



Advisory Council Meeting

September 23, 2020

Virtual Zoom Meeting,

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KATS Network Advisory Council Meeting

Meeting Information:

Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Time: 9:30 am Eastern Time

Place: Zoom Webinar, <https://zoom.us/j/5146527653?pwd=Q0RkeXFZelhRdmtONy9mb3k2eXpldz09>

Agenda:

- I. Welcome & Introductions of Attendees (L McKeown)
- II. Approval of the Minutes from June 11, 2020 (Motion to approve, L. McKeown)
- III. Updates of KATS Network Activities:
 - a. Updates of ATRC Operations (ATRC Representatives)
 - i. enTECH (J McCombs, HDI-CATS (C Espinosa-Bard), Redwood (L Staub), WKATC (C Huston), Carl Perkins (D Breeding)
 - ii. Project CARAT Site Updates: Paducah (T Ross), Hazard (K Hudson), Louisville (J McCombs), Lexington (C Espinosa-Bard), Painstville (D Breeding)
 - b. Coordinating Center updates
 - i. CARAT Coordinator position update (J Brown)
 - ii. Project CARAT Update (M Karman)
 - iii. KATS Coordinating Center Updates (J Brown)
 1. Reeve Grant – My KY Smart Home Update (J Brown)
 2. Program Data and Progress (J Brown)
- IV. Program Updates
 - a. Updates from P&A, KATLC, OVR, Rehab Tech Branch, KCDHH, CCDD, Independent Living, Workforce, Education etc.
- V. ATRC Spotlight
 - a. enTECH/CARAT – Louisville (J McCombs)
 - i. Joe McCombs will share information on enTECH and Project CARAT Louisville, as a “virtual tour” sharing information on the services they provide and success stories.
- VI. Open discussion from Advisory Council (L McKeown)
- VII. Announcements/New Business (L McKeown)
- VIII. Set date and location for future meetings (L McKeown)
- IX. Adjournment (Motion to close) (L McKeown)

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Acronyms of State & Federal Agencies

- ACL – Administration for Community Living
- ADA - American with Disabilities Act
- AFP - Alternative Financing Program
- AIT - Kentucky Accessible Information Technology Act
- AT – Assistive Technology
- AT3 – National Assistive Technology Act Technical Assistance & Training Center
- AT4ALL – Assistive Technology for All on line Inventory System
- AT ACT - Assistive Technology Act of 1998
- ATAP - Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs
- ATIA - Assistive Technology Industry Association
- ATP - Assistive Technology Practitioner
- ATRC - Assistive Technology Resource Centers
- CARAT – Coordinating and Assisting the Re-use of Assistive Technology
- CC - Coordinating Center - KATS Network
- COT - Commonwealth Office for Technology
- CDD - The Council on Developmental Disabilities
- CDPVTC – Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center
- CMS - Case Management System
- CCDD - Council on Developmental Disabilities
- CPE - Council on Postsecondary Education
- DME - Durable Medical Equipment
- DoD - Department of Defense
- DOL - Department of Labor
- DWI – Department for Workforce Investment
- enTECH - Enabling Technologies of Kentuckiana
- EKOS - Employ Kentucky Operating System
- ESPDT - Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
- HAVA - Help America Vote Act
- HDI-CATS –Human Development Institute-Center for AT services
- HHS – U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services
- HRSA – Health Resources and Services Administration
- ICFMR - Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded
- IEP - Individualized Education Plan
- ILC - Independent Living Centers
- KAMC - the Kentucky Accessible Materials Consortium
- KAMD – KY Accessible Materials Database
- KATL - The Kentucky Assistive Technology Locator
- KATLC - The Kentucky Assistive Technology Loan Corporation
- KATS - The Kentucky Assistive Technology Service (KATS) Network
- KCDHH - Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- KCHIP - Kentucky Children's Insurance Program
- KDC - Kentucky Disabilities Coalition
- KDDC/ DD Council - The Kentucky Developmental Disabilities Council
- KDE - Kentucky Department of Education
- KIB - Kentucky Industries for the Blind
- KMHA - Kentucky Mental Health Association
- KSHA – Kentucky Speech-Language-Hearing Association

- KWIB - Kentucky Workforce Investment Board
- MARC - Microsoft Accessibility Resource Centers
- NCF - National Cristina Foundation
- NCTI - The National Center for Technology Innovation
- NISAT – Nat'l Information System for Assistive Technology (ATAP)
- ODEP – Office of Disability Employment Policy (U.S.)
- OET - The Kentucky Office of Employment and Training
- OVR - The Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
- P & A - Protection and Advocacy
- Pre ETS – Pre-Employment Transition Services
- Redwood - Redwood Assistive Technology Center
- RESNA - Rehabilitation Engineering & Assistive Technology Society of North America
- RSA - The Rehabilitation Services Administration (U.S.)
- SDIACC - Statewide Disabilities Interagency Coordination Council
- SGA - Substantial Gainful Activity
- SILC - Statewide Independent Living Centers
- TARC - Transit Authority of River City (Louisville/ Southern IN.)
- UK-IHDI - The Interdisciplinary Human Development Institute
- UP in KY - United Partners in Kentucky
- WFTRC – Wendell Foster Technology & Resource Center
- WIB - Workforce Investment Board
- WIOA – Workforce Innovations and Opportunities Act

Minutes of KATS Network Advisory Council Meeting

June 11, 2020

9:30a - 12:30p

Zoom

Welcome & Roll Call

The council meeting was called to order at by Jimmy Brown, serving as Chair.

Advisory Council Members

Melissa Aguilar, Rick Boggess, , Jessica Endler, Samantha Farthing, Lisa McKeown, Nicole Maher, Lee Muncy, Duke Pettit Andre Ryssemus, Winter Renfrow, and Bill Titus.

KATS Network Coordinating Center and ATRC Staff

Jimmy Brown, Elizabeth Thompson, Darrin Breeding, Joe McCombs, Christina Espinosa-Bard, Peggy Farmer, Lisa Staub, Jana Billingsley, and Cindy Huston.

Others in attendance

Jennifer Withrow, Program Policy & Support Branch Manager (OVR);

Kari Shipp, Resource Management Analyst (OVR); Emmaleigh Barnes, Grants Specialist (OVR)

and Camille Collins-Dean, Federal Program Specialist (P&A).

Approval of Minutes from past meeting (s)

Approval of meeting minutes from March 14, 2019 and March 24, 2020 meeting were approved.

Discussion Notes:

The KATS Coordinator shared information on council participation for the benefit of all members, including duties for the recently expired terms of the co-chairs. Jimmy called for co-chair nominations. Lisa McKeown was nominated, seconded and approved to represent Statewide Agencies. Bill Titus was nominated, seconded and approved to represent Individuals with disabilities who use assistive technology. Welcome to the new co-chairs.

Several subcommittees were created, with the council members below agreeing to serve:

- Nominating Committee members are Nicole and Winter.
- AT Conference Planning Committee consists of Christina, Andre, and Duke.
- Strategic Planning/ State Plan for AT Committee members are Lisa and Winter.
- Program Marketing/Awareness Committee volunteers are Melissa and Samantha.

Updates from ATRCs:

Representatives for each center reviewed the site's individual report submitted for last quarter.

enTECH- Joe McCombs

The AT lab has new AT workstations that provide better accessibility. Students from U of L continue to work with Alison Amshoff. The Metro Disabilities Group has monthly meetings at enTECH. Our KITE program has extended services to older children who are graduates of the program.

Project CARAT services have not reopened yet. Spalding is moving towards how to bring folks back to campus.

Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center - Darrin Breeding

Everyone at the center went out in March, due to the Corona virus. We lost our assistant to another department. Darrin will start recruiting for the position soon when work picks back up. We have provided some curbside deliveries during the pandemic. Project CARAT stock is low at this time, making contacts for pickups.

HDI-CATS –Christina Espinoza-Bard

Reutilization has slowed down and our site is open to meet with CARAT consumers by appointment only. Joan Hagar and Dave Fletcher are both working at center. We are not receiving DME items yet, although we are working to get back to that. The 4th Thursday program continues to be provided. Staff has kept busy making tip sheets and doing small organization.

Redwood – Peggy Farmer

We received PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and staffed once again at the end of April. Our loans for First Steps have continued. We are hoping some therapists may be able to come in to get equipment. Lisa demoed some communication devices and helped to make device loans. A loan to Owen County School District (gait trainer) was the first to them in over a year. Lisa provided training on a communication app to his community-directed options person. We increased reutilizations of DME. The center applied for grant through Paycor and received \$2300 for adult day equipment. We are looking to do an AT onboarding program and are expanding around Northern Kentucky. Redwood just had its 67th birthday!

WKATC – Cindy Huston

We have continued to provide services, now open by appointment only. Practicing healthy at work guidelines

KATS Coordinating Center updates - Jimmy

Jimmy provided a review of the 2020 Statewide AT Conference held on June 2-4. This was held as a virtual event due to COVID-19. There were 205 individuals registered over five sessions. Eighty attendants received CRC credits with ten other attendees receiving RESNA credits. The sessions are archived and available for viewing by anyone who would like to watch them. Ryan Creech, one of OVR's Assistive Technologists put together the online portal. One success mentioned is a tab used at the top of each page for each person to customize his or her individual accessibility features. We learned what worked and what did not work in this virtual realm. This will help us plan future events. Several regional sites have asked if they could have an online session with Ryan to start online trainings and other offerings.

Our new KATS contracts start July 1, without many changes.

At March meeting, Jimmy announced Sheila Levy, the Program Coordinator for Project CARAT has moved to Georgia. The hiring process is underway, with the position moving from contract to a state position.

For the Program Quarterly Data, please refer to [kats.net.org](https://www.kats.net.org) site for all data and financial review.

Jimmy gave an update on the Reeve Grant, known as My New KY Smart Home. KATS has submitted a request for a 3-month extension in light of the Corona virus interrupting planned services. The 6-month update for the project went to the foundation at the end of May. We are hoping to purchase more equipment in the next month. Work is in progress for the website to provide information on the equipment loaner program to provide instruction, training, and problem solving.

FFY 2019 Data Review – Jimmy

Please see: <https://www.katsnet.org/ffy2019/>

Program Updates:

P&A- Camille

Camille reviewed the document 'Know Your Rights in a Hospital Setting', a video on absentee voting, and a video on supported decision-making.

P&A is conducting virtual monitoring of two hundred sites across the state.

OVR & Rehab Tech Branch- Andre

Our programs are mostly status quo at this time. The latest information is only vendors can do services with healthy at work practices. The ATs are not allowed to conducted services face to face. Therefore, we are utilizing virtual realm to assess/training and can even remote in to work with a consumer's computer.

KCDHH- Jessica

Our office is still closed and we are not allowing walk-ins at this time. The numbers are down due to doctor office closures. We have about two thousand people on the KCDHH FB page.

CCDD – Nicole

The council is facing a financial conundrum due to the impacts of Corona. This year we will concentrate on graduates to give them a leadership role and graduate projects. We are accepting applications for fall of 2021. Currently, we are working with HDI on transportation project and will provide information as it becomes available, link follows: <https://transportation.hdiuky.org>.

Education- Lee

A brief update on the status of services was provided.

CAL / IL - Lisa

The centers have received funds. Currently, no ramps are being built although we are still taking applications. With Jan Day's recent retirement, Susan Tharp has been hired as our new director. We also had an office person retire.

Workforce Development -Melissa

We have lots of information on county unemployment data. Please see the website that follows: <https://kystats.ky.gov/>

Open discussion from Advisory Council-

Nicole Maher- mentioned being on so many national calls and brings forward the AT needs for rural areas and what we can do. Working with KATS will be important to help meet that need.

Council is writing new 5-year plan, hoping to get AT into the hands of self-advocates. Winter shared the difficulty of internet connections in rural areas.

Lisa McKeown mentioned CAL using funds for COVID-19 to support people.

Announcements/New Business—None reported

Future council meeting request and date/s:

Jimmy asked for each AT center to prepare a spotlight video, Powerpoint, or some sort of a virtual brochure to share in future meetings. EnTECH volunteered to be ready for the month of September. Cindy volunteered WKATC for the month of December.

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Date: September 23, 2020

Time: 9:30 am-12:30 pm EST

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:38 am, with Rick motioning and Lisa providing second.

KATS Network Quarterly Data Report Link

Click this link or copy and paste onto your browser: https://www.katsnet.org/ffy2020_qtr_3/

Carl D Perkins AT Resource Center Narrative Report

3rd Quarterly FFY 2020

Reporting period: 04/01/2020 – 06/30/2020

1. Summary of Assistive Technology Services provided during the First Quarter Reporting Period:

During this quarter, assistive technology services provided include: consultations, reutilization, information and assistance, short term loans of equipment and delivery/ pickup of devices. Services were provided by Site Coordinator, Darrin Breeding.

2. Summary of State Leadership Activities provided during the Reporting Period:

April 2020

- COVID19 CLOSURE, picked up several items.

May 2020

- COVID19 CLOSURE, picked up several items.

June 2020

- 17 items were removed from KATS NETWORK
- Items reutilized included manual wheelchairs, power wheelchairs, shower chairs, commode risers, hearing aid batteries, walkers, hoier lifts, commode safety rails, transport chairs, hospital beds
- An estimated \$1325.00 of reutilized equipment was repurposed for individuals in need.
- Loaned 1 set of ramps.

3. AT Services related to Selection/Acquisition of Equipment during the First Quarter Reporting Period:

- a) Reutilization: 17 items; \$ value; \$1325.00
- b) Device Loans: items; Ramps borrowers; 2
- c) Device Demos: demonstrations; 0 participants; 0
- d) Training Participants: participants; 0
- e) Information & Assistance: recipients; 10
- f) Public Awareness: estimated number reached; 150

4. Barriers/Obstacles during the reporting period, if any:

Waiting to fill Assistant position. COVID19 has hindered donations and availability of items to reutilize.

5. Additional Information, if any:

None to report.

enTECH Resource Center Narrative Report

3rd Quarterly FFY 2020

Reporting period: 04/01/2020 – 06/30/2020

1. Summary of Assistive Technology Services provided during the Reporting Period:

During the quarter enTECH conducted a limited number of Assistive Technology assessments/evaluations, for individuals from 18 months to 70 years of age. The donation of durable medical equipment was significantly reduced during the quarter due to Covid-19. enTECH continues to educate students in the MSOT and OTD program at Spalding University on assistive technology as it related to various stages in the lifespan. Many serve as community living support for all ages of the spectrum. Summary of State Leadership Activities provided during the reporting period.

2. Summary of State Leadership Activities provided during the Reporting Period:

April 2020

- enTECH therapists completed 12 AAC evaluations via Telehealth
- Wednesday Open Lab was canceled this quarter due to Covid-19
- The CARAT program was suspended in April due to the pandemic
- Alison Amshoff, SLP supervised a student from the University of Louisville in the clinic during her internship via Telehealth
- enTECH did not generate any Assistive Technology loans in April

May 2020

- Wednesday Open Lab was canceled this quarter due to Covid-19
- Alison Amshoff, SLP supervised a speech student from the University of Louisville during her internship via Telehealth
- enTECH therapists completed 14 AAC evaluations via Telehealth
- The CARAT program was suspended in May due to the pandemic
- enTECH did not generate any Assistive Technology loans in May

June 2020

- Alison Amshoff, SLP supervised a speech student from the University of Louisville during her internship both in the clinic and via Telehealth
- enTECH therapists completed 22 AAC evaluations in June
- enTECH generated 2 loans of assistive technology devices in June
- The CARAT program resumed limited curbside pickup and donated 3 items valued at \$164.00
- enTECH was closed on December 23rd through January 6nd for the Holiday break.

3. AT Services related to Selection/Acquisition of Equipment during Reporting Period:

- a) Reutilization: 3 items; \$ value
- b) Device Loans: 2 items
- c) Device Demos: 42 demonstrations; ? participants
- d) Training Participants: participants; 0

- e) Information & Assistance: recipients; 3,204
- f) Public Awareness: estimated number reached; 18,409

4. Barriers/Obstacles during reporting period, if any:

Project CARAT had suspended donations and reutilization of all items due to COVID-19 for April and May and resumed in June with limited reutilization via curbside pickup.

5. Additional Information, if any:

During the current reporting time window, Auerbach School of Occupational Therapy students did not volunteer at enTECH for open lab or Project CARAT due to Covid-19

HDI – CATS Resource Center Narrative Report

3rd Quarterly FFY 2020

Reporting period: 04/01/2020 – 06/30/2020

1. Summary of Assistive Technology Services provided during the Reporting Period:

During this quarter, HDI CATS was open by appointment, via curbside drop off and pickup, to the public to provide assistive technology services. These services provided include: training, reutilization, information and assistance, short term loans of equipment, device demonstrations and public awareness activities. For most of this quarter, we suspended receiving donations of DME, but we have continued to purchase items for the lending library, loan items by appointment and provide training and technical assistance through the phone and video conferencing. We resumed curbside drop off of DME on June 29th. Services to children and adults were provided by Director Christina Espinosa Bard, full time staff David Flechler, part time staff Joan Hagar, and student workers.

2. Summary of State Leadership Activities provided during the Reporting Period:

April 2020

- Loaned 4 items through the lending library.
- HDI CATS was closed for reutilization drop-offs during this month
- Reutilization distributed 2 items with a total MSRP of \$1788
- Virtually hosted the 4th Thursday ADA Talk.
- Virtually hosted Resident in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.
- Presented to the CIL's and SILC on Virtual Meeting Accessibility

May 2020

- Loaned 10 items through the lending library.
- HDI CATS was closed for reutilization drop-offs during this month
- Reutilization distributed 18 items with a total MSRP of \$1502.27.
- Hosted the 4th Thursday ADA Talk.
- Presented to VR Leadership on Virtual Meeting Accessibility

June 2020

- Loaned 15 items through the lending library.
- Reutilization curbside drop off resumed on June 29.
- Reutilization distributed 10 items for a total of \$19854.41
- Hosted the 4th Thursday ADA Talk.
- Demonstrated ezRead, ipad, button hook, Dome Alone, and multiple switch adapted toys.

3. AT Services related to Selection/Acquisition of Equipment during Reporting Period:

- a) Device Demos:
- b) Device Loans: 29 Devices
- c) Reutilization: 30 items for a total of \$23,144,68
- d) Public Awareness: 288 Facebook Followers, 278 Page Likes
- e) Information & Assistance: 169 Calls for information and assistance

4. Barriers/Obstacles during reporting period, if any:

Covid 19 presented significant obstacles during the final weeks of this quarter. HDI CATS continues to follow the University of Kentucky and Human Development Institute's guidance.

5. Additional Information, if any:

None to report.

Redwood Resource Center Narrative Report

3rd Quarterly FFY 2020

Reporting period: 04/01/2020 – 06/30/2020

1. Summary of Assistive Technology Services provided during the Reporting Period:

During this quarter, there were many changes due to the COVID 19 pandemic. In April, Redwood's ATRC reutilization program was suspended temporarily. We stopped accepting equipment donations and set up a curb side "no contact" equipment rental/returns. This continued through May. In June, the ATRC was open and responding to email and phone requests, loans and reutilizations. We set up an area outside the building to provide safe demonstrations, including demonstrations of positioning and seating equipment for First Steps therapists and First Steps families.

2. Summary of State Leadership Activities provided during the Reporting Period:

April 2020

- Information and Assistance was provided to 62 individuals in April.
- Two ATRC staff participated in the First Steps AT Monitoring Panel this month.

May 2020

- Information and Assistance was provided to 38 individuals this month.
- Two ATRC staff participated in the First Steps AT Monitoring Panel in May.

June 2020

- Lisa Staub and Julie Justice provided demonstration of a variety of seating options to a community physical therapist so she could become more familiar with the options and recommend the appropriate equipment for her clients. The demonstration included a Rifton activity chair, Ladybug chair, Special Tomato on rolling base, Special Tomato MPS, XPanda on high-low base, Leckey Squiggles, Firefly, and Wenzelite Seat2Go.
- The loan of a Special Tomato Soft-Touch Floor Sitter with base was made to a family with a medically fragile child who needs to be seated in an upright position for breathing treatments.
- Through the Ramp Up program, a 10 ft. ramp was loaned to an older gentleman who uses a wheelchair and has been unable to leave his home for several months.
- Items reutilized this month include a ramp building kit for the family of a woman who fell and now needs to use a wheelchair, a bath chair and Pool Float for a medically fragile toddler and a transport chair for a woman in home hospice care.
- Information and Assistance was provided to 92 individuals this month.
- Two ATRC staff participated in the First Steps AT Monitoring Panel in June.

3. AT Services related to Selection/Acquisition of Equipment during Reporting Period:

- a) Reutilization: 6 items; \$ value
- b) Device Loans: 68 items

- c) Device Demos: 9 demonstrations; ? participants
- d) Training Participants: participants; 0
- e) Information & Assistance: recipients; 192
- f) Public Awareness: estimated number reached; 152

4. Barriers/Obstacles during reporting period, if any:

The biggest barrier to providing services this quarter is the COVID 19 pandemic

5. Additional Information, if any:

None to Report

Wendell Foster AT Resource Center Narrative Report

3rd Quarterly FFY 2020

Reporting period: 04/01/2020 – 06/30/2020

1. Summary of Assistive Technology Services provided during the Reporting Period:

Wendell Foster Technology and Resource Center provides information & assistance, short term loans, training & outreach, and device demonstrations to consumers in 34 Western Kentucky counties.

Wendell Foster Technology and Resource Center is also contracted with First Steps to provide technical assistance statewide to early intervention providers regarding assistive technology; facilitate a review panel for First Steps equipment purchases over \$100; and maintain the First Steps to Assistive Technology Facebook group.

2. Summary of State Leadership Activities provided during the Reporting Period:

April 2020

- Had 8 loans returned (3 iPads, 1 adapted seating system, 1 switch, 1 adapted toy, 1 keyboard, and Milo the Robot).
- Provided ongoing technical assistance to First Steps providers across the state, chaired the First Steps AT Monitoring Committee panel meetings, processed loans for children enrolled in First Steps, and consulted with providers on AT needs.

May 2020

- Had 5 loans returned (2 communication devices, 2 mobility, 1 mount).
- Provided ongoing technical assistance to First Steps providers across the state, chaired the First Steps AT Monitoring Committee panel meetings, processed loans for children enrolled in First Step, and consulted with providers on AT needs.

June 2020

- Had 40 loans returned (3 walkers/gait trainers, 1 adapted stroller, 1 activity chair, 5 switches, 4 electronic aids to daily living, 10 adapted learning devices, 7 iPads, 6 communication devices, and Milo the Robot (3)).
- Provided ongoing technical assistance to First Steps providers across the state, chaired the First Steps AT Monitoring Committee panel meetings, processed loans for children enrolled in First Steps, and consulted with providers on AT needs.

3. AT Services related to Selection/Acquisition of Equipment during Reporting Period:

- a) Reutilization: 0 items; \$ value
- b) Device Loans: 0 items
- c) Device Demos: 0 demonstrations; ? participants
- d) Training Participants: participants; 0
- e) Information & Assistance: recipients; 0
- f) Public Awareness: estimated number reached; 0

4. Barriers/Obstacles during reporting period, if any:

Although COVID 19 initially affected our ability to serve consumers outside of Wendell Foster, we were able to continue utilizing AT with the residents that live in our Intermediate Care Facility and through outpatient services once telehealth started.

5. Additional Information, if any:

None to report

PROJECT CARAT UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2020

For the Period of March 1 – June 30, 2020

In this period, and despite COVID 19 limitations, CARAT managed 245 items, redistributed to 98 recipients, valued at: \$66,682.00

During this period the Program Coordinator position was vacant

August 1, 2020 start date for Program Coordinator, Michael Karman

Pressing needs: Property issues in Paducah and Lexington

Go-forward plans include:

- Growing volunteerism to enhance ability to acquire donations, deliver to refurbish centers, and redistribute to consumers through growing partnerships
 - United Way and Statewide 211
 - Just Serve (international nonprofit)
 - Supplies over Seas (SOS)
 - Serve KY
- Enhance collaboration across all CARAT sites
 - IM platform, “Slack”
 - Monthly Coordinator and Site 1 on 1 Meeting
 - Quarterly All CARAT Team Meeting
- Create an annual CARAT signature event
 - Publicize our efforts
 - Drive donations, volunteerism, and “word of mouth” efforts
- Explore new funding opportunities
 - Grants
 - Explore Medicaid opportunities

- **Reminder: Everyone has a part to play!**

Donate: We are always looking for items such as Shower Chairs, Walkers, Bedside Tables, Canes, Hoyer Lifts, Grab Bars, Adult Diapers, Bedside Commodes, and Wheelchairs

Volunteer: We could use help getting refurbished items to the people who really need it

Spread the Word: Tell people about Project CARAT. Share our information on social media; let everyone at your church, community centers, and social groups know! We are always happy to provide brochures or a speaker.

Project CARAT Hazard Site

March-June 2020

Updates & Successes

- Awarded the Sustainability Challenge Grant
- 2 Articles in UK Now
- Spectrum TV interviewed Pat and Keisha for a news story-
<https://spectrumnews1.com/ky/lexington/news/2020/07/17/uk-refurbishing-medical-equipment>
- Began curbside pick-up 1 day a week

Barriers

- Shut down, completely, until the beginning of June, due to covid-19
- As a part of UK we had to submit a re-open plan and get it approved by several individuals

July 2020-Present

Updates & Successes

- Received a generous donation of wheelchairs, which we desperately needed
- Expanding to work with other colleges as a student practicum site (College of Social Work)
- Implementing the Sustainability Grant
- Our site was featured in Kentucky Medical News journal in the August edition
- We have identified 2 new DPT student coordinators
- We are fulfilling wait list items
- We have had 2 cleanings
- In the process of setting up a new training for DPT and SW students

Barriers

- Still not completely 100% opened back up

Students not on campus as much



KATS Network Advisory Council Proxy Designation Form

I, _____, hereby authorize
(Name of Advisory Council Member)

_____ of _____
(Name of Proxy) (Entity Represented)

to vote on my behalf at any Kentucky Assistive Technology Service (KATS) Network Advisory Council meetings at which I am unable to attend and on matters announced prior to those meetings and/or included on the agendas for those meetings. I may revoke this proxy at any time in writing to the KATS Network Director.

Signed: _____

Entity Representing: _____

Date: _____

Please mail to:

KATS Network

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Proposed meeting date/s:

Location:

Date: December 15, 2020

Time: 9:30 am-12:30 pm EST

KATS Network Locations

KATS Network Coordinating Center

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Carl D. Perkins Training Vocational Center

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HDI-CATS

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