



Georgia's Assistive
Technology Act Program

Ins and Outs of Developing an Assistive Technology Lab

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Learning Objectives

- Learning Objective 1: Identify three best practices for setting up a permanent Assistive Technology lab
- Learning Objective 2: Illustrate 3 ways the toolkits have been effective in developing Assistive technology labs
- Learning Objective 3: Identify 3 best practices for setting up an Assistive Technology lab at a conference

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

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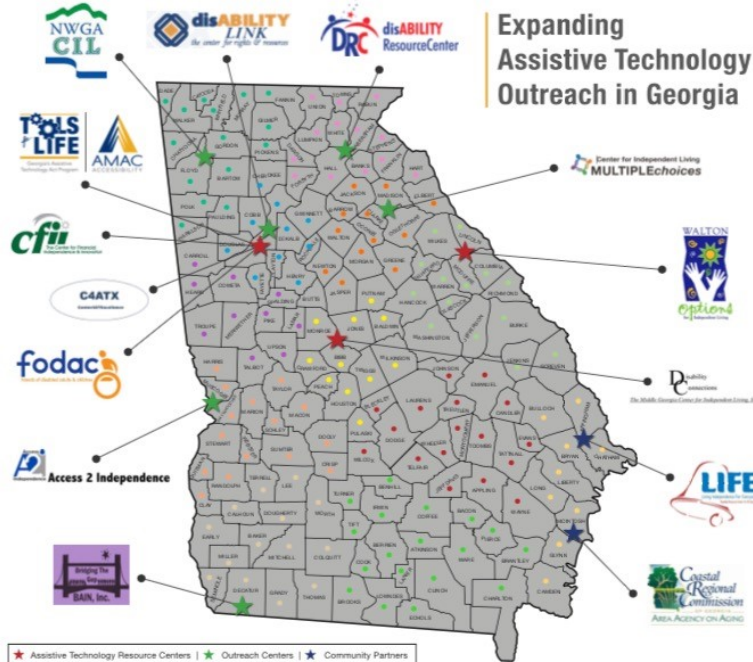


AT FUNDING GUIDE

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NAVIGATING THE AT FUNDING STREAM

Tools for Life Network

Assistive Technology Resource Centers, Outreach Centers, Community Partners and Affiliates



GEORGIA'S AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS

- Atlanta Regional Commission Aging Division**
Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Conley, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Pickens
- Coastal Georgia Area Agency on Aging**
Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Chatham, Liberty, Long, McIntosh
- CSRA Area Agency on Aging**
Baker, Calhoun, Gilmer, Habersham, Johnson, Lincoln, Lumpkin, McDuffie, Richmond, Spalding, Wilkes, Wilcox, Washington, Wilkes
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- Southwest Georgia Area Agency on Aging**
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- Tri-County Area Agency on Aging**
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Started with a Toolkit

- Researched and created toolkits with over 50 assorted AT
- Barcoded and added to database
- Pilot program with 6 AAA's/ADRCs through DAS



Creating a Lab



Cobb Senior Services (CSS)



- Our services
- Why did CSS develop an AT Lab?
 - Georgia Division of Aging Services Grant
 - Partnership with Atlanta Regional Commission
 - Lack of AT programs, Centers for Independent Living in north/west Atlanta metropolitan area

CSS AT Lab Accomplishments



- Established an Assistive Technology Lab with over 100 items
- Tools for Life Training for 19 CSS and ARC employees
- 43 lab tours for people with disabilities, caregivers, older adults, and professionals (198 individuals total)

CSS AT Lab Accomplishments (continued)



- 29 community presentations/senior exhibits reaching 2,500+ older adults, people with disabilities, professionals, and community members
- Partnered with 17 organizations to host Open House Fall in Love with AT Event (222 attendees)
- Received \$1,000 donation from Atlanta Care Senior Niche Network to purchase AT for clients

AT Lab Knowledge



- Networking
 - State AT Program
 - Academic Institutions
 - Existing AT Labs
- Conferences and Webinars

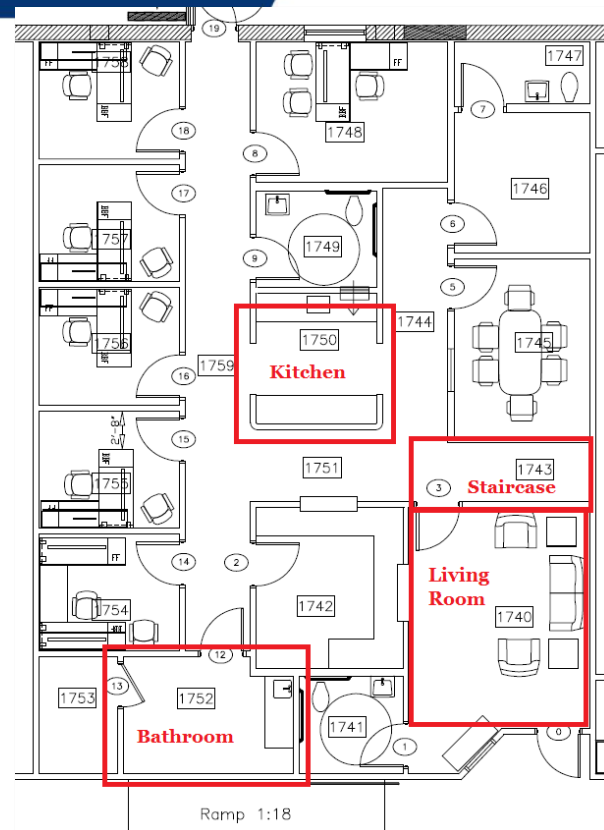
AT Lab Inventory



- AT Toolkits
- Advice from rehabilitation professionals
- Donations from local businesses
- Purchasing

AT Lab Assembly

- Developing an AT Lab
 - Design your “floor plan”
 - Keep like items together
 - Be creative!



CSS AT Lab Demo Bathroom



CSS AT Lab Demo Bathroom (continued)



AT Lab Assembly (continued)

- Developing an AT Lab
 - Setting up devices



AT Lab Demonstrations



- Developing an AT Lab
 - Show, don't tell

Tub Lift Demonstration



Sound Amplifier Demonstration



- Developing an AT Lab
 - Frequently asked questions
 - How much is it?
 - Where can I get it?

AT Lab Display Cards



- Developing an AT Lab
 - Providing resources
 - Equipment reuse organizations
 - AT Resource Directory
 - Brochures
 - Catalogs
 - Referrals to disability specific organizations

AT Lab Outreach



- Developing an AT Lab
 - Outreach
 - Keep your messaging simple

Official Definition of AT



“Assistive Technology is any item or piece of equipment that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of an individual in all aspects of life, allowing individuals to continue with daily tasks independently.”

***AT is any item that makes
your life easier, no matter
your age or ability!***

Traveling Labs

- We do take the show on the road
- Taking what we have at Georgia Tech to labs across the state and country
- This gives people who may not be able to travel to our office



Traveling Labs – Some more Pictures





My Question to You:
What have you learned today?

Thank You for Attending!



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