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# State AT Program Leadership Symposium

Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel

999 Ninth Street N.W.

Washington, D.C., 20001

**March 4-6, 2020**

## See separate agenda for ATAP member events on Tuesday evening, March 3rd and during the day Wednesday, March 4th.

## Wednesday, March 4, 2020

### Individual Technical Assistance - By Appointment Only

**9 am to 5 pm – Renaissance Hotel - Meeting Room 7**

Meet AT3 staff, Marty Exline, Amy Goldman and Dave Scherer for individual technical assistance meetings. Receive assistance on any activity:

* program management
* device demonstration
* state financing
* device loan
* reuse
* state leadership activities
* or others

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; dave.scherer@ataporg.org.

## Thursday, March 5, 2020

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

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

### Renaissance East

Welcome from AT3 and ATAP.

**Opening Remarks** – Mark Schultz, the Commissioner of the Rehabilitative Services Administration and the Acting Secretary of the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

**Panel Discussion** – with Mark Schultz – topics include possible collaborative partnerships with State Assistive Technology Act Programs, transitioning to employment and special education services.

### *Moderator – Audrey Busch, Executive Director, ATAP*

* Commissioner of RSA, Acting Secretary of the OSERS – Mark Shultz
* Steve Wooderson, CEO, The Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation

### 10:30 am to 12:00 pm - AT Action at ACL

**Renaissance East**

**Panel Discussion –** Representatives from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) – topics include the on-going work pertaining to assistive technology.

The session will highlight the current priorities and initiatives of ACL especially as they relate to the work of the State AT Program grantees.

 *Moderator – Audrey Busch, Executive Director, ATAP*

* Kelly Cronin, Deputy Administrator, Center for Innovation and Partnership, Administration for Community Living
* Lori Gerhard, Director, Office of Interagency Innovation at U.S. Administration for Community Living
* Rob Groenendaal, Assistive Technology Program Manager, Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
* Rashi Venkataraman Romanoff, Vice President for Programs and Partnerships, Elizabeth Dole Foundation
* Scott Code - Senior Director of LeadingAge Center, Aging Services Technology Team

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

### 1:30 pm to 4:45 pm – Breakout Sessions

**Meeting Rooms 5, 6 and 7**

**Breakouts by Affinity Groups –** States and territory leaders in small groups.

Topics to be announced.

State Agencies – Meeting Room 5

Nonprofits – Meeting Room 6

Universities – Meeting Room 7

### 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm – ATAP Reception

**Renaissance East**

## Friday, March 6, 2020

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

### 9:00 am to 10:15 am – National Disability Policy

### Renaissance East

What is new in federal disability policy? Hear from DC insiders who will discuss current policies and proposals impacting assistive technology.

*Moderator – Kuna Tavalin, Stride Policy*

* Michael Gamel-McCormick, Disability Policy Director, U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging, Ranking Member Bob Casey (D-PA)
* Kimberly Knackstedt, Senior Disability Policy Advisor, Minority Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee, Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA)
* Brad Thomas, Professional Staff, Minority House Education and Labor Committee, Ranking Member Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
* Phoebe Ball, Professional Staff, Majority House Education and Labor Committee, Chairman Robert Scott (D-VA)

### 10:30 am to 11:45 am – Enhancing AT for the Aging Population

**Renaissance East**

With the maturing of the baby boom generation, relationships between AT Act programs and other community-based organizations focused on aging are more important than ever. This session will explain the core activities and structures of AAAs and identify possible opportunities for collaboration with AT Act programs.

**Panel Discussion –** to discuss approaches to working with AAAs and other aging related organizations to improve access to AT with limited resources.

*Moderator – Marty Exline, AT3*

* Autumn Campbell, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging
* Maureen Melonis – Colorado
* Kathy Adams - Maine
* Barclay Shepard – Virginia
* Alan Knue – Washington
* Laura Plummer – Wisconsin

### 11:45 am to 1:15 pm – Lunch (on your own)

### 1:15 pm to 2:00 pm – Break Back

**Renaissance East**

AT3 staff will summarize the takeaways from each of the Thursday breakout sessions and LS participants will share their ideas for programmatic initiatives over the next year.

**2:00 pm – 3:15 pm – Succession Planning**

**Renaissance East**

Leadership in AT programs change. When and how do we start succession planning to ensure the continued success of your program? This session will begin with a primer on succession planning followed by panelists who are in or have been through the process for State AT programs.

Panel Discussion – Topics include if/when/how to foster leadership skills in current staff to prepare for succession; making the decision to go external rather than promote from within; how can the "exiting" director support his/her successor?

*Moderator – David Scherer, AT3*

* Page Hudson – South Dakota
* David Baker – Missouri
* Yakima Black – Louisiana
* Angela Standridge – Texas

**3:15 pm – 5:00 pm – Cultural Competency, Serving the Underserved**

**Renaissance East**

State and Territory AT programs have a mandate to reach and provide services for underserved populations. Marketing and providing services to address the cultural and linguistic differences of consumers and caregivers is challenging. This session will focus on those differences and approaches to increase and improve the reach of AT programs, individuals and families of different cultures.

 *Moderator – Amy Goldman, AT3*

• Wendy Jones, Georgetown University

• Barbara Fischlowitz-Leong, Hawaii

• Neil McDevitt, Deaf-Hearing Communication Centre