonline.org

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Georgia's Assistive Technology Equipment Exchange Program

Guest

- Home
- FAQs
- Register
- Login
- View Items
- On Your Mind

Items Listed as Available on **Gtrade**

Filter list by:

Category: All Categories | Posted: All Postings | Type: All Type:

Display records per page: 5 Go

- All Categories
- Computers & Related
- Daily Living Aids
- Environmental Adaptations
- Hearing
- Learning, Cognitive, & Developmental
- Mobility/ Seating & Positioning
- Other
- Recreation, Sports, & Leisure
- Speech Communication
- Vehicle Modification & Transportation
- Vision

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ID	Cate		Price	Location
42	Vision	PACMate	$ 300	Albany, GA
46	Vision	MeastroTrekker GPS		Albany, GA
47	Vision	ZoomText 9.0 Magnifier/reader	$ 400	Albany, GA
48	Vision	AMIGO	$ 600	Ellijay, GA
56	Daily Living Aids	Accessible sink with chrome faucet	$ 250	Marietta, GA

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Georgia's Alternative Financing Program for Assistive Technology

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Credit-Able Program Criteria

To receive a Credit-Able Loan you must be:

- A resident of Georgia

  AND

- An **individual** with a disability

  OR

- A **family member** or legal guardian of an individual with a disability

  OR

- An **employer** of an individual with a disability
- Able to pay back the loan
- Using the loan to buy assistive technology equipment and services

Range of Loans, Terms, and Interest Rates

- Range of Loans Approved: **$250 to $55,000**
- Length of Loans Approved: **6 months to 8 Yrs**
- Interest Rates: **5.0 % - 9 %**

The Bottom Line: YOU Save Money!

Traditional Financing

- $2,000
- 22% (rate of average credit card)
- 3 year term
- Monthly payment = $76.38
- Total interest paid = $749.71

Credit-Able Financing

- $2,000
- 5.4%
- 3 year term
- Monthly payment = $60.30
- Total interest paid = $170.86

Total interest saved: $578.85

How Can I Prepare for a Credit-Able Loan?

Know Your Price Range

Determine Your Income and Your Expenses

Income

- Earned Income
  - » $ Received for work
- Unearned Income
  - » $ From pensions, SSI, etc.
- Gross Earnings
  - » Income ***before*** taxes
- Net Earnings
  - » Income ***after*** taxes

Expenses

- Fixed Expenses
  - Necessities that do not change from month to month
  - (i.e. rent, mortgage, insurance)
- Flexible Expenses
  - Necessities that may change from month to month
  - (i.e. groceries, electric/heat/water bills)
- Discretionary Expenses
  - Not necessary
  - (i.e. eating out, movies, cable bills)

How much can I afford to pay?

My Net Income	
Source	*Amount*
1	
2	
3	
4	
TOTAL #1	
My Expenses	
Fixed Expenses	*Amount*
1. Rent/Mortgage	
2. Insurance Payment	
3. Other Loan Payments	
ETC.	
TOTAL #2	
Flexible Expenses	*Amount*
1. Groceries	
2. Heating Bill	
3. Electric Bill	
4. Savings Deposit	
ETC.	
TOTAL #3	

- Determine how much you need to cover all necessary expenses
- Subtract this from your NET (post-taxes) income

In other words…

Total #1

-Total #2

-Total #3

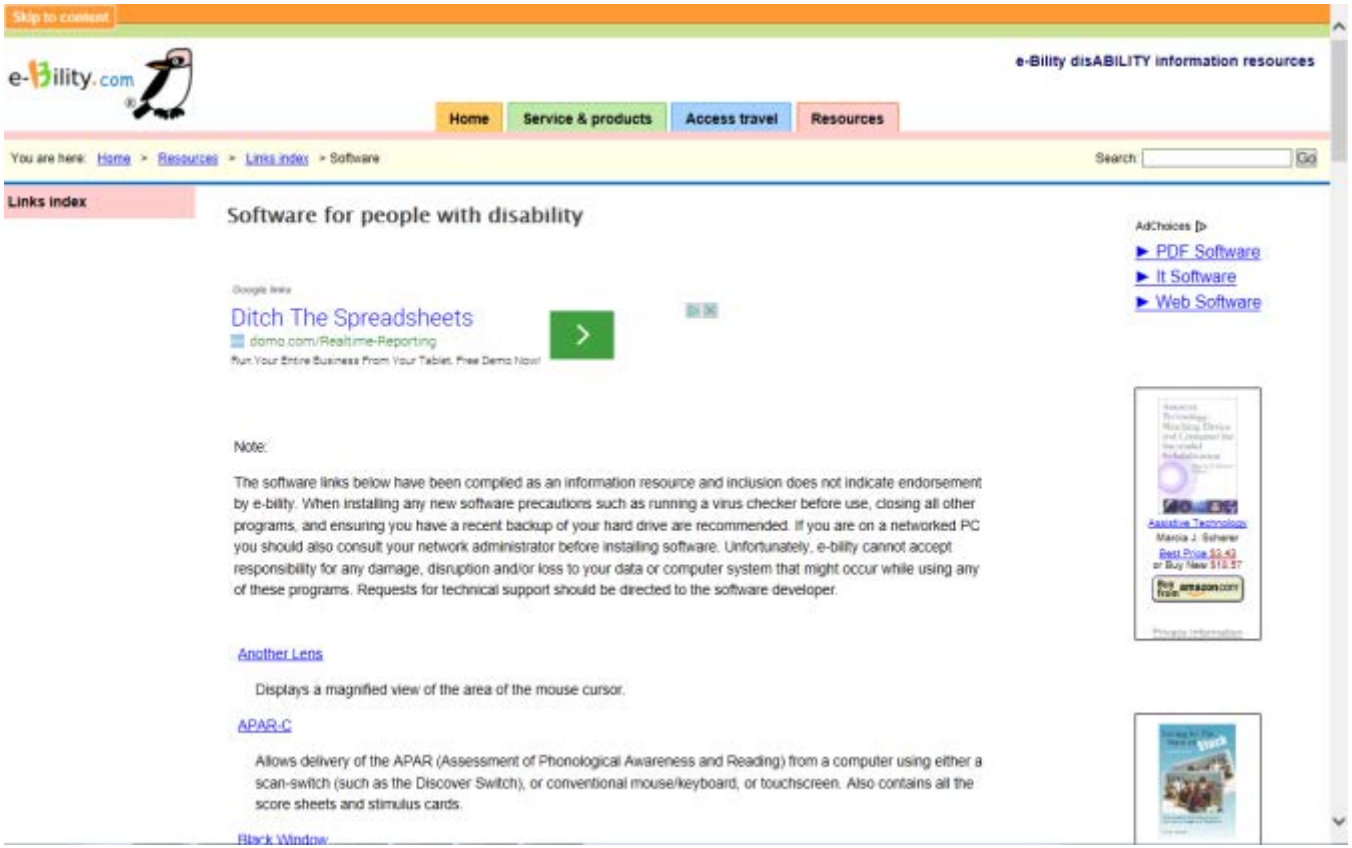
$ available for loan payment

Other Loan Readiness Tips

- **Explore Funding/Grant Options**
  - Funds/Grants may be available to help supplement your loan
- **Report all Available Income**
  - Including income of significant others, PASS income, etc.
- **Borrowing vs. Buying**
  - Be sure the product you wish to purchase is what you are looking for
- **Ask a Co-Signer**

eBility.com

- Free enabling software for people with disabilities



L.I.F.E.

- Individual pays 10%
- L.I.F.E will purchase non medical device up to $2,400
- Application and proof of household income
- Covers the 11 counties in their service area
- Contact Denise Howard

FODAC

- **FODAC, Friends of Disabled Adults and Children,** relies on a strong network of volunteers and partners to provide refurbished equipment and services to children and adults with disabilities to improve their overall quality of life.

- Services and equipment are often free or available at a low cost.

- Services include: reuse/refurbishment of durable medical equipment, vehicle and home adaptations, medical supplies, liquid nutrition, emergency services.

- www.fodac.org

Exploring Assistive Technology

Staying off the FAST Track!

- ✓ Frustration
- ✓ Anxiety
- ✓ Stress
- ✓ Tension

- Lee & Phillips

How do I decide what assistive technology is needed?

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Requires consideration of the:

PERSON + ENVIRONMENT + TASK

What activity does the person want to do?

What skills are needed to do the activity?

What skills does the person have to do activity?

What supports exist to help learn a new way?

Where is this activity done and under what conditions?

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Normal Effects of Aging

- Hearing
- Vision
- Neuro-sensory system
- Skeleto-muscular
- Intellectual functioning
- Social supports

- Influenced by genetics, lifestyle and environment

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Neuro-sensory and Skeloto-muscular Systems

Changes in

- Strength
- Balance
- Endurance
- Range of motion
- Sensitivity to temperature changes
- Sensitivity to pain and trauma

Hearing

- Natural deterioration
- Tinnitus
- Conversation, socialization, and communication impacted
- Ability may vary place to place
- Hearing aids often problematic

Intellectual Functioning

- Processing may take longer
- Long-term memory often better than short-term memory
- Motivation varies to learn and do things differently

Effective AT Assessment

- Uses a feature-match approach
- Incorporates on-going educational/life planning
- Hanging out with Intent
- Targets natural environments
- Utilizes the competencies of multiple team member
- Demands meaningful follow-through

Assistive Technology Matching: A Team Approach

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- ✓ The Person with the disAbility
- ✓ Circle of Support – Family of Choice
- ✓ Case Managers
- ✓ Technologist
- ✓ Occupational Therapist
- ✓ Speech & Language Pathologist
- ✓ Physical Therapist
- ✓ Engineer

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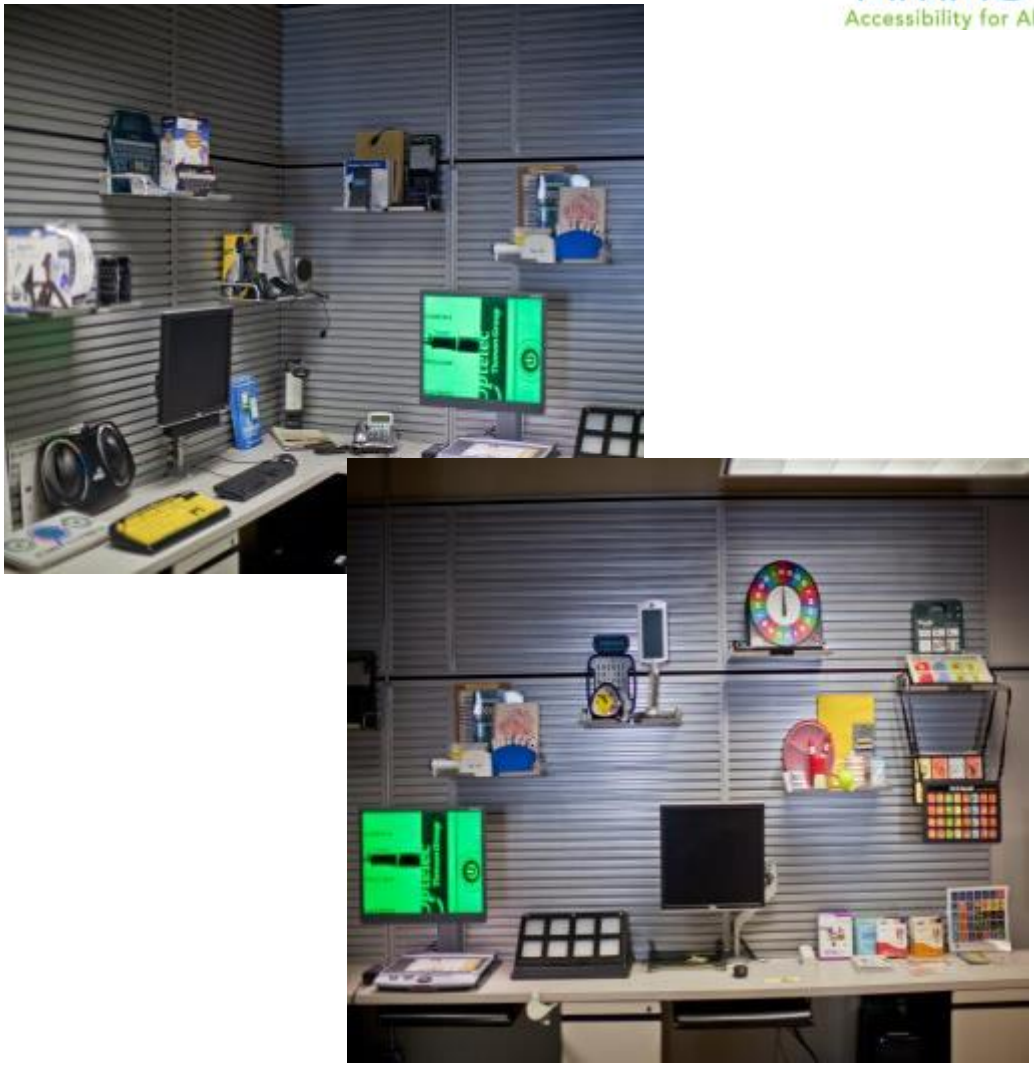
Tools for Life AT Demo Lab

- Tablets
- Vision Items
- DME
- Communication
- Games
- Software
- Switches
- Keyboards



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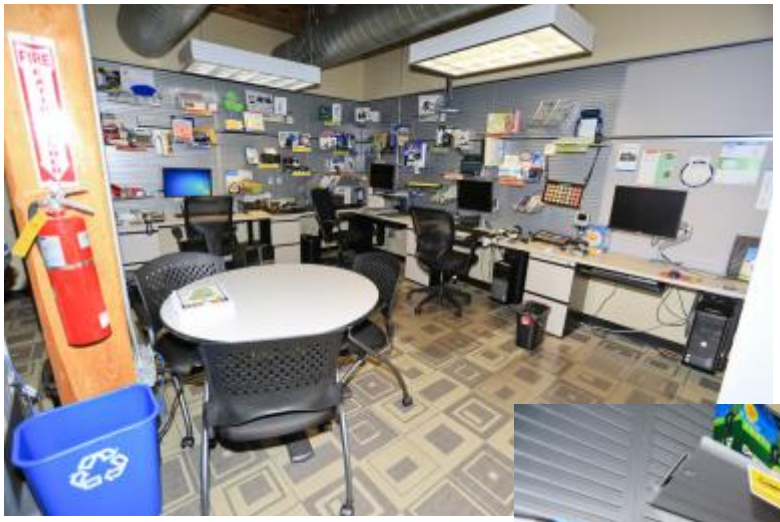

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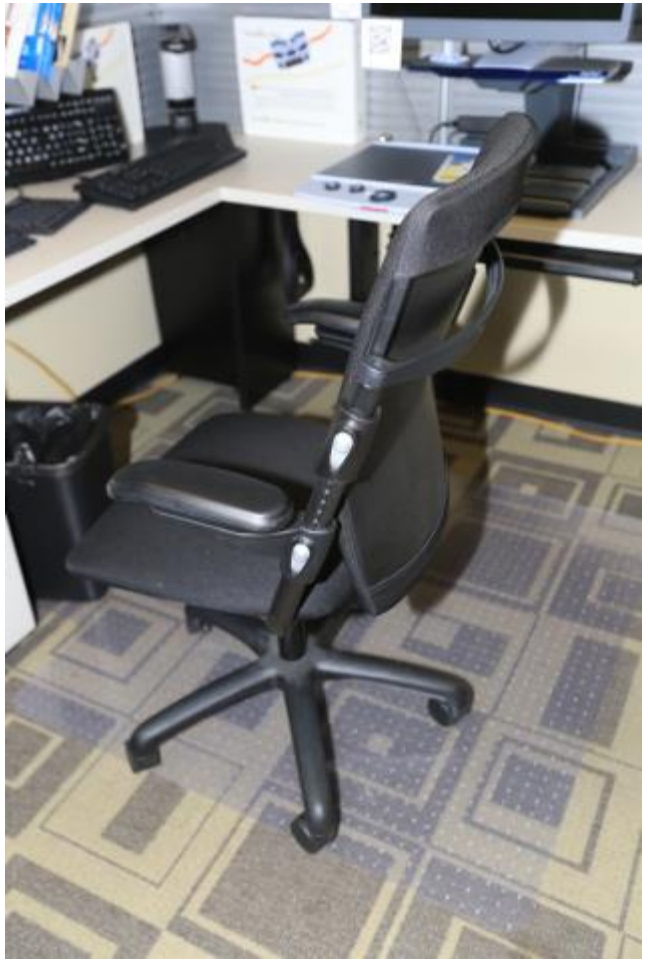
Include AT in Your Center

Include AT in Your Offices



A Closer Look at AT Solutions

Questions to Consider

- Safety
- ADLs
- Self care

- Physical barriers
- Emergency exits
- Entrance
- Hallways
- Living room
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathrooms
- Utility room

Safety questions for the exterior and entrances include:

- Is there adequate lighting to see walkways and entrances?
- Are steps in good repair and do they have non-slip surfaces?
- Are there handrails for the steps and are handrails securely fastened?
- Do the handrails run continuously from the top to the bottom of the entire flight of stairs?

~ Tammy Irion

Hallways

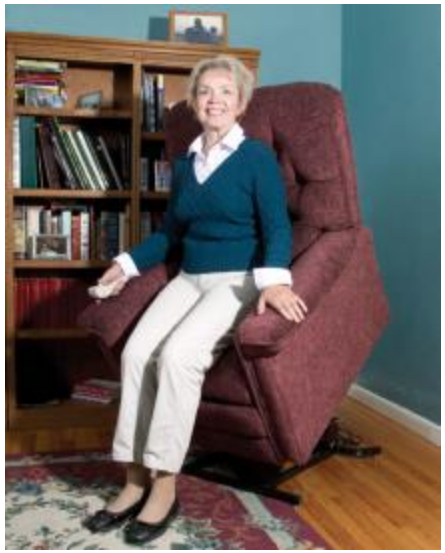
- Anywhere lighting- Such as stick-n- click or Push on Lights to brighten up dark staircases

- Skid-resistant rugs
- Smoke alarm for deaf/hard of hearing

- Organize cords- cost efficient use toilet paper rolls

AT Solutions: Living Room

- Non- Slip rugs
- Proper height furniture
- Remote for TV
- TV Ears
- Magnifier
- Stands for books/ tablets / food
- Cords organized (declutter)
- Lighting
- Environmental controls for Lights/ blinds/ etc
- Easy to reach phones
- Easy assist lift for chairs



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Lights

Lamp voice control

Caseta Wireless Remote Plug-In White Lamp Dimmer Kit

Telephones

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Kitchens

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- Automatic soap dispensers
- Automatic trash cans
- Automatic appliances (can openers)
- Jar grippers/Jar openers
- Adaptive utensils/ cups/ plates
- Adaptive cutting boards
- Fire alarm for deaf/ hard of hearing
- Motion sensor faucets
- Smart appliances (fridge)
- Pill reminder with alarm
- Pullout drawers for cabinets
- Push on lights
- Reachers
- Talking scales
- Color coded measuring cups/ spoons
- Longer sleeved pot holders
- Step stool

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Motorized Options

- Cabinets
- Sinks
- Stoves

http://www.iltsource.com/Approach_for_the_Kitchen_and_Bath_s/78.htm

Accessible Storage

Store food/beverages on lower shelves

Lazy Susan and rollout cabinets can improve access

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Kitchen Safety - Stove

- Program to automatically turn off the stove or oven if not activity detected

Cookstop Automatic Stove/Oven Control

Contrast in the Kitchen

Source: www.afb.org

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Pots & Pans

Improve access to equipment to improve safety and independence

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Kitchen Tools

Tools and small appliances that increase safety and independence

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Bedroom

- Flooring surface and space
- Telephone access
- Access to closet
- No throw rugs
- Medical supplies
- Transfers in and out of bed
- Access to lighting
- Chair with arms can increase safety when dressing

AT Solutions: Bedrooms

- Lighting
- Talking alarms
- Bed shaker
- Dressing stick
- Long handle shoe horn
- Easy to reach bedside lights
- Easy to reach phone

- Cord organizer
- Night lights
- Chair (for getting dressed if needed)

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AT for Hearing

Pocket Talker

- Sound amplifier
- Decreases background noise
- Works for individuals with ADHD

TV SoundBox Speaker Receiver

- No more straining to hear your TV from far away
- Volume control works independently from your TV speaker
- Wireless and lightweight

AT for Vision

Illuminating Magnifier

- 5x LED Lighted
- Compact

Magnifier sheet

- Hands Free
- 3X Magnification

20/20 Vision Panoramic Rear-View Mirror

AT for Self Feeding

- **Non-Slip Placemat**
  - Keep plates/ items from moving
  - Use on Roller walkers
  - Cut to fit

- **Freedom Dinnerware**
  - Low vision,Alzheimer's, Arthritis,stroke
  - Suction keeps from moving
  - Helps with getting food on utensils

AT for Self Feeding

- **Liftware Spoon**
  - Calibrates to tremors
  - Machine washable
  - Parkinson’s, strokes, ataxia, neurological disabilities

- **UBend It Fork/Spoon**
  - Makes it easier to put food on fork/spoon
  - Makes it easier to put food into mouth
    - Do not have to twist wrist
    - Built up eating area

AT in Kitchen

The KFS Easy Eat Fork

- Light weight utensil
- Rocker knife
- One-handed or limited grip

Cutting Board

- One-handed
- Low vision

Rocker Knife

One- handed cutting

Health and Safety

EpicID Emergency ID Band

- Easy for first responders to access
- Salt water safe USB with a durable stainless steel clasp and USB cover
- No subscription or internet connection is required
- Plug this USB into your computer and input or update your personal information medical history and insurance information
- Both PC and Mac compatible

Health Smart Thermometer

- Compact and easy to hold
- Talking thermometer
  Large, backlit LCD screen with LED fever alarm indicator
  30-reading memory storage
- Date and time display
  Fahrenheit/Celsius switchable

Memory

- **Reminder Rosie**
  - Alarm Clock
  - Personal Voice Reminder
  - Easy to use

MedCenter System

- Organizer with Reminder System
- Monthly display
- Alarm
- Talking

Dressing and Bathing

- **Sock aid**
- **Elastic shoe laces**
- **Dressing stick**
- **Long shoe horn**
- **Long handle bath sponge**

Personal Assistance

FreedomWand

- Toileting
- Hygiene
- Grooming

Home Bed Assist Handle

- Slides under mattress
- Provides a safe, secure grip for assistance getting in & out of bed

AT Grips

BipGrip Pen Grip

- Makes any standard pen, pencil or crayon easy to use
- Simplifies writing and drawing for weak grip or arthritis

Pencil Grip Ergo Stylus

Mobility & Transportation

Silicone SeatBelt Reach Extender Helper

HandyBar

- Automotive Standing Aid Emergency Escape Tool Window Breaker and Seat Belt Cutter

Deluxe Swivel Seat Cushion

- Convert stationary chairs into swiveling chairs to reduce the strain on your back and hips. Soft 1 3/8 inch foam cushion helps bring more comfort to your chair.
- The seat cushion swivels 360 degrees for smooth, easy movement in either direction.
- Great for home, office or travel use; easily get in and out of vehicles
- Portable and lightweight yet supports up to 300 pounds
- Non-skid, flexible swivel base contours to seat and stays in place.

Recreation

Playing card holder

Computer Access

ZoomText Keyboard

- Yellow Keys
- Easy to See
- Large Keys
- USB port

Logitech Trackman Marble Mouse

Large trackball improves control while reducing hand and wrist motion

ValueRays® Heated Mouse, Infrared Heat

Dragon Software

- Speech-to-Text
- Home Edition
- Email
- Search Web
- Update Social Media
- Quick Tip: How to Use

- User Guide
- Quick Start Guide
- Command Cheat Sheet

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Communication

- Go Talk 9+
  - is lightweight and rugged
  - 45 message capacity and five recording levels
  - three “core messages” which stay the same on each level so you don’t need to re-record essential messages for each level

Emergency

Serene Innovations Kit

- Detects and alerts you to WEA* public emergency broadcast warnings of impending emergencies or disasters.
- Includes wearable unit, doorbell, home/cell phone ringer/flasher, and bedshaker

Personal Pager

- Alert family/caregiver for assistance

- Can alert with chime or vibration
- Wireless transmit up to 100 feet

Safety Tape for Low Vision- Yellow
Clearly Mark Hazardous Areas to Prevent Injuries

$3.00

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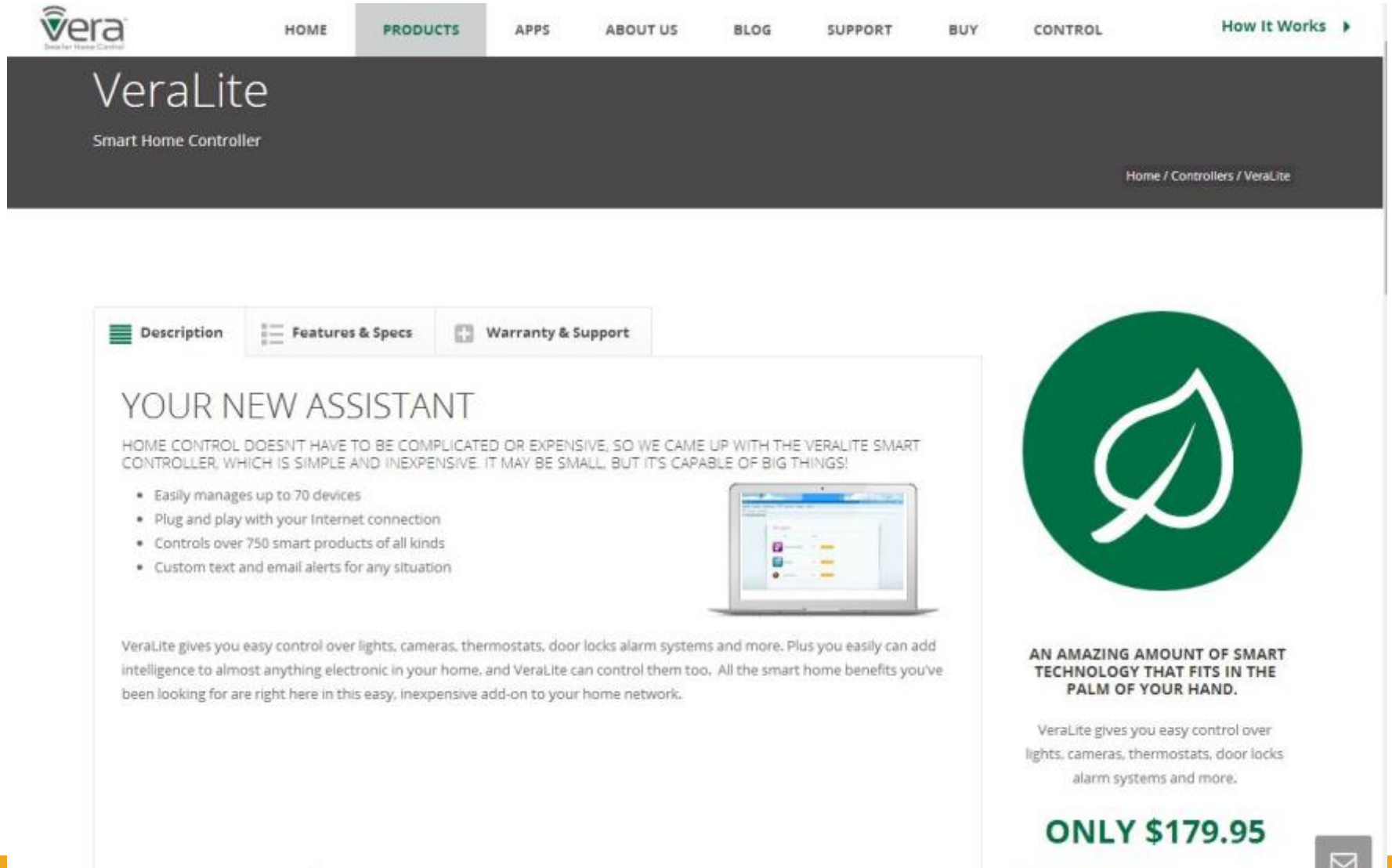
http://getvera.com/controllers/veralite/



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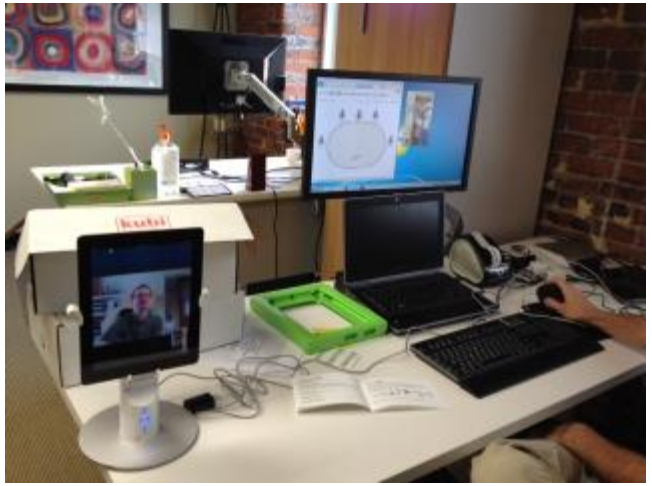
VGo Telepresence Robot

- Enables a person to replicate themself in a distant location and have the freedom to move around as if they were physically there
- Reduces travel costs
- School
- Hospital
- Work from home

It was an ad seen by millions watching the Super Bowl. A sick student looking into the computer screen, while his face is projected on a monitor of a white robot — equipped with a camera — wheeling around the school hallways. It was an advertisement for Verizon, and many watching might have assumed that it represented the fanciful idea of what was to come. Few suspected that what they were watching represented the reality of at least one student in West Seneca, New York.

Kubi

- Telepresence
- $499
- Uses a tablet
- Uses free conference sites
  - Google Hangout
  - FaceTime
  - Skype



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Be there with your team

LEARN MORE

Take charge of your video presence

kubi gives tablets remote pan and tilt controls, so you can see and interact with people during a video call.

Ten days with Google Glass

By Will Shanklin
December 23, 2013

14 Comments
7 Pictures

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Gizmag shares some more thoughts about being part of the Google Glass Explorer program

Image Gallery (7 images)

Here at Gizmag, we're very interested in the present and future of w
tech. So we thought it was fitting to sign up for the Google Glass Ex
program, to give you a better idea of what Sergey Brin and compa
brewing up in Mountain View. Though we aren't quite ready to di
proper Google Glass review, we want to share some more thou
our first ten days with Glass.

My first few days with Google Glass were mostly about the self-

Review:
smartwatch

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Mobile Technologies

Technology Changes Fast

- June 2007- 1st iPhone
- Sept 2007- 1st generation iPod Touch
- October 2008- 1st Android phone sold
- April 2010- 1ST iPad
- 2010- Google launched its Nexus series of tablets and smartphones
- 50 billion downloads!

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Which One???

Smartphone Users Pick Android

47% of People Use Android Smartphones

30% of People Use iPhones

23% Use Other Smartphones

Statistics

- There are approximately 73 million iPhones in the world.
  - » *Apple, 2012*
- In 2010, Apple reported that over 1000 new apps are submitted every day.
- In 2012, 400 million iTunes accounts
  - » *Y. Lachelle, Aug., 2010 and H. Dediu, June 2012*
- Apple receives about 49.5 Million App downloads per day!
  - » *H. Dediu June 2012*

Apple iPad/mini iPad/Pro

- Multi- touch screen
- Millions of apps
- Surf web
- iTunes
- Videos
- Organization
- Accessibility
- Books
- Photos
- Speakers

- New iPad had 5.0 megapixel camera
- Starts at $499/$399 and mini $329

Built-in Accessibility Features

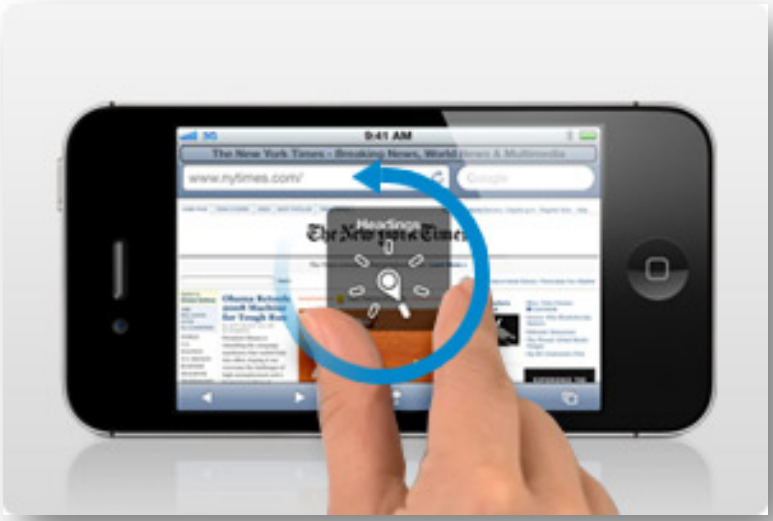
- VoiceOver
- Zoom
- Large Text
- Invert Colors
  - (white on black)
- Speak Selection
- Speak Auto Text
- Mono Audio
- Assistive Touch
- Guided Access
- Home-Click Speed
- Switch Access
- Braille Displays

VoiceOver

- Standard feature on iPhones, iPads, and iTouches
- World's first gesture-based screen reader
- DOES NOT WORK WITH ALL APPS
  - Does not work with many eBooks or textbooks
  - Works with built-in apps
- Built-in voices that speak 36 languages
- Adjustable speaking rate
- Echoes each character as you touch it when typing or can speak completed word instead.
- Speak Auto-text
- Has the rotor
- Works with all built-in applications

Helpful tips for VoiceOver

- **The Rotor**
  - Virtual control
  - Rotating 2 fingers on the screen like a dial
  - Changes the way VoiceOver (VO) moves through a document based on setting
  - Can use to navigate through web pages



Zoom & Invert Colors

- **Zoom**
  - Magnify entire screen of any application
  - Double-tap with 3 fingers
  - Can magnify 100%-500%
  - Works with VoiceOver on

- **Invert Colors**
  - Reverse video effect works in all applications
  - Can be used with Zoom and VoiceOver

Creating Keyboard Shortcuts

- Go to General => Keyboard and make sure Shortcut is turned on
- Go to Add New Shortcut
- Put in your Phrase
- Create Short Cut
- Example:
  - Phrase : Martha E. Rust, MS CRC ATP
  - Shortcut is: MER
  - So when MER is typed it will put in the above Phrase
  - OMW => On My Way!

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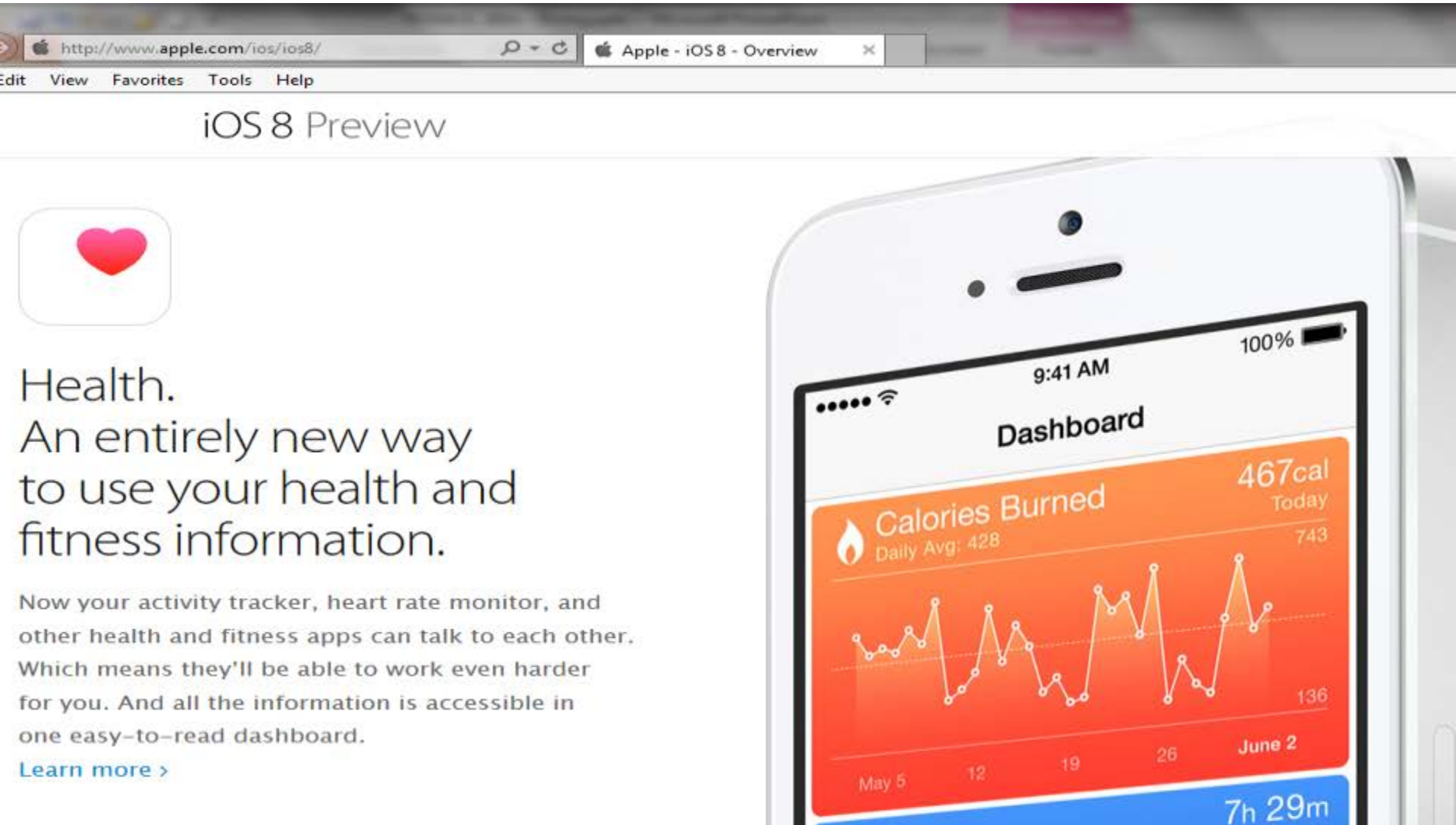
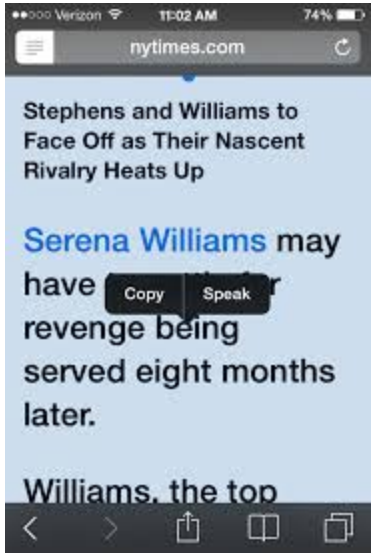
iOS 8 Health



Apple: Read Text Out Loud

- Open the Settings app on your home screen.
- Tap the General tab.
- Scroll down and tap the Accessibility tab.
- Tap the Speak Selection option (it should be set to off, currently).
- Tap the toggle switch to turn it on. You
  - can also adjust the rate of speech as well.

- Highlight any text like you would if you were going to copy it but tap the "Speak" button instead.
  - This option will change to "Pause" while the text is being spoken so you can stop it at any point.
- Can choose to highlight as it reads



TFL AppFinder

Search by:

- ✓ **App Name**
- ✓ **Categories**
  - Book
  - Education
  - Environmental Adaptations
  - Hearing
  - Cognition, Learning, Developmental
  - Navigation
  - Personal Care and Safety
  - Productivity
  - Communication
  - Therapeutic Aids
  - Vision

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LET'S EXPLORE OUR FAVORITE APPS!

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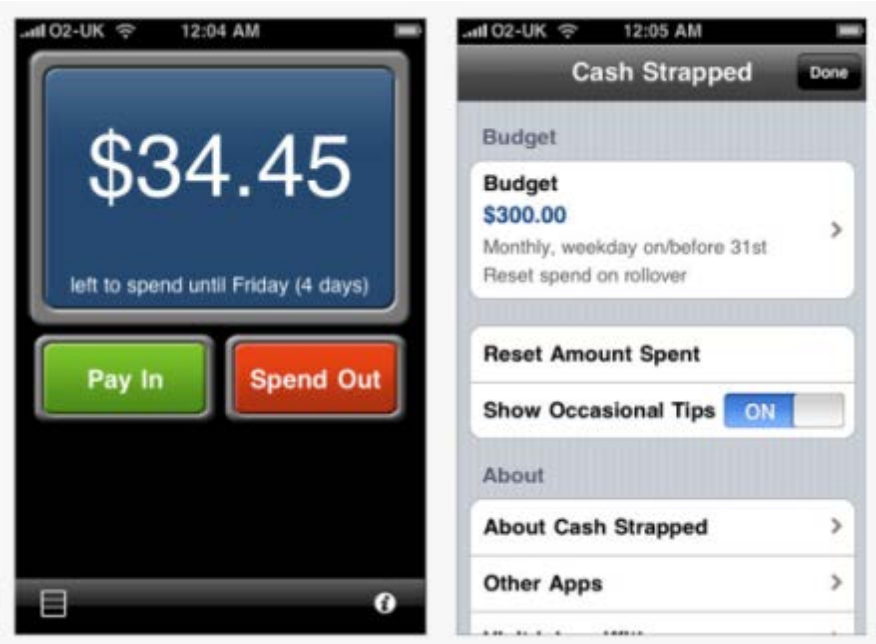
MyMedSchedule

- Keep track of medication
- Reminders
- Refill Reminders
- Healthcare Provider Profiles
- Insurance Information
- Allergies
- Works across Platforms
- Free
- www.mymedschedule.com

Cash Strapped

- Set a daily, weekly or monthly budget
- Track every time money is spent enter the amount and remaining budget will be recalculated immediately
- $0.99



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Apps for Shopping

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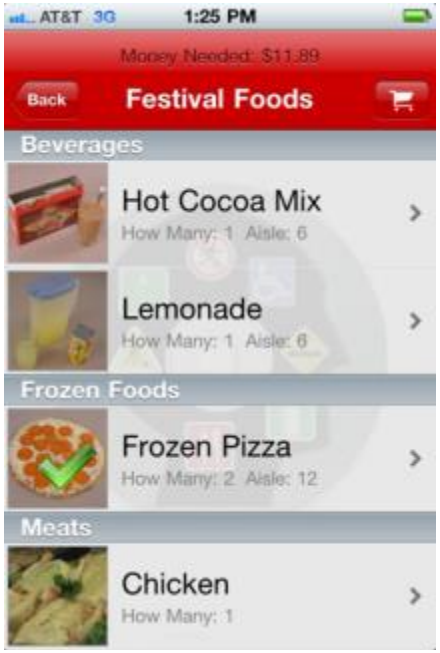
Shopping List Generator

- Pictorial shopping list
- Customize different lists for different users using pictures on camera roll
- Add your own items and categories
- Assign item prices
- Assign item locations (for example, aisle numbers)
- Several accessibility options
  - text-to-speech
  - uses large easy-to-see images
  - item prices automatically totaled
- $4.99



Key Ring

- One Place to store all reward cards
- Organized
- Android & Apple version
- www.keyringapp.com
- **Free!**

Grocery IQ

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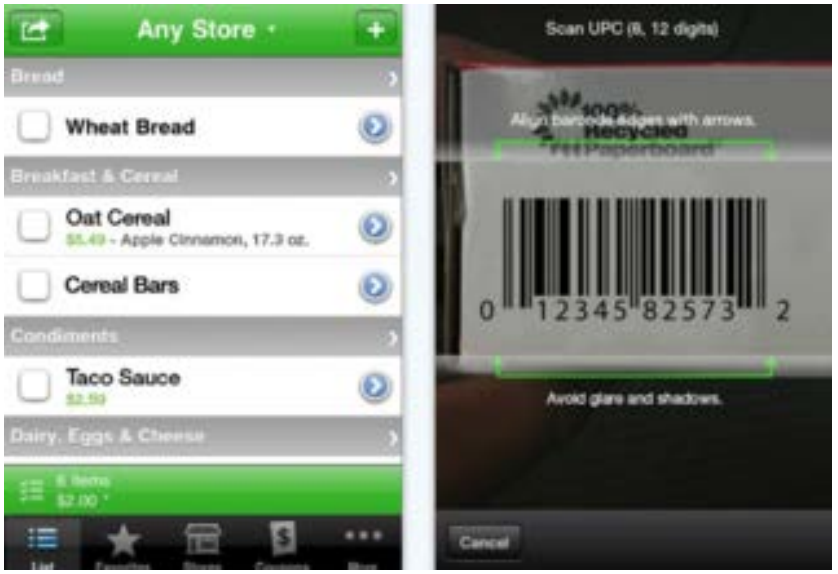

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Apps for Current Events

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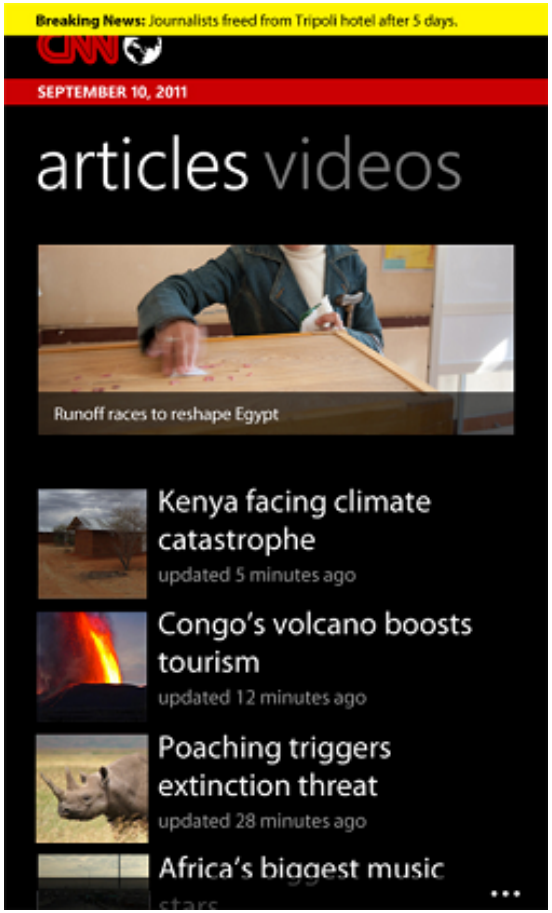
CNN



- Current Events in order
- Breaking News Alerts
- Videos
- Photos and Text
- Pick Favorite Interests
- Free

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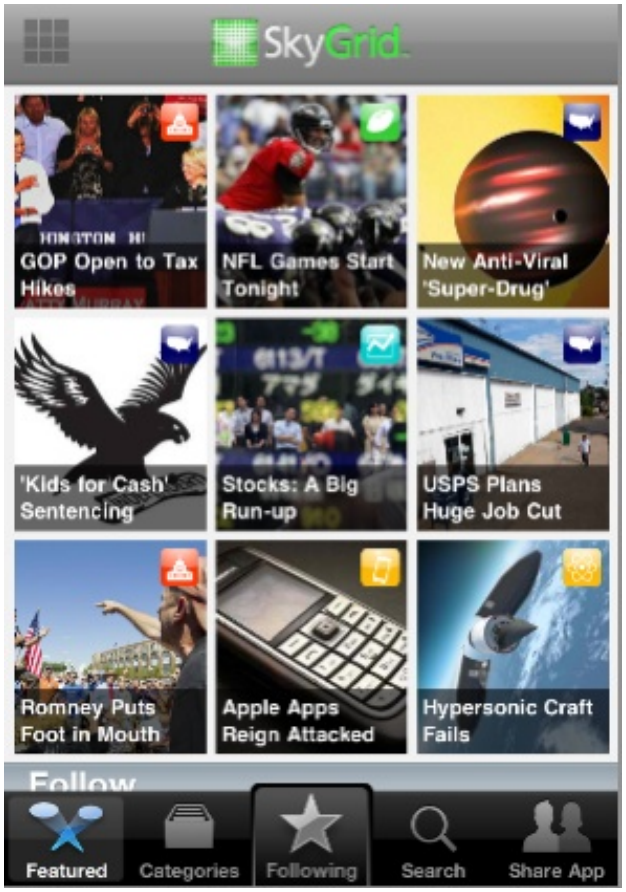
SkyGrid

- Personalize news events by categories
- Simple interface
- Free
- www.skygrid.com



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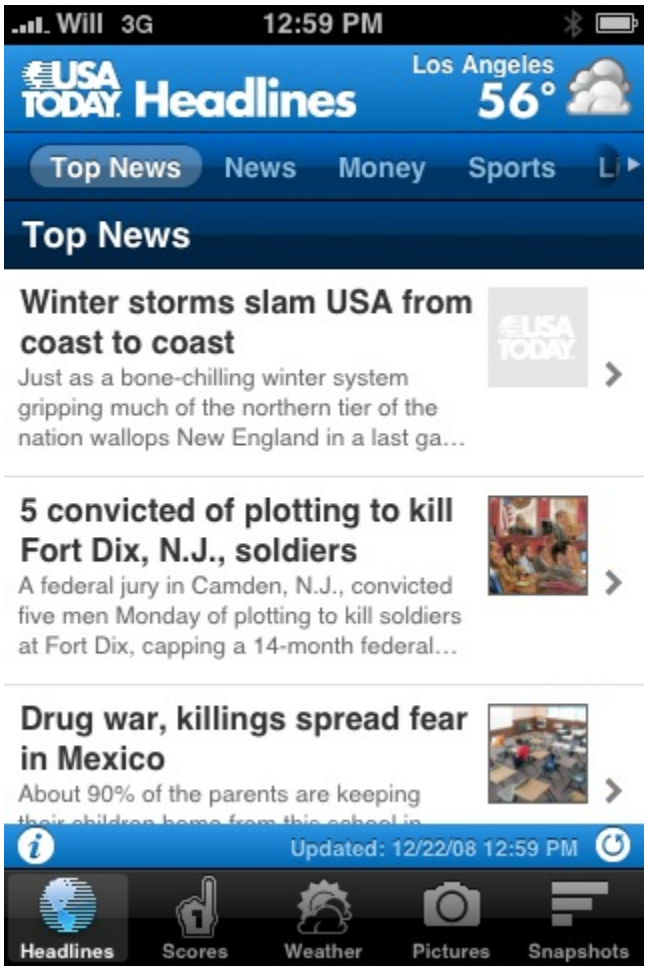
USA Today



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Apps for Social Networking/Staying Connected

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Facebook

- Connect with friends
- Create photo albums to share
- Create Events
- Instant Messaging
- Group Messaging
- Free

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Instagram

- Free
- Share videos and photos with friends and followers
- Send posts directly to friends

Tango

- Make video and phone calls across mobile platforms
- Group chats
- Works on tablets & PCs
- http://www.tango.me
- Free

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iMovie

- Share information via Facebook, Twitter, Email, or SMS
- Upload photos

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Apps for Fitness

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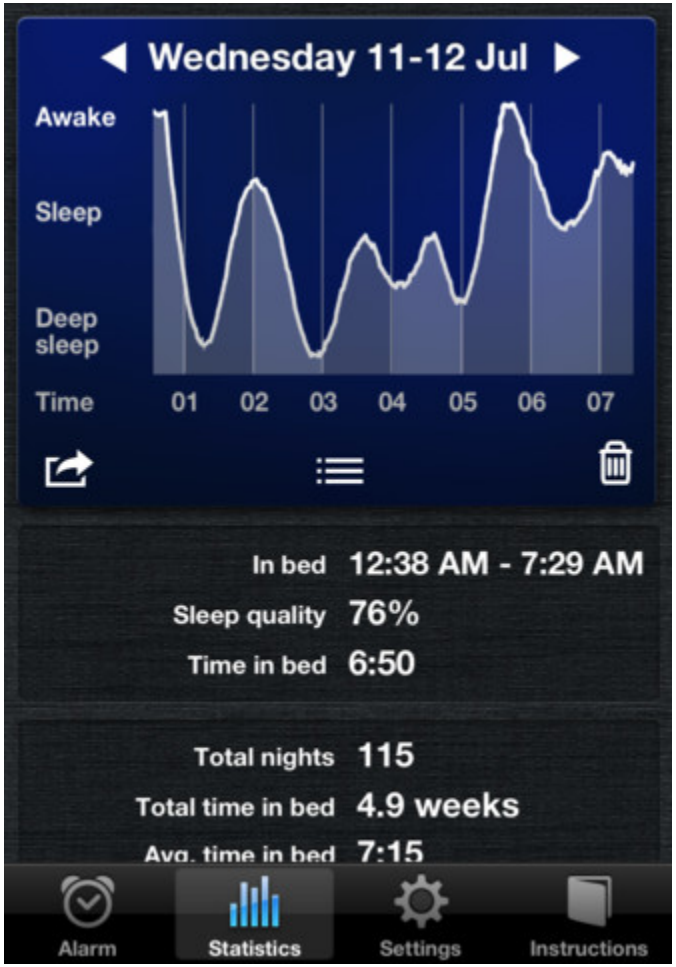
Sleep Cycle



- Tracks your sleep patterns
- Uses iPhone accelerometer to track how often you move at night
- Set an alarm range
- Woken up gradually when you are in like sleep
- Feel refreshed and energized
- $2.99

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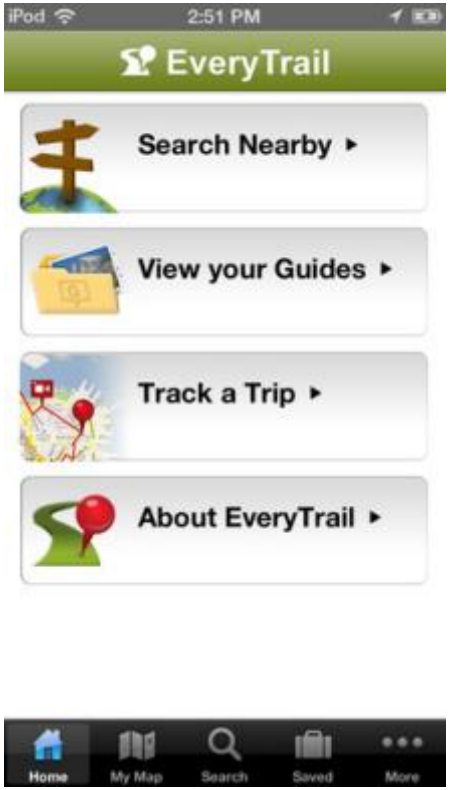
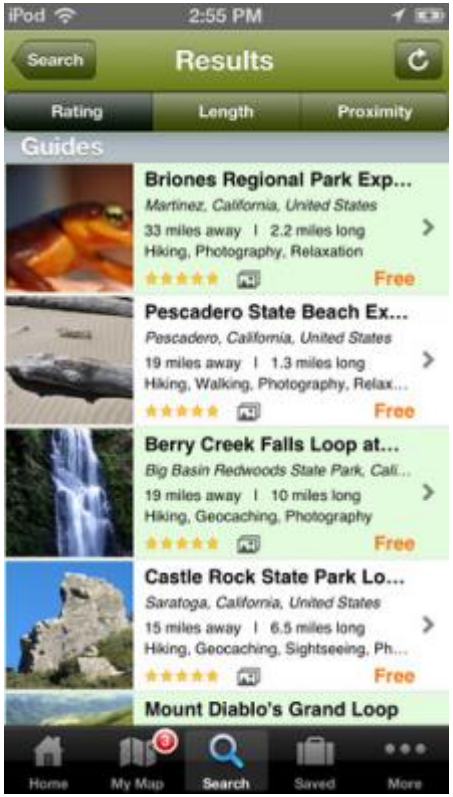
EveryTrail

- Tracks route using your iPhone GPS
- Use with walking tours, biking, running, hiking, sailing and driving
- Travel map is visible and drawn while trip is in progress
- Plot camera photos and video on map instantly
- View stats (distance, speed, elevation and more) while tracking
- View topography and terrain maps on iPhone
- Download maps for offline viewing
- Free





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Apps for Nutrition

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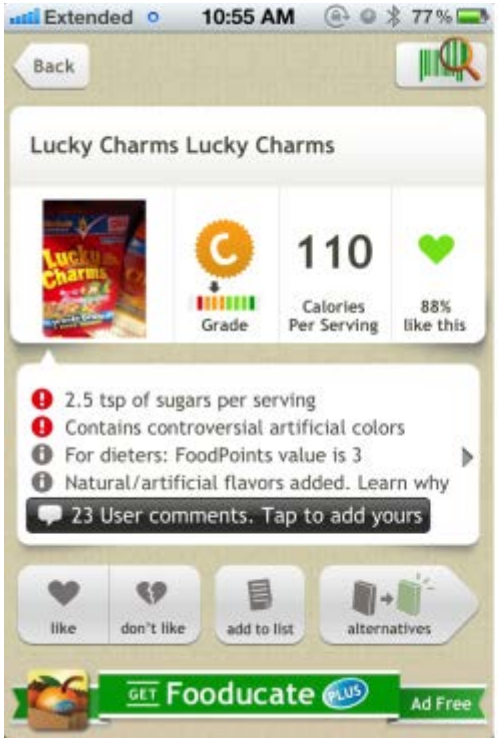
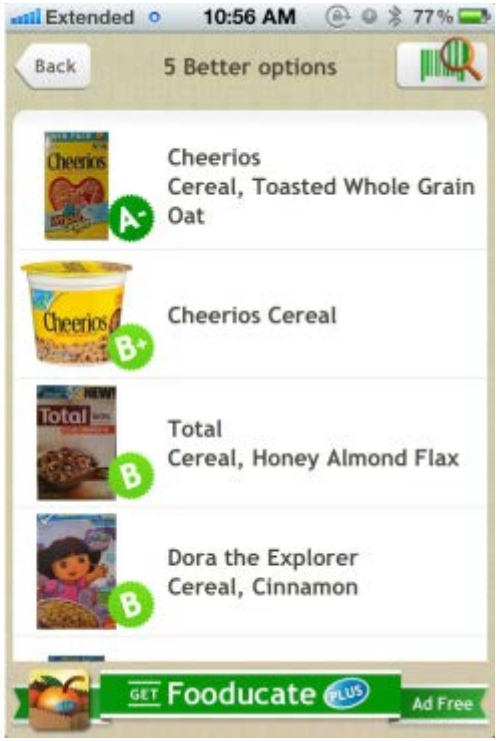
Fooducate

- Track calories
- Provides healthier options
- Educates on food ingredients
- Save favorites
- Create lists
- App for allergies and gluten-free
- App for diabetes nutrition
- Free
- www.fooducate.com





Happy Cow

- Interactive map to locate vegan, vegetarian and health food stores
- Provides directions, phone numbers, & website
- Share information via Facebook, Twitter, Email, or SMS
- Upload photos
- $2.99

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Apps for Working

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Genius Scan

- Scan documents or handwritten notes
- Email the scans as JPEG or PDF
- Free
- Genius Scan Plus ($2.99) allows upload to Dropbox, Skydrive or Evernote

Bump

[Demo]

- Use Bump™ to share contact information and photos by simply bumping two phones together.
- Just open Bump, hold your phones, and gently bump your hands together
- **Free!**

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Apps for Writing

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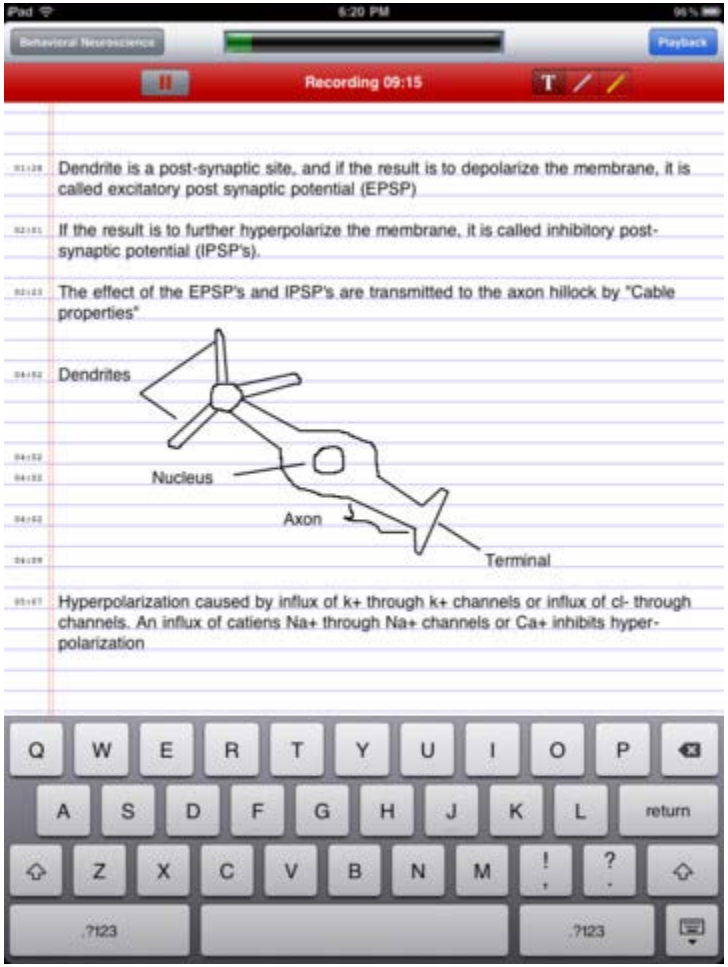
AudioNote



- Records your notes, meetings or lectures
- Can take notes by typing, stylus, or drawing
- Time stamps so you can go directly to where you want to hear
- Highlights notes when read back
- $4.99

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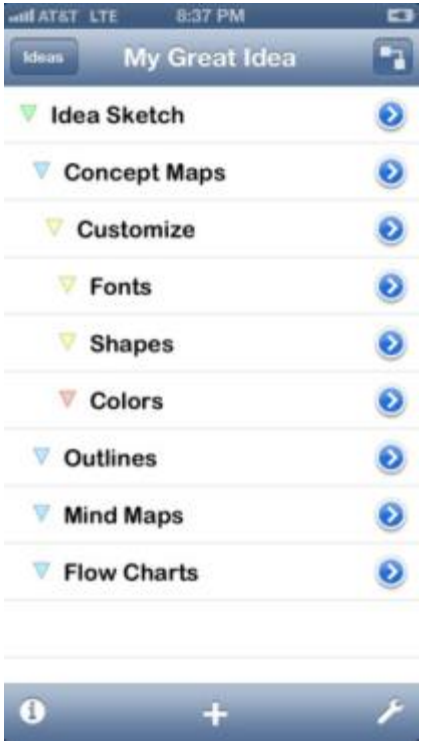
Idea Sketch

- Mind and concept mapping
- Create flow charts
- Brainstorm ideas
- Convert flowchart to text outline and vice versa
- Free



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Apps for Reading

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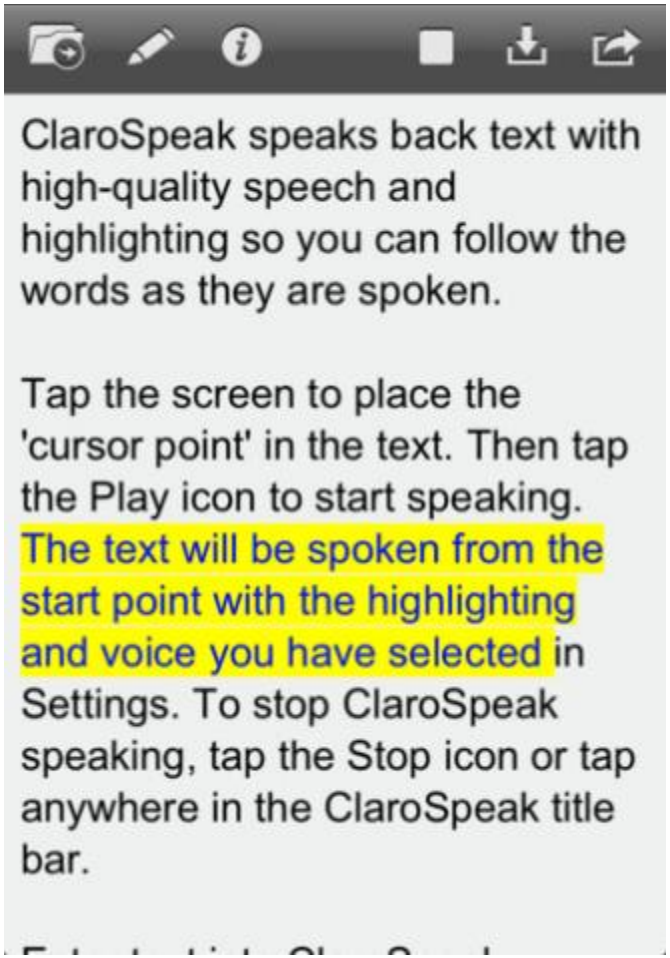
Types of Reading Apps

- There are over 27,000 reading apps and over 500,000 books and publications
- Active Reading Apps
  - Studies show that comprehension improves by 38%-70%
  - Defined as eyes are on the screen following the words
  - Highlighting of words, sentences, and paragraphs
- Passive Reading App
  - No pictures
  - Usually synthetic Computer Generated Voices/ VoiceOver

– *Therese Willkomm*

ClaroSpeak US



- Text-to-Speech
  - import documents and PDFs into ClaroSpeak from apps such as Mail, or import PDF, Word, Pages and other files directly from Dropbox using
- Change font and color
- Save text as an audio file
- Visual Tracking
- Send Text

Reading Apps

- Learning Ally
  - DAISY
  - Membership required
  - over 75,000 audiobooks, audio textbooks, and other recorded books
- Audible.com
  - Over 100,000 titles
  - Works on both Android and Apple
  - $7.00-$22.00 per month

Reading Apps

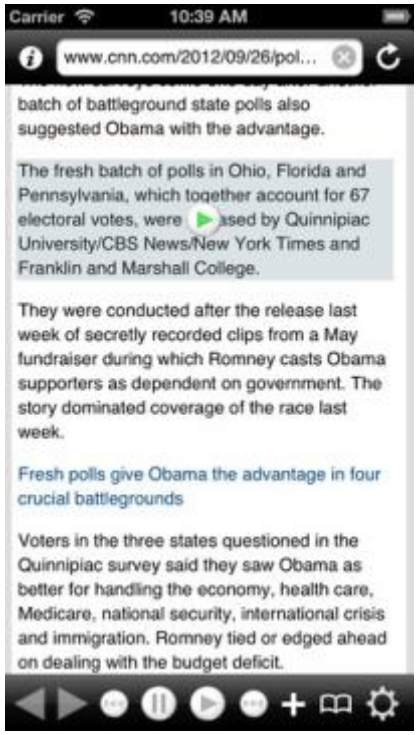
- Free Books
  - Free
  - Over 23,000 titles
  - Audiobooks
- Newspaper

  - Free
  - Newspapers from !50+ countires
  - Over 20,000 newspapers
- Overdrive Media Console
  - Free
  - Must have library card
  - Download ebooks and audiobooks on the go

Perfect OCR

- $3.99
- Uses the built in camera to scan documents
- Edit, copy, store, email documents
- Upload to online storage is as Evernote
- Does take practice for picture

WebReader



- Text to speech technology for reading web page content
- Web pages can be read as soon as they are loaded or use Cut, Copy, & Paste to read only sections of webpage
- Highlights as it reads text
- Speaking rate control available
- $1.99

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Apps for Organization/Memory

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Reminders

- Built-in App
- Works with VoiceOver
- Organize your reminders
- Siri if have iPhone 4s or 5
- The new iPad

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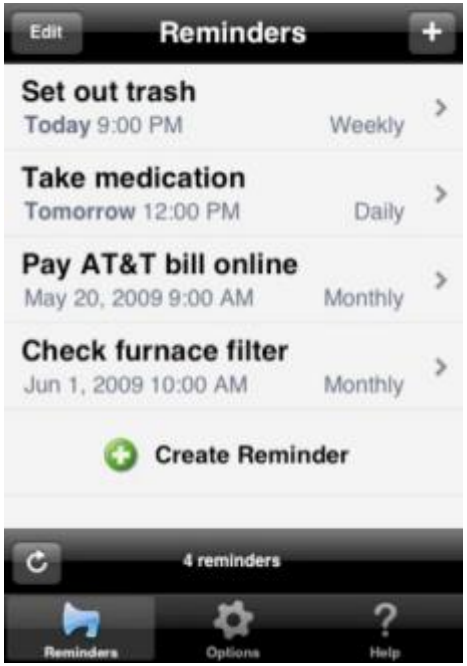
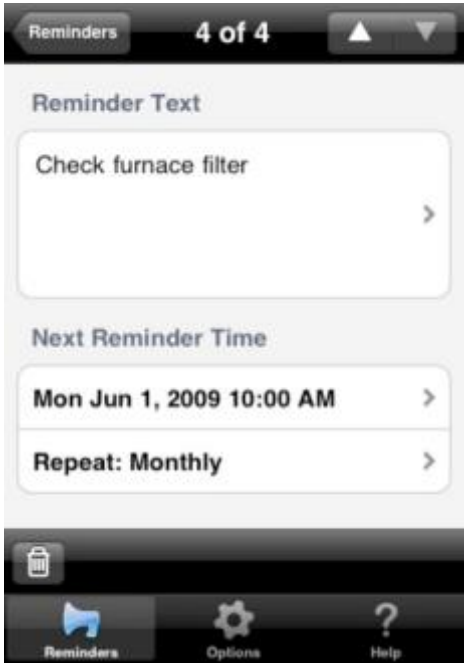
TextMinder

- Create SMS text reminders
- Specify exact date and time; choose a repeat schedule for each reminder
- Multiple reminders can remain in popup notification summary, even when followed by other messages (push notifications only show your most recent alert)
- Unread reminders show as a number badge on your standard SMS/Messages app, and remain until removed to ensure they are noticed





Cozi

- Free
- You can access from a computer, smartphone or tablet
- Manage a family calendar and set reminders.
  - Add an appointment and it uploads to your Cozi account so everyone can see it.
- Get your grocery shopping lists when you're at the store, even when offline.
- Add a to do list item right when you think of it and have it right there in your pocket to remind yourself.
- Jot down a memory as it happens in the journal.
  - Add a photo from your library to capture the moment.
- Add and edit non-repeating calendar appointments, shopping lists, and to do lists while offline.

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Apps for Writing and Reading

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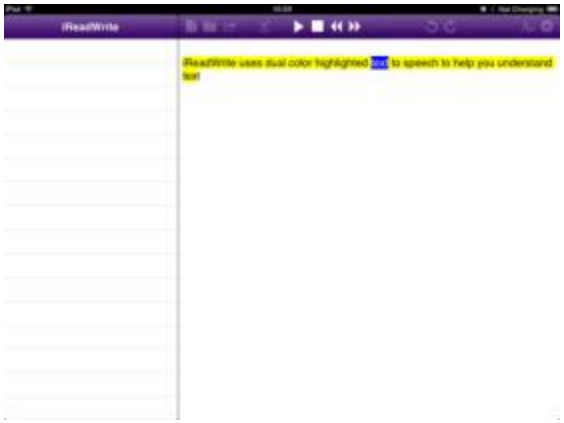
Say it & Mail it Pro

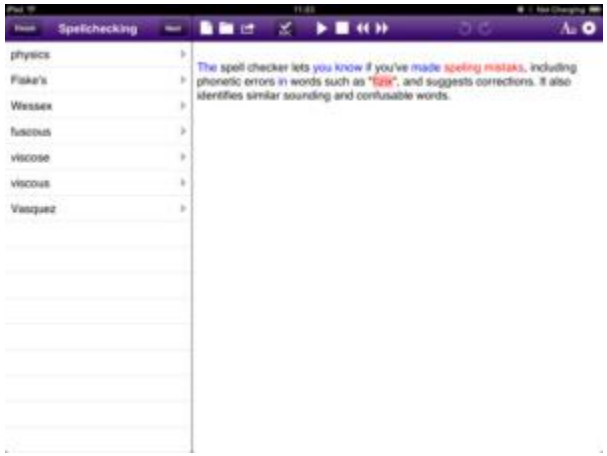
- Email voice memos
- Attach pictures
- Set preference to start recording as soon as app opens
- Add location

Brevity

- Word Completion App
- Automatically add words if not in list
- Remembers how often you use words and offers the most frequently chosen options to you first
- E-mail Support - Send e-mails from directly within the application
- Text Message Support
- Remove misspelled or unwanted words
- Set prediction font size and window transparency

iWriteRead





- TextHelp
- No internet needed to use
- Text-to-speech
- Word Prediction
- Phonetic Spell Checker
- Homophone and Confusables Checker
- Dictionary
- Picture Dictionary
- Customizable Background and Text Colors
- Choice of Voices and Fonts
- Importing and Sharing documents

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Apps for Math

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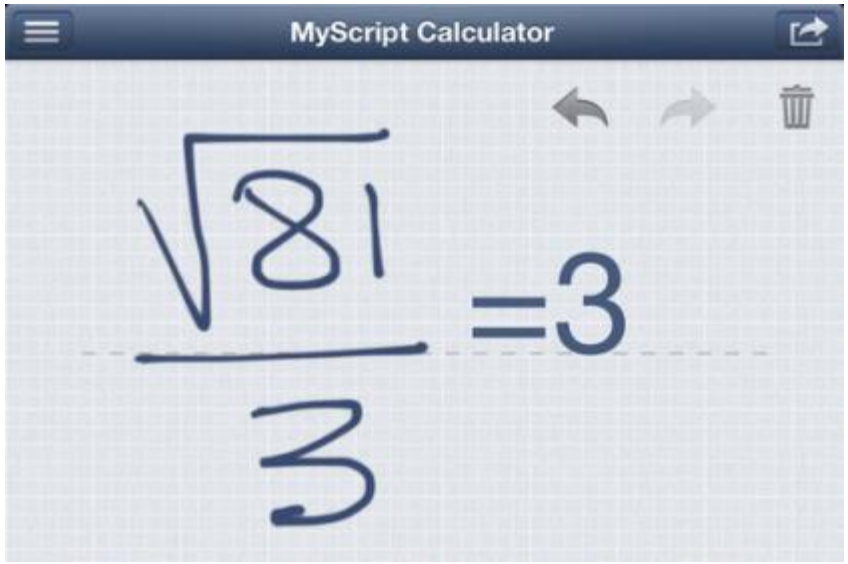
MyScript Calculator



- Use your handwriting to write any arithmetic formula
- Write and calculate mathematical expressions in with no keyboard
- Scratch-out gestures to easily delete symbols and numbers
- Portrait and landscape operation
- Redo and undo functions

Money Counter Calculator

- iPad only
- Enter amount of coins and dollars and total is provided
- Free

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Apps for Communication

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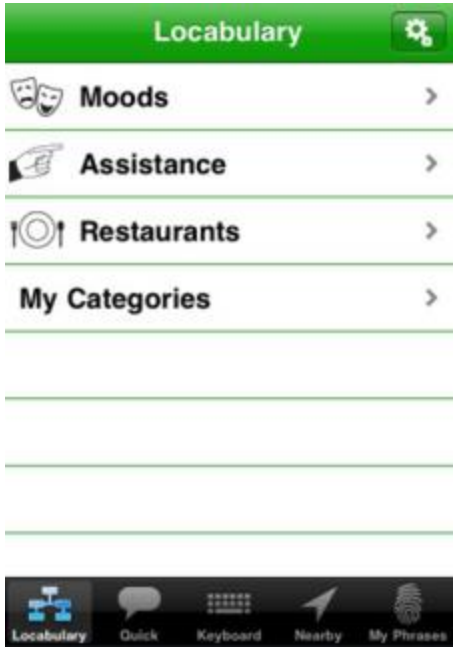
Locabulary



- Uses GPS to track user location and suggests appropriate vocabulary based on location
  - ie: McDonald';s starbucks
- A keyboard to type for text-to-speech
- User can tag their own locations and create vocabulary for each location
- Lite version Free; Pro version $130

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Apps for Sensory/ Hearing

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AppleVis

for vision impaired iOS users

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Accessible iOS apps, news & guides for blind and vision-impaired VoiceOver users

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Welcome to AppleVis

A community-powered site for vision-impaired users of Apple's iOS devices.

- Seek and share information on the accessibility of apps developed for the iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch.
- Read and share guides, tutorials and tips to help VoiceOver users get the most from their iOS devices.

A Reminder

If you have previously added apps to the App Directory, please take a few moments to make sure that they are up-to-date and accurate. Could you also make sure that you have given your apps a Usability Rating. Thanks!

Random App

PhoneXL

This is a Paid app posted to the Utilities category by 1music on 28 April 2011

It was given the following Usability Rating: The app is fully accessible with VoiceOver, but the interface could be easier to navigate and use.

Latest Recommendations

AppleVis users have recently recommended the following apps

- Simplenote was recommende hours 47 min ago.
- Sky Sports News was recommended 1 day 2 hours
- Quidco was recommended 1 hours ago.
- TextExpander was recommen 1 day 9 hours ago.
- OTR Streamer was recommen 1 day 12 hours ago.

The most recent additions and updates to the AppleVis site:

LaDiDa: A new way to make music on your iPhone or iPod touch.
Posted in Guides by Oriol
4 Comments : Last update or comment 4 hours 22 min ago.

iProRecorder™ Premier Voice & Music Recorder
Posted in AppleVis Forum by Unregistered User
0 Comments : Last update or comment 6 hours 29 min ago.

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Popular Content

1. Posting Ratings and Reviews the iTunes Store Using Voice on the Mac Demystified (3,67 views)
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eyes-free

Discussions

You cannot post messages because only members can post, and you are not currently a member.

Description: Announcements and discussions about the Eyes-Free project whose focus is development of applications that provide eyes-free access to the Android platform.

Samsung Gravity smart t-mobile

I saw a tweet about this phone earlier. It's been announced but not yet released. The estimated release date is 06/08/2011. This phone has a slide out keyboard and is supposed to be available for under $100 with a contract. I didn't see if it was 4g, but it might be a phone of interest to some of you.... more »

By **Gordon** - 3:19am - **1 new** of 1 message - Report as spam

The vOICe and Color Identification

I'm using the vOICe to identify colors. Generally speaking, it does a good job though it's better at giving me color approximations than precise colors. for example, it says that my aqua bedspread, sky blue throw pillow and green blanky are all cyan, and it says a canary yellow box is green or yellow green. I remember colors and the exercise of combining red, yellow, and blue in kindergarten well enough to understand that blue, aqua, and green are all on a continuum and that certain yellows (maybe not canary) can kind of sort of look green in certain lighting, so what the vOICe does makes sense to me.... more »

By **Ana G** - Jun 2 - **2 new** of 2 messages - Report as spam

Seesmic

I have installed seesmic and added my twitter account. Idon't see a way to add any more accounts. I wanted to add my facebook account. Is anyone else usingseesmic? How do you aadd more accounts? Thanks for any help.

By **Terra Syslo** - Jun 2 - **1 new** of 1 message - Report as spam

List of accessible apps?

Is there a list of apps that are known to be accessible or are themselves accessibility apps? I'm trying to put together a list of things I'll need to download when the time comes. Chris

By **Christopher Bartlett** - Jun 2 - **3 new** of 3 messages - Report as spam

Calculator

Ok I've attempted to use several different calculators, but no luck. Can someone please let me know which one I need and maybe

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Apps For The Deaf And Hearing Impaired

Every day the iPhone is helping people live better lives. We have found some amazing apps that are focused on helping those who are deaf or hard of hearing communicate, network, and enjoy entertainment more.

LouderTV

$1.99

by Pieezo Hearsay Pte Ltd

When visiting my grandmother, I was able to hear her TV show before I even reached the front steps. Louder TV is an app designed to make watching TV easier for those with hearing loss. It works as a personal

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BrailleTouch

- Prototype app for touchscreen mobile devices
- FREE Open Source app
- 32 words per minute with 92% accuracy with the prototype app for the iPhone
- Use of the six-key configuration so that the keyboard fits on the screen and users keep their fingers in a relatively fixed position while texting
- GA Tech Researchers

- Type with screen facing away
- Braille like typing

HearPlanet (Lite): Audio Guide to the World

- Speaks aloud what is around out you
- Learn about monuments. Historic sites, etc.
- FREE
- Upgrade to a paid version

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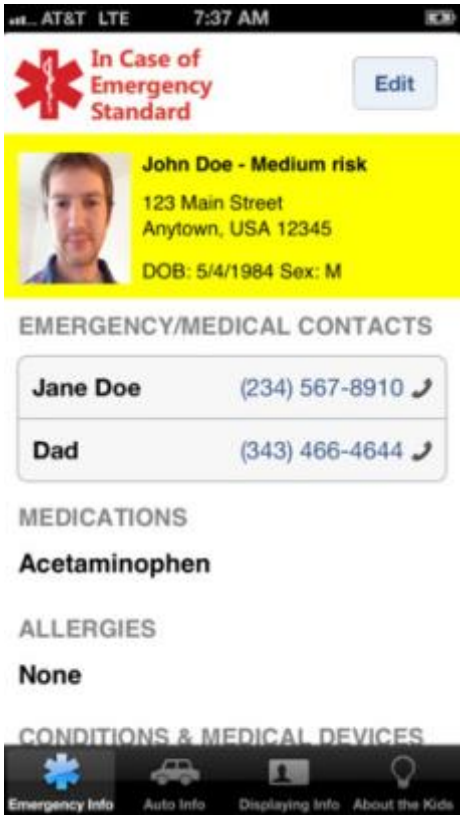
ICE

In Case of Emergency

- Emergency contact list
- Central place for you to record any medications
- List allergies or medical conditions
- Pre-loaded medical information to choose from
- Free
- www.ice-app.net



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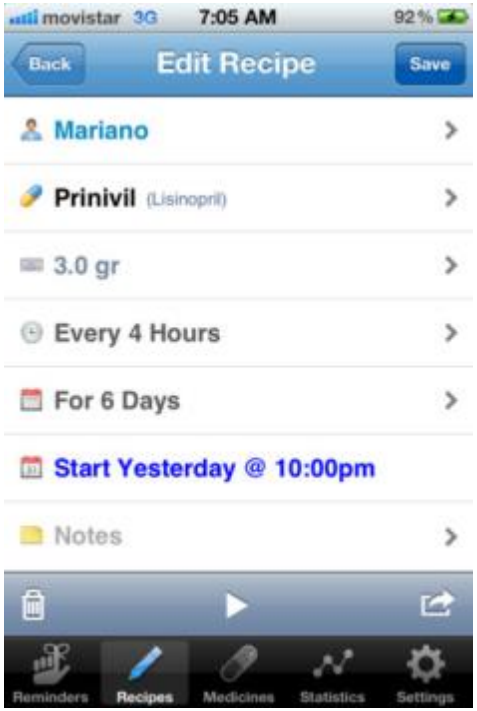
Medimate

- Medical prescription organizer
  - Both you and family
- Customize your medicine catalog
- Understand your usage



American Red Cross: Shelter View

- Know when and where shelters have been opened to provide assistance.
- Maps locations and shelter details
- View shelter details
- Capacity of the shelter and current population
- Shelter address and location.
- Shelter information is updated every 30 minutes
- Free

Emergency Aid

- What To Do in a personal threat, disaster or emergency
- Detailed medical profile
- Emergency contacts and health information with photo and customizable notes
- Distress Signal and light
- Illustrated instructions with highlighted “What to do”, “Warnings” and “Do Not”,
- One-Tap Call to emergency aid services or web sites
- $1.99

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Apps for Navigation

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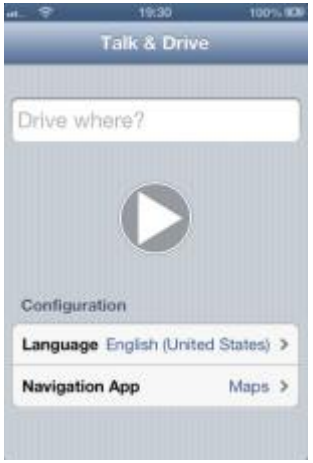
Favorite Navigation Apps

- Around Me
  - Identifies where you are
  - Lists what is around you
  - View route to place from where you are
  - Add information to contact list

- Talk and Drive Waze
  - Operate your map applications simply by talking
  - Launch the application, say your destination



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Apps for Relaxation

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iZen Garden

- Choose from 100s of objects, plants and creatures to place in your garden
- Rake the sand and share your creations
- Helps you to center your mind, relax your psyche and relieve your stress

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Breathe2Relax

- Portable stress management tool
- Detailed information on the effects of stress on the body
- Instructions and practice exercises to learn the stress management skill called diaphragmatic breathing

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Pandora

- Free internet radio
- Create custom stations based on genre
- Free

Safety questions for the exterior and entrances

- ❑ Is there adequate lighting to see walkways and entrances?
- ❑ Are steps in good repair and do they have non-slip surfaces?
- ❑ Are there handrails for the steps and are handrails securely fastened?
- ❑ Do the handrails run continuously from the top to the bottom of the entire flight of stairs?

~ Tammy Irion

Safety questions for the exterior and entrances

- Are walkways and entrances free of objects that could be tripped over?
- Can you clearly see the edges of steps?
- Are entrances wide enough to provide unobstructed entering with or without an assistive device, such as a wheelchair?

~ Tammy Irion

Safety questions for proper lighting

- Do areas have adequate lighting for reading, seeing where one is walking, and performing activities?
- Are light bulbs the appropriate size and type for the lamp or fixture?
- Are light switches accessible to a person before entering rooms?
- Are lights glare-free?

~ Tammy Irion

Safety questions for stairways

- ❑ Are stairways adequately lighted?
- ❑ Are handrails present on at least one side of the staircase?
- ❑ Are the handrails securely fastened to walls?
- ❑ Do the handrails run the entire length of the flight of stairs?
- ❑ Are the step edges clearly visible?
- ❑ Are stairways free of objects?
- ❑ Are light switches located at the top and bottom of stairs?

~ Tammy Irion

Safety questions for flooring/rugs/obstructions

- ❑ Are carpet edges taped or tacked down?
- ❑ Are all rugs and mats slip-resistant?
- ❑ Is the flooring slippery?
- ❑ Are rooms free of obstructions to allow safe mobility?
- ❑ Are rooms set up to promote easy and safe mobility?

~ Tammy Irion

Safety questions for electrical outlets

- ❑ Are electrical cords in good condition?
- ❑ Do outlets and switches have cover plates?
- ❑ Are cords placed out of the flow of traffic?
- ❑ Are cords out from beneath furniture and rugs or carpeting?
- ❑ Do extension cords carry more than their proper load?

~ Tammy Irion

Safety questions for telephones

- Are emergency numbers posted on or near telephones?
- Do you have access to a telephone if you fall?

~ Tammy Irion

Safety questions for heaters

- Do heaters have a 3-prong plug or use an adaptor for grounding?
- Are heaters placed out of the way and away from flammable materials?
- Is there proper ventilation for wood burning heaters?

~ Tammy Irion

Safety questions for alarms

- Are smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors properly located?
- Do the smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors work properly?
- Do you have an emergency exit plan in the event of a fire?

~ Tammy Irion

Basement / Garage / Storage areas / Workshops
Safety questions for these

- ❑ **Is there adequate lighting, especially in areas of power tool use?**
- ❑ **Are light switches located, so a person does not have to walk through a dark area?**
- ❑ **Are containers of flammable/hazardous liquids properly labeled and tightly capped?**
- ❑ **Are containers of flammable/hazardous liquids stored out of living areas and away from other materials that may cause sparks?**
- ❑ **Do power tools have a 3-prong electrical plug that is used as a grounding feature?**

~ Tammy Irion

Safety questions for the kitchen

- ❑ **Are all flammable objects located away from the range?**
- ❑ **Do you wear clothing with short or close-fitting sleeves when using the range?**
- ❑ **Are ventilation systems working properly?**
- ❑ **Are all electrical cords located away from the sink and range?**
- ❑ **Are storage areas easily reached without having to stand on tiptoe or on a chair?**

~ Tammy Irion

Safety questions for the kitchen

- If you have a stepstool, is it in good condition, strong enough to support you, and does it have non-slip surfaces?
- Are chairs without wheels armrest equipped and of proper height for safe transfers?
- Are linoleum floors slippery?
- Do outlets have ground fault interruption?

~ Tammy Irion

Living Room / Hallways
Safety questions for these

- ❑ Are chimneys clear of any material that may clog them?
- ❑ Has the chimney been cleaned in the past year?
- ❑ Is there a guard on the front of the fireplace to block embers and sparks?
- ❑ Are passageways well lit?
- ❑ Are exits and passageways kept clear of obstructions?
- ❑ Is all furniture at a height to allow for easy sitting and standing?

~ Tammy Irion

Bedrooms
Safety questions

- ❑ Are lamps or light switches within reach of each bed?
- ❑ Do you ever go to sleep with a heating pad that is turned on?
- ❑ Are beds of appropriate height to allow safe on and off transfers?
- ❑ Can you reach objects from closets and shelves without standing on tiptoe or on a chair?
- ❑ Do outlets have ground fault interruption?

~ Tammy Irion

Safety questions for the bathroom

- ❑ Do bathtubs and showers have non-slip surfaces?
- ❑ Is the water temperature 120 degrees or lower?
- ❑ Are electrical appliances unplugged when not in use?
- ❑ Are electrical appliances and cords away from the sink and/or bathtub?
- ❑ Are medications properly labeled and stored in the containers they came in?
- ❑ Are toilet seats high enough to allow for ease in transfers?

~ Tammy Irion

Safety questions for homes of persons with cognitive disabilities

- Are safety hazards such as chemicals, power tools, heaters, appliances, knives, medications, and matches placed in locked cabinets, removed from the home, or modified so that they are inoperable if the person tries to use them?
- Are safety plugs placed in electrical outlets not being used?
- Is the home environment familiar to the individual?

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