Welcome to the Tools for Life Advisory Council

Thursday, April 13, 2017

We are Glad You are Here!
TOOLS FOR LIFE Advisory Council Agenda

10:30 AM   Welcome & Introductions - Carolyn

Grants and Contracts Updates:
1)  AT Governance Report - Carolyn Phillips
2)  A Closer Look: Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency Collaboration Opportunities – Carolyn Phillips
3)  A Closer Look: Division of Aging Services (DAS) – Money Follows the Person (MFP), AT Labs Project, AT Decision Tree, No Wrong Door, and Aging & Tech Summit @ GT - Rachel Wilson and Carolyn Phillips
5)  More Details and Opportunities! - Carolyn

12:30 PM   Break & Lunch
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Our Next Meeting

At IDEAS in St. Simons!
Wednesday, June 7 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Liz and Sam will be sending out information as the date approaches.
Remembering Terry Warley
Our Creative Trail and Bridge Building is working.
WELCOME to the TFL Team!

Tori Holder – Outreach Specialist

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Tools for Life: Mission

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Our Mission – Focus on this Mission
(Avoid Mission Creep – If it doesn’t meet this criteria – Then we shouldn’t do it!)

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• The Total of New Funding is $2,200,242!
Questions?
AT and MFP – Success!

• AT Evaluation Pilot program began August 2015:
• Proof of Concept – AT is a Key Factor to Success
• Started in 2 Regions:
  – Atlanta Region (Urban)
  – Southeastern Georgia Region (Rural)
• TFL Customized AT Evaluation Process for MFP:
  – In home and/or in nursing home
  – AT Research support to determine appropriate AT to meet needs of individuals
  – AT Report/Roadmap - extensive written report with AT recommendations and resources
  – Follow-up and follow-along consultation
• Building on these AT Services for MFP:
  – AT Demonstration
  – AT Lending Library – “Try Before You Buy”
  – AT Reuse - Bridging Gaps for smoother transitions

Success – Expanding to All Regions in Georgia in 2017
AT and MFP – Expanding AT Access

• Lead to AT Tool Kits in all AAA/ADRCs
  • AT from all areas to support people with disabilities and the natural aging process
• AT Solution Lab at MFP and Aging-related Conferences

• AT Solution Lab at the Coastal Area Agency on Aging Georgia
  • Coastal AAA/ADRC Won the 2016 AIRS Distinguished Service Award for their work with the AT Lab!!
  • Presented at the Awards Luncheon at the 2016 AIRS Conference in St. Louis.
  • AIRS is the premier professional membership association for community I&A with over 5000+ national and international members
MFP Updates

• National Webinar held this past March:
  • 1 of 3 states invited
  • Focused on our pilot program that has now extended across GA providing person-centered AT Assessments with nursing home transitions into home of choice
  • Lessons learned
  • Success stories

• Completed 21 MFP AT assessments since inception
• Partners who responded across state completed 45 AT assessments and helped get individuals off waiting lists!
DAS Updates:

• AT Mini Grant Extension:
  Southern Regional
  NWGA AAA
  ARC (Cobb)
  Three Rivers AAA

Open Houses
Health Fairs
Community events: Fall prevention, healthy living

ADRC Healthy Community Summit in Augusta, Ga
June 7-9
Expanding AT Labs 2017

Cobb County Senior Center

Northwest GA AAA
AT Labs across the state!
Success Stories!

Our partners shared:

• One of my clients was having great difficulty getting in and out of the car on her own, even with the assistance of family. I was able to obtain a swivel seat and door bar for this client. Her family told me that this has been a great benefit to her, and has made their lives easier as well!

• I had another client who could not reach to put her socks on. I was able to give the client a sock aid, which enabled her to put on her socks on without assistance!
Lunch and then –
What’s New – AT Demonstrations

Ben Jacobs
What questions do you have?
Thank You – for keeping it Going & Growing!
Direct Service Activities, Data & Ideas

AT Demonstrations
AT Equipment Loans
AT Reuse
State Financing
SLP Activities

- Emory ALS Clinic – evaluations, support and training with donated devices, building ties with ALSA Association (Symposiums)
- Established new relationship for pALS with UGA Speech and Hearing Clinic
- 13 AAC Evaluations in process (evaluation, funding, implementation, or training); 9 funded through insurance; 4 school systems
- The SMILE Project Study
Credit-Able Updates

• Welcome to JR!
• First Step Program
  – Pilot at disABILITY LINK May 10th
  – Second round at GLASS Atlanta
  – Criteria for eligibility
• Online form for Credit-Able and First Step
• AFP funding from HHS coming soon!
• Website coming in the next couple months
Credit-Able By the Numbers

- 120 loans currently active (Direct and Guaranteed
  - 40 direct (38 Credit-Able 2 rescue)
  - 80 Guaranteed and other programs
- $629,862 currently loaned out
- Lifetime:
  - $2,047,032.46 loaned
    - $1,468,026.47 in principal received
    - $384,074.64
Credit Able Logo Proposal

Option 4 and 5: CreditAble

CREDITABLE

CREDITABLE
Option 3: gTrade

gTrade
Georgia’s Assistive Technology Equipment Exchange
Option 3: Dollars & Sense
TFL Totals
(11/1/2016- Today)

• Device Demo- 393
• Device Loans- 31
• Reutilization- 2396

*Make sure you add in demos from conferences/ tours/ events that you do!!
Assessments

- GROWING!!!
- ALS
- Communication-growing!!
- DEI- already getting in referrals
- Moving forward with DBHDD
- DAS
- K-12
- Kennesaw
State Leadership Training & Public Awareness Activities & Ideas

Trainings
Webinars
Website
Conferences
Welcome to Tools for Life

Tools for Life, Georgia’s Assistive Technology Act Program, is dedicated to 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 and with greater freedom in communities of their choice.

Tools for Life and the TFL Network work collaboratively together to accomplish our mission through:

- AT Demonstration
- AT Evaluations and Assessments
- AT Funding Options & Education

Stay up-to-date on the latest assistive technology strategies and solutions with customized individual and group trainings.
1. **Training:** Learn more about TFL training protocols, policies, procedures and review training archives from years past.

2. **Schedule a Tour:** **ALL** tours and meetings must be scheduled. Use this link to enter a request for a tour. Your request goes to the TFL Training Coordinator to review. Someone from the TFL Training Team will contact the individual with the request.

3. **Calendar of Events:** View all TFL and TFL Network trainings (we need you!).

4. **Social Media:** Stay connected with us on Facebook and YouTube. You can find our events, webinar announcements and much more on our Facebook page. The TFL YouTube channel contains videos focused on assistive technology and best practices. TFL is on Twitter and Instagram will be coming soon!

5. **Events:** Learn more about diverse trainings from the TFL Team, Assistive Technology professionals, TFL Network, community partners, etc.

6. **Webinars:** View the current webinar schedule and all webinar archive.
Where have we been?

- disability LINK Job Fair
- GATE 2016 – Over 500 participants!
- SERID 2016 - South Eastern Regional Institute on Deafness
- ATIA – ATIA Bootcamp, National AT Aging & Dementia Decision Tree Workshop
- International LDA – Learning Disabilities Conference
- Dyslexia Day at the Capital
Oh! The Places We’ve Been!

- Cherokee County Interagency Transition Fair
- National Aging in America Conference
- Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Service, KLAS Users National Conference
- COABE 2017 - Coalition on Adult Basic Education
- And more!
## Public Awareness Activities

November 1, 2016 to Today

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# Public Awareness Recipients

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Facebook Post Reach

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2016 2017
Facebook Post Reach

POST REACH

2016  2017

January February March April May June July August September October November December
Facebook Post Reach – January 2017

Jan-17
Facebook Post Reach – February 2017

Feb-17
Facebook Post Reach in 2017

POST REACH 2017

January
February
March
Updates from the Tools for Life Network

Everyone
KSU Universal Design Lab

• Greater collaboration with Inclusive Ed and IT faculty, including Masters in Education, ESOL programs
• Impact of collaboration with Writing Center, Inclusion Academy, Disability Services – main and Marietta Campuses
• More classes are coming to the lab – Inclusive education, Instructional technology, Online classes
• Open lab hours 4 days/week (including evening hours once a month for community) with Inclusion Academy students serving as “experts”
• PD for K-12 teachers in the future
KSU Universal Design Lab

• Great support from Dr. Corrie Davis, (Interim Chair)
• Recent visit of the KSU Presidential Commission on Disability Strategies

Action Plan:
• Plans to move ahead with grant writing for long term sustainability and conference presentations
• Move to Lesson Plan focus during the summer
• PD for faculty; pre- and post-visit activities for students
• Website, other publicity
• Help other universities set up a model classroom!
Transition Research Getting Attention

Four presentations have been made with research findings from the National Longitudinal study as well as our AMAC study:

• ATIA (2 presentations)
• C4ATX-TFL webinar
• I CAN Conference (Middle GA State - Cochrane, GA)
• South Carolina AT EXPO

Interest generated has been substantial!
Thank You!

Tentative Dates for Next Meetings:
June 7th - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at IDEAS Conference on St. Simon's Island
September 15th - 10:30 am - 3:30 pm at FODAC
December 7th - 10:30 am - 3:30 pm at TFL State Office at AMAC