# State AT Program Leadership Symposium Agenda

# March 26-28, 2017

# Westin Crystal City, Arlington VA

## Sunday, March 26, 2017

### 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm - New Directors Preconference

This preconference session is designed to provide basic training for new State AT Program directors or those who could use a refresher. Along with AT Act law and history and administrative requirements, we’ll share ideas to help new directors make progress toward achieving AT goals for their state. We’ll explore issues commonly faced by new directors, and share resources to get them addressed.

* *AT3 staff facilitating*

## Monday, March 27, 2017

### 8:00 am to 9:00 am - Continental Breakfast

### 9:00 am to 10:15 am - Opening Session

Welcome from ATAP and AT3. Opening remarks by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) along with highlights of current priorities and initiatives of ACL especially as related to the work of State AT Program grantees.

* *Edwin Walker, Acting Assistant Secretary for Aging and Acting Administrator, ACL*
* *Josh Hodges, Acting Deputy Administrator, Center for Integrated Programs, ACL*
* *Lori Gerhard, Director, Office of Consumer Access & Self-Determination, ACL*
* *Rob Groenendaal, AT Program Manager, ACL*

### 10:30 am to 12:00 pm - Be Prepared: New State Plan and Annual Performance Report

This session will walk attendees through the revised State Plan content for FY 2018-20 identifying changes and new required sections. Minor changes to the Annual Progress Report for FY 2017-19 will also be reviewed. Ample time will be available for questions, discussion and identification of any specific technical assistance needs that could be helpful for grantees as these two required data instruments are implemented. CATADA staff, including NATADS staff and ICI staff will also be available to schedule time for individual TA during the Symposium.

* *Dr. Diane Cordry Golden, CATADA*

### 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm - Lunch (on your own)

### 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm - Succession Planning, Staff Expertise & Professional Development (on a shoestring)

The activities and accomplishments of your State AT program are very much a reflection of your program staff. This session will focus on how to identify critical staff expertise needs and how to provide professional development to support those needs along with planning for smooth staff transitions without the luxury of significant budget resources for personnel.

* *Kathy Laurin, AT3 (Moderator)*
* *Jane Gay and Tracy Keninger, Iowa*
* *Janice Carson, Idaho*
* *Wade Wingler and Brian Norton, Indiana*

### 2:30 pm to 2:45 pm - Break

### 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm - Care and Feeding of Subcontractors

Most State AT Programs engage in some kind of subcontracting or use other formal written agreements to provide services across the state. These relationships vary with some easier and more productive than others. How do you establish positive relationships and ensure that your contracts or other agreements result in successful outcomes? This session will address issues like written agreements, clarity of work scope, pros and cons of incentives, performance measurements and associated data reporting, along with financial management issues.

* *Marty Exline, AT3 (Moderator)*
* *Kim Moccia, Minnesota*
* *Linda Jaco, Oklahoma*

### 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm - One Big (Good) Thing!

Are you ready to be inspired? Each State and Territory AT Program is asked to highlight one current endeavor, event, or initiative (from 2016) that is a “win” worth sharing. This variation of a popular session gives every grantee the opportunity to participate and share an accomplishment that can inspire positive outcomes in other states/territories.

* *Amy Goldman (AT3) facilitating*

### 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm - Reception

## Tuesday, March 28, 2017

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### 8:00 am to 8:30 am - Continental Breakfast

*Bureau of Engraving and Printing staff will be available through lunch time to distribute currency readers to State AT Programs for use in device loan and demonstration activities.*

### 8:30am to 9:45pm - IDEA Part C and AT

Three State AT Programs have forged innovative agreements with IDEA Part C agencies to provide coordinated AT services for Early Intervention programs serving infants and toddlers ages 0-3. This panel will provide information regarding both the barriers and highlights associated with such Part C AT agreements. This session is intended to serve as a springboard for the replication of Part C AT initiatives by other State AT Programs.

* *Linda Jaco, Oklahoma*
* *Lisa Rosano-Kaczkowski, New York*
* *Maureen Melonis, Colorado*

### 10:00 am to 11:30 am - National AT Network: Advocate Panel

This session will provide an opportunity to hear from DC insiders who will discuss current policies and proposals that impact assistive technology.

* *John Tschida, Associate Executive Director for Research and Policy, AUCD*
* *Nancy Reader, Deputy Executive Director/Governmental Relations, NASDSE*
* *Steve Wooderson, CEO, CSAVR*
* *Ron Hager, Senior Staff Attorney, National Disability Rights Network*
* *Audrey Busch, Director of Policy and Advocacy, ATAP (Moderator)*

### 11:30 am to 1:00 pm - Lunch (on your own)

### 1:00 pm to 2:15 pm­ - Federal Panel: State of Play in Washington

This session will discuss the repeal and replacement of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) including the process and implications of repealing and replacing the ACA. The discussion will cover the implications of using the budget reconciliation process to repeal the ACA, and what an ACA replacement could mean for health insurance (and AT) coverage and costs.

* *Bethany Lilly, Deputy Director of Policy and Legal Advocacy, Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law*
* *David Machledt, Senior Policy Analyst, National Health Law Program*
* *Laura Weidner, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Senior Director Federal Government Relations*
* *Melinda Becker, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Division, National Governors Association*
* *Liz Cornachione, Senior Policy Analyst, Kaiser Family Foundation*
* *Audrey Busch, Director of Policy and Advocacy, ATAP (Moderator)*

### 2:15 pm to 2:30 pm - Break

### 2:30pm to 3:45pm - Program Improvement Goals and TA Planning Round Robin

This session provides an opportunity for small group discussion of activities that impact State AT Program performance measures (State Level Activities and ICT Accessibility Training State Leadership Activity). The group topics are as follows:

* Device Loan and Demonstration (*Amy Goldman, facilitator*)
* Reuse (*Kathy Laurin and Carolyn Phillips, facilitators*)
* State Financing (*Marty Exline, facilitator*)
* ICT Accessibility Training (*Rob Carr, facilitator*)

Attendees will be able to participate in two of the four small group discussions. The session will conclude with summary report out from facilitators identifying common priorities and technical assistance needs.

## See separate agenda for ATAP member events late Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning.

## Wednesday, March 29, 2017

### 11:00 am to 4:00 pm - Individual Technical Assistance

Staff from AT3 and CATADA/NATADS will be available for individual technical assistance meetings. Grantees are asked to schedule appointments based on individual needs.