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State AT Program Leadership Symposium

Liaison Capitol Hill Hotel, Washington D.C.
415 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.

March 24-26, 2019
Agenda

Sunday, March 24, 2019

10 am to noon – APR Data Pre-Conference – Metropolitan Center

This session will provide an in-depth review of the approved OMB Annual Progress Report (APR) for AT, the required data elements that grantees must report annually along with validation rules and other “rules of thumb” that State AT Programs directors should be using to ensure data fidelity. Common issues of confusion will be identified and strategies for implementing ongoing data oversight will be discussed.

- *Dr. Diane Cordry Golden (CATADA)*

1:30 pm to 4:00 pm - New Directors Pre-Conference – Metropolitan Center

New State AT Program directors have a world of administrative and program requirements with which to become familiar as they adapt to their positions. This session will share ideas to help new directors make progress toward achieving AT goals for their state and become knowledgeable about Assistive Technology Act law and administrative requirements. We’ll explore issues commonly faced by new directors and share resources to get them addressed.

- *AT3 Center staff facilitating*

See separate agenda for ATAP member events Sunday starting at 4:30 pm.

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Monday, March 25, 2019 – Metropolitan Center

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

9:00 am to 10:15 am - Opening Session: Welcome from AT3/ATAP & ACL

Welcome from AT3 and ATAP. The Administration for Community Living (ACL) will provide opening remarks. The session will highlight the current priorities and initiatives of ACL especially as they relate to the work of the State AT Program grantees.

- *Lance Robertson, Administrator, ACL*
- *Kelly Cronin, Director for the Center for Integrated Programs, ACL*
- *Lori Gerhard, Director, Office of Consumer Access & Self Determination, ACL*
- *Phil Beatty, Associate Director, Office of Research Sciences, NIDILRR*

10:30 am to 12:00 pm – National Disability Policy

What is new in federal disability policy? This session will provide an opportunity to hear from DC insiders who will discuss current policies and proposals that impact assistive technology.

- *Michelle Bishop, Disability Advocacy Specialist for Voting Rights, National Disability Rights Network*
- *Laura Kaloi, Partner, Stride Policy*
- *Ron Hager, Managing Attorney for Education and Employment, National Disability Rights Network*
- *Damon Terzaghi, Senior Director, National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD)*

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

1:30 pm to 3:15 pm – Unpacking Federal Funding Streams

This session will identify state level opportunities for collaboration and leveraged funding in your state. It will explore the funding framework of the major AT-related federal funding systems to states and how those funds must/can be spent in Education, Employment, Healthcare, and Community Living including Technology First initiatives.

- *Diane Golden, MO Council of Administrators of Special Education (retired)*
- *Stephen Wooderson, Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation*
- *Marty Exline, AT3 Center*
- *Mary Sowers, National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disability Services*

3:30 pm to 5:00 pm – One Big (Good) Thing 2018 & 2019 (Part I)

Each State and Territory program will briefly share one activity or initiative they have had success with over the past year, or an activity or initiative they will be pursuing over the next year.

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Tuesday, March 26, 2019 – Metropolitan Center

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

9:00 am to 10:15 am – State Plan/Annual Progress Reporting

This session will detail potential revisions to the annual progress reporting (APR) for State AT Programs along with a look at trends from the recent APR for federal FY2018. An update on the status of the development/deployment of the new State Plan will also be provided.

- *Dr. Diane Cordry Golden, CATADA*

10:30 am to 12:00 – AT Breakout Groups

The first groups of breakouts will be by Affinity Group to give states and territories the opportunity to interact with each other in smaller facilitated groups about issues/TA needs specific to their affinity group (university, state agency, non-profit). The second groups of the breakouts will be by region in which individuals will break out by region of the country to explore needs and opportunities for collaboration.

Breakout 1 – 10:30 to 11:10 am

State Agencies: Metropolitan Center

Universities: The Hub

Non-profits: The Grid

Breakout 2 – 11:20 to Noon

West: Metropolitan Center

Central: The Hub

East: The Grid

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm – Lunch on Your Own

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm – Using Your Data

The new CATADA data portal is a resource that grantees can use to quickly gather and analyze historical data trends by activity to do program evaluation and develop improvement plans. This session will provide an overview of the new custom charts and tables feature with examples of trends and issues to look for in data analysis. Bring your own computer/tablet and you can pull your state/territory data to review during the session.

- *Kathy Laurin, AT3 Center*
- *Amy Goldman, AT3 Center*
- *Daria Domin, CATADA*

2:45 pm to 3:45 pm – One Big (Good) Thing – Part 2

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Smart Home Technology

With the advance of smart home technology, remote monitoring, and the Internet of Things, how are State AT Programs incorporating these technologies into their state level or state leadership activities? What are the costs and benefits and opportunities for doing so?

Are there ethical/privacy concerns with this type of AT?

- *Facilitator David Baker, Missouri Assistive Technology*

See separate agenda for ATAP member events Wednesday morning.

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Wednesday, March 27, 2019

11:00 am to 4:00 pm - Individual Technical Assistance – The Hub

Staff from AT3 (Marty Exline, Amy Goldman, Kathy Laurin) will be available for individual technical assistance meetings. Individuals may receive assistance on any activity: program management, device demonstration, state financing, device loan, reuse, state leadership activities or others. Diane Golden with CATADA will also be available for individual data reporting assistance. Grantees are asked to schedule appointments with staff if they would like to meet during this time. To schedule a time, contact the appropriate staff person: marty.exline@ataporg.org; amy.goldman@ataporg.org; Kathy.laurin@ataporg.org; Diane.golden@ataporg.org

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