Expanding Your Social Media Knowledge
#AccessandEngagementforALL

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Today’s Session

• Within the world of social media, students are well beyond Facebook. In order to connect with this generation, student affairs professionals must be social media savvy.

• In this session the presenter will discuss and demonstrate the basics of using social media tools to share necessary information and engage students.

• Handouts: http://www.gatfl.gatech.edu/tflwiki/index.php?title=Main_Page
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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 / Outreach Centers
  • Lending Libraries
  • Training and Demonstrations
  • AT Reuse
  • AT Funding Education/Assistance and Resources
• Online Resources
  • www.gatfl.gatech.edu - ~5,000 unique visitors a month
Innovation

Welcome to the Assistive Technology revolution! The world around us is evolving at an astounding rate. Assistive Technology developments have been foundational in this evolution and a catalyst producing positive life-changing results for individuals with disabilities. This includes tablets and other mobile technologies and the mechanisms that our society uses to instantly exchange information.
Social media can be an effective way for anyone to socialize and network for a career, but can be especially powerful for people with disabilities.
Social media is the interaction among people in which they create, share or exchange information and ideas in virtual communities and networks.
Welcome to the Tools for Life wiki. Tools for Life, Georgia's Assistive Technology Act Program, gives more options for greater freedom by increasing access to and acquisition of assistive technology (AT) devices and services for Georgians of all ages and disabilities so they can live, learn, work, and play independently in communities of their choice.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- What is Assistive Technology?
- Where can I learn about Assistive Technology devices?
- Where can I access TFL webinar archives?

Recent Presentations and Activities
- 2015 ATIA Orlando - January 25-31, 2015 - Orlando, FL
- Visiting Nurse Health System, Exploring AT Services in Georgia - December 18, 2014 - Atlanta, GA
- 2014 Decoding Dyslexia - December 13, 2014 - Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA
- 2014 SILC and TFL Atlanta Town Hall - December 9, 2014 - Atlanta, GA
- 2014 GATE Seminar - December 5, 2014 - Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA
- 2014 GSU Rehabilitation Counseling Improving Independence through AT - November 12, 2014 - Atlanta, GA
- 2014 LeadingAge Georgia Conference - November 6, 2014 - Atlanta, GA
- Gwinnett Technical College - October 30, 2014 - Atlanta, GA
- 2014 High School High Tech - October 23, 2014 - Dublin, GA
- 2014 Georgia College & Career Readiness Institute - September 25-26, 2014 - Macon, GA
- LDA Webinar: AT 101 - Understanding and Advocating for Assistive Technology - September 18, 2014 - Webinar
- 2014 GBA Annual Conference - September 15, 2014 - Savannah, GA
- 2013 Georgia Tech Accessible Computing Seminar - December 3, 2013 - Atlanta, GA

Connect with Us
- Tools for Life Website
- Tools for Life on Facebook
- Tools for Life on YouTube

Helpful Tools & Resources
- Tools for Life AppFinder
- Dollars & Sense Funding Guide
- gTrade Georgia's Online Equipment Exchange
- Tools for Life Community Partners

News
- June 3-6, 2013 Tools for Life co-hosts IDEAS Conference in St. Simons Island, GA
- April 2013 Tools for Life AppFinder makes program spotlight on AT Connects website
- April 2013 Our Favorite Apps spotlight on AT Program News
Organize - Wiki

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AT Solutions Lab Partners

Creative, comprehensive use of technology and the Internet by students and teachers as the very best resource ever.

Find us at the LDA Conference.
The LDA/AMAC AT Solutions Lab and generously brought to you by:

- AMAC http://www.amac.org/
- Tools for Life http://www.gall.gatech.edu/
- Georgia Institute of Technology http://www.gatech.edu/
- Washington Assistive Technology Program http://wapt.org/
- University of Washington, Center for Technology and Disability Studies http://www.its.washington.edu/
- Illinois Assistive Technology Program (IATP) http://www.iatp.org/

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What are you using?
How are you using it?

- Connecting with Friends
- Connecting with Family
- **Self Information**
- Planning Events
- Posting Photos
- Brand Building

- **Networking**
- Making Friends
- “Lurking”
- Disability Awareness
- Chatting
- Research
There are more than 200 social media sites out there!

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_social_networking_websites
The Conversation
The Art of Listening, Learning, and Sharing

Brought to you by Brian Solis and JESS3
The Popular Choices
The Facts: Facebook

**What?** Facebook is a personal social media channel including: people, companies, locations, and groups. This gives the user a true social community feel through user-friendly browsing and ability to comment.

**Content?** Very visual. Newsfeeds can feel cluttered. There are lots of photos and videos.

**Audience?** The average age of 55+ has grown 80.4% in the last 3 years. The average use of teenagers on Facebook has declined 25.3% over the last 3 years.

**Is it right for you?** Your target is a mass-market. Your content is very visual. Use this if you want to tell a story through photos/albums. This is for you if you are ready to build a community and stay engaged.
Advocate for your Project
Advocate for your Cause
What? A scrolling instant newsfeed of updates that are 140 characters or less. Everything is organized based on time of posting.

Content? Text heavy, but concise and to the point. Updates are frequent and steady. There are images and video, but you need to click to expand. All users rely on hashtags for searching and filtering through content.

Audience? There are 1 billion registered users. 31% are between ages 18 and 29. There are many world leaders and business owners on Twitter.

Is it right for you? You have somewhere to point your users, click to expand links for content. You are publishing timely news and are ready to engage in active conversation.
Promote Your Business
**What?** An online scrapbook and bulletin board where you can save ideas, images, and webpages into categories (boards). Users can follow you and "pin" quote to their own board.

**Content?** Static images that are in high resolution and full of color. Very eye-catching and can draw attention quickly. Users click on image to be taken to the webpage that contains that image to learn more information.

**Audience?** There are 70 million registered users on Pinterest, 84% are female. Many users use Pinterest through their mobile app.

**Is it right for you?** Your content must be visual and able to drive traffic to your own website or another online destination.
Drive Traffic to Your Website
The Facts: Instagram

**What?** An app featuring feeds of images or short videos. Users follow each other to see photos. Feed is based on time of posting.

**Content?** Static images with artistic filters & effects and short videos (15 seconds or less).

**Audience?** There are 150 million users on Instagram. This video feed is becoming very popular.

**Is it right for you?** Your target audience is primarily younger. The information you want to portray is very visual and tells the story. You must have the ability to post on a mobile device.
Tell Your Story
The Facts: LinkedIn

**What?** A professional online community for job seekers and companies to engage in conversation and networking.

**Content?** Individual and company profiles, business resources and job availability.

**Audience?** There are 277 million users on LinkedIn.

**Is it right for you?** If you're looking to engage with other professional groups/organizations. If you are looking for a job or recruiting for your business.
Network or Find a Job

Innovative Solutions with Disability for Business People

About the Innovative Solutions with Disability for Business People Group
This group's primary purpose is to provide knowledge and an supportive environment where questions will be answered around disability in the workplace and how to support... more »

Have something to say?
Join LinkedIn for free to participate in the conversation. When you join, you can comment and post your own discussions.

Who in Your Organisation is Essential to Its Survival?
Christopher C.
Get More Vision from Less Vision. How?

According to a recent Scottish Widows survey cited in December's edition of the FSB's Business Network magazine over half of SMEs would cease trading if they lost one or more key members of the team. 79% of respondents believed that such a loss...

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How Much Are Disabled Customers Actually Wroth to Your Business?
Christopher C.
Get More Vision from Less Vision. How?

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Created: October 8, 2013
Type: Networking Group
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Website: http://www.thelifecoachstation.co.uk

AdChoices

5 days left
$10 Off
Mother's Day Flowers & Gifts
$39.99 or more

SHOP NOW
The Facts: Google +

**What?** Google+ is a social networking and identity service. It is an authorship tool that associates web-content directly with its owner/author.

**Content?** Google Plus is a package deal. Create a user profile, place people in circles (family and friends), stream (newsfeed) Hangout (free videoconferencing with up to 10 people), +1 button (recommend sites), Google+ pages (create one for your business or brand), locations, communities (conversations about particular topics), events (add events & invite people), photos and YouTube.

**Audience?** There are over 1 billion users on Google plus. 42% of users are between age 18 and 24.

**Is it right for you?** Ideal if you want to create a community, post videos, send updates and receive comments.
Create a Community
Share Your Story through Video
Let Social Media Work for You

- **Brand Building.** Around 15 percent of people with disabilities in the workforce are self-employed, compared with only 10 percent of the rest of the workforce. Small business owners can make the most of social media to highlight their products and services and marketing on these platforms is inexpensive or free. Even if you work for someone else, having a social media presence is a great way to establish yourself as an expert in your field which will help your career long term. #getyourselfoutthere

- **Self Information.** By following reputable blogs and websites through social media, you always have access to the latest news about the things that interest you. This is also a great way to keep up on your industry, legislation, research or news that pertains to living with a disability. #stayuptodate
Let Social Media Work for You, cont’d

• **Like-minded Networking.** Perhaps you are the only person in your circle of family and friends that lives with a disability, or one of a very few. There are online groups and forums where you can talk about your health and seek advice and camaraderie from people who really do understand. You may find that your closest allies are people who you have never actually “met,” but become part of your personal journey and family of choice.  

  #meetnewpeople

• **Disability Awareness.** Using social media is also an excellent opportunity to spread awareness about the issues people with disabilities face on a daily basis. Through the normal course of social media activity, you can shed some light on what life is like with a disability and helpful resources. You can raise awareness in the form of everyday photos, status updates or even the links that you share from others. Family, friends and acquaintances can learn a little more about what life is like with a disability through your social media posts.  

  #educate
Where Innovation & Ethics Collide!

As new technology develops, professionals are challenged to create new and innovative ethical boundaries to accommodate these advancements.
Technology & Ethical Considerations

There are numerous points of ethical considerations for technology

- **Accessibility**
- **Computers** – Personal? School owned? Business owned?
- **Cell Phones - Smart Phones**
  - Apps?
  - Voice Mail – How transmitted?
  - Texting – Where is that kept?
  - Telepresence (Skype, FaceTime, Google Hangout, etc.)
- **Internet**
  - Websites
  - Social Media
  - Chat Rooms
  - Private vs. semiprivate email accounts
Consider this: Telecommunications

• Cell phones have been found to lack security regarding the transmittal of confidential information
  – Avoid the use of cell phones when discussing confidential information
  – Occasionally, conversations on cell phones can be picked up on other electronics
Consider this: Computers

• Personal Computers
  – Hardware: hard disk, disks, CD-ROM’s, etc...
    • Hardware can be protected with a mechanical lock/key.
    • The hardware should be locked when unattended or not in use.

  – Software: Microsoft Word, Excel, Medisoft, etc...
    • The documents created with software can be protected with passwords for authorized personnel.
    • Authorized personnel should “log off” when the computer is unattended.
Consider this: Email

• Email
  – Confidential information transferred by email should only be transmitted to secure locations
    • Password controlled systems
    • Mechanically locked systems
    • Psychologists' Use of E-mail with Clients: Some Ethical Considerations
  – Are you using gmail? yahoo? Other?
  – How are you sending files?
  – What files are you sending?
Consider this: Social Media

• Why use?
  – To share information
  – To keep in touch
  – To connect, re-connect

  – Legitimate form of sharing & communicating.

  – Assists many individuals with disAbilities

  – But! - Allowed (encouraged) us to become “overly casual”
What is “Public?”

• Information “collected, assembled or maintained” in connection with official business.

• Includes:
  – Books, paper, letter, document, printout, photo, film, tape, microfiche, microfilm, photostat, sound recording, map, drawing, voice, data, video representation in computer memory.
“Keep in mind that existing laws apply equally to online and offline conduct. Is the content you post on a social networking site being reviewed and scrutinized prior to its release in the same manner as other content that is published by your organization on a more formal basis?

• Who owns your social networking profile page?
• If you delete your page, is the content truly gone or does the social network retain the right to access, use or share your deleted information?
• Have you read the terms of use/service (TOU or TOS) for the social networking site?”

Do You “Agree?”

• “Social media and social network (Web-based) Terms of Use (TOU) are often overlooked as we, the users, scramble to get started sharing and liking and pinning, all in the interest of promoting products and services—or increasing public awareness. We click through the legalese in our impatience to get started. Yet what we don’t read, and don’t know, CAN hurt us.”

• [http://allenmireles.com/]
Research the Tools!

• Make an Informed Choice
• Check them out & see which ones:
  – Are accessible
  – Are safe
  – Protect privacy
  – Are effective
Communicating the Options

• Tell students at the beginning of the semester that you might (e-mail, text, use social media) to communicate with them.

• Give them the opportunity to “opt-out.”
Social Media Thoughts

• Check personal sites regularly if the public has access to them.
• Consider professional and personal sites
• Even if you don’t post inappropriate material – your friends and/or students may
What’s being said about You?

Google.com
SocialMention.com
WhosTalkin.com
Technorati.com
Think Smart

If you think –
“Should I post this?”
Then don’t.
Tips & Strategies to Remember

✓ Ask yourself, "What are my/my student’s goals?"
✓ You're in control.
✓ Only you can tell your story.
✓ Ask yourself, "Who is your audience?"
✓ Use multiple Social Media platforms.
✓ Be comfortable (and safe) and have fun!
Questions?
Resources

- Social Media: Finding the Right Platform, Blair Brady, WITH/Sims
- MediaBistro
- iStrategyLabs
- Marketingcharts.com
- Business Insider & Digital Marketing Ramblings
- Business Insider
- Wikipedia
- Hope for Steve Documentary - Facebook page
- Andrew Needs a Kidney - Facebook page
- 3E Love - Twitter
- Utah AT Program - Pinterest
- littlepenelopelane - Instagram
- Innovative Solutions with Disability For Business People - LinkedIn
- Disability & Assistive Technology Today - Google +
- Tools for Life - YouTube
- Disability Blog
Resources: Keep Learning!

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