



Pass It On Center Conference

for RSA-Funded AT Reuse Demonstration Programs

May 24 & 25, 2007
Adam's Mark Hotel * Denver, Colorado

*Beginning With the End In Mind: Strengthening AT Reuse Services,
Networking and Information Sharing*

AGENDA

Objectives:

- To increase the knowledge and skill level of AT reuse demonstration staff to improve program operations
- To build and enhance relationships among Demonstration grantees
- To provide a forum for sharing and exchanging information across Demonstration programs
- To provide an opportunity to network with AT Reuse colleagues and others

Thursday, May 24

12:30 p.m. Working Lunch

Welcome, Introduction, and Purpose

Carolyn Phillips, Program Director
Pass It On Center and Tools for
Life, Georgia Department of Labor

Jeremy Buzzell, Program Specialist
Rehabilitation Services Administration
U.S. Department of Education

Joy Kniskern, Assistive Technology Services
Director Georgia Department of Labor

1:00 p.m. Updates on Pass It On Center Activities & Prioritizing Technical Assistance Needs Identified by AT Reuse Grantees

Carolyn Phillips – Updates on Center Activities and National Task Force

Joy Kniskern – Prioritizing and Further Defining Technical Assistance Needs

2:00 p.m. Sustainability for AT Reuse Programs

Needs assessments of the Demonstration programs showed a strong interest in learning how to sustain programs with limited funding. This session will present principles and a tool for improving sustainability of non-profit and human services organizations.

2:30 p.m. BREAK

2:45 p.m. Sustainability - Peer to Peer Sharing: What Are Grantees Doing?

Grantees were required to submit proposals for sustainability. We will hear from three programs about their plans for sustainability and steps they are taking to make their plans a reality. Q&A and discussion to follow.

- Ken Knorr, Virginia Assistive Technology Program
- Sara Sack, University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc.
- Andy Winnegar, New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ?
- Dorothy Young, MDRS, Project START, Mississippi ?
- Cathy Valdez, Project Mend, Texas
- Elisabeth Marx, Easter Seals, Wisconsin

5:00 p.m. BREAK

5:30 p.m. Tapas & Round Table Discussions

This session will offer participants an opportunity to participate in 25-minute discussions about topics related to areas of interest. During the first hour, repeat sessions at two round tables will focus on matching devices to people (Table 1) and creating public awareness of grantee AT reuse programs (Table 2).

During the second hour, two table discussions will focus on Useful Life/End-of-Life (Table 1) and Medicaid AT Reuse Initiatives (Table 2). Discussion questions and ideas will be captured at each table for Day Two Recap and Report Outs

Discussion Topics & Facilitators:

- 1) ***Matching Devices to People*** – Beth Mineo Mollica, DATI
Including: Assessment – consumer choice vs. consumer protection
- 2) ***Public Awareness*** - Representative from University of Idaho Program
Including: Materials & outreach to diverse populations
- 3) ***Useful Life and End-of-Equipment Life Issues*** - Virginia (Robin)
Including: Strategies for determining useful life of equipment and how, what, where and when to dispose properly of equipment and materials.
- 4) ***Medicaid and AT Reuse*** – Sara Sack, Assistive Technology for Kansans Program
Including: Strategies for working with Medicaid

7:30 p.m. Adjourn

DAY 2

Friday, May 25

8:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. **Recap from Day One & Report from Round Table Discussions**

9:30 a.m. **Discussion of Data Collection System and Outcomes**

We will learn more about the RSA data collection under the AT Act and outcomes. Grantees will have an opportunity to share and discuss their ideas for data needed or outcomes to focus on.

Jeremy Buzzell, RSA

Deborah Buck, ATAP, National Information System for Assistive Technology

Peer to Peer Sharing: What Are Grantees Doing?

We will learn about various customized data collection instruments and specific data being collected by peers and how they are using this data to market their programs. Q&A and discussion to follow.

- Carla Walker, Paraquad, Inc. Missouri (Outcomes)
- Adri-Anne Trammell, Sooner AMBUCS, Inc, Oklahoma
- Jane Brown, University Legal Services, Inc, Washington D.C.

11:00 a.m. **Discussion of AT Reuse Cost Savings and Benefits**

Proving that the benefits of reuse outweigh the costs may be essential to program sustainability. Two grantees are initiating cost-benefit analyses of their programs and will share their progress.

- Return on Investment (ROI): Initial Considerations for Measuring Cost-Savings of AT Reuse – Sara Sack
- What Variables Should be Considered for Cost-Benefits Analyses of AT Reuse Programs? Beth Mineo Mollica

12:00 Noon Working Lunch – Exploration and Discussion of Liability Issues

The best way to reduce the liability of your program is to develop a quality program that includes consideration of potential liability risks and the steps your program has taken to reduce these risks. This session will provide an overview of liability issues and will show real world examples of solutions. Most importantly, this workshop will provide information on what AT Reuse Programs can do to reduce the risk of legal This session will include information on:

- a. Types of liability concerns and general concept of risk reduction
- a. Policies, procedures and practices
- b. Liability paperwork
- c. Liability Issues for Volunteers
- d. Liability Insurance Coverage
- e. OSHA

Jessica Brodey, Attorney, JMB Consulting

Peer to Peer Sharing: What Are Grantees Doing?

Grantees have developed their own ways to reduce liability. We will hear from three programs about their liability policies and practices. Q&A and discussion will follow presentations.

- Chris Brand, Executive Director, Friends of Disabled Adults and Children, Too
Southeastern Technology Access and Reuse (STAR) Network, Georgia
- Joanne Willis, Director, ReBoot – ATRC
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- Cathy Valdez, Director, Project Mend, Texas

2:15 p.m. Wrap-Up and Next Steps

2:30 p.m. Adjourn

Thank You!