



Advisory Council Meeting

December 9, 2021

Virtual Zoom Meeting

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KATS Network Advisory Council Meeting

Meeting Information:

Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021

Time: 9:30 am Eastern Time

Place: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83288625401>

Agenda:

- I. Welcome & Introductions of Attendees (Kevin McCormack)
- II. Approval of the Minutes from June 10, 2021 (Motion to approve, Kevin McCormack)
- III. Updates of KATS Network Activities:
 - a. Updates of ATRC Operations (ATRC Representatives)
 - i. enTECH (Joe McCombs), HDI-CATS (Christina Bard), Redwood (Lisa Staub), WFTRC (Cindy Huston), Carl Perkins (Darrin Breeding)
 - ii. Project CARAT Site Updates: Paducah (Terri Ross), Hazard (Keisha Hudson), Louisville (Joe McCombs), Lexington (Christina Bard), Paintsville (Darrin Breeding)
 - b. Coordinating Center updates
 - i. Project CARAT Update (Mike Karman)
 1. CARAT Annual Report Highlights
 - ii. KATS Coordinating Center Updates (Mike Karman)
 1. Review of KATS Annual Federal Report
 2. Update of KATS Activities
 - a. Transitioning to <https://demo.at4all.com/>
- IV. ATRC Spotlight
 - a. Redwood (Peggy Farmer, Lisa Staub),
- V. Open discussion from Advisory Council (Kevin McCormack)
- VI. Announcements/New Business (Kevin McCormack)
- VIII. Set date and location for future meetings (Kevin McCormack)
 - a. Scheduling 2021 meeting dates for June, Sept and December
- IX. Adjournment (Motion to close) (Kevin McCormack)

KATS Council Members:

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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 –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

KATS Network Advisory Council Minutes

Date: September 9, 2021

Time: 9:32 AM, Eastern Time

Place: Zoom

Welcome & Introductions—Co-chair, Lisa McKeown

Advisory Council Members- Quorum in attendance

Andre Ryssemus, Lisa McKeown, Jessica Endler, Kevin McCormack, Mindy McGirt,
Nancy Perry, Nicole Maher, Gerry Gordon-Brown

Advisory Council Members- not in attendance

Chester Wilbert, Samantha Farthing, Suhas Kulkarni, William Titus, Winter Renfrow

KATS Network Coordinating Center and ATRC Staff

Mike Karman, Elizabeth Thompson, Christina Espinosa-Bard, Darrin Breeding, Joe McCombs, Jana Billingsley, Cindy Huston, Peggy Farmer, Lisa Staub, Jennifer Withrow, Allison Amshoff

Others in attendance –

OVR interns: Heidi Mollenkopf, Tammi Narehood, Paula Smith, Jessica Patterson, Nakylia Carter

Interpretation services provided by Chelsea Naugle and Sarah Grubb

CART services provided by Tracy Lundergan

Approval of Minutes from past meeting(s)

Lisa motioned for approval of the June 10, 2021 meeting minutes. Gerry moved to approve. Nicole provided a second.

Updates from ATRCs:

EnTECH- Alison Amshoff

The Center has had University of Louisville Speech and Occupational Therapist students working with them this semester.

There has been an increase in AT assessments, specifically AAC assessments.

The center CARAT Coordinator, Laura Starks retired and the center is looking for someone to fill that role.

In collaborating with the Engritch school district and working closely with year-end students.

The Center attained an "Eyegaze" for iPad making the iPad accessible to be used as an AAC, or for games and leisure. There is a 2 ½ year old utilizing this along with a few other students throughout the district.

A Milo robot has been used for those not able to come into the clinic. And using an avatar, on the iPad can help an individual receive services without using the robot.

Currently not able to have the open lab due to COVID protocol challenges.

The Center is not hosting large groups but have had individuals come by to try out AT.

HDI CATS- Christina Espinosa-Bard

In April and May, we were open by appointment only and moved to curbside drop-off and pickup in June. We made the first loans in April to First-Steps. We are continuing to make purchases of items for the lending library.

We are still providing the "Fourth-Thursday ADA Talks" trainings with about 100 in attendance.

There are two pediatric residence participating in the residence program. They come every month for an overview of HDI\CATS and participate in a tour. These were done live in April and May but cancelled in June.

We have provided information about communication apps and communication apps on iPads. We have given out some iPads and have one new app coming out today.

Provided some research and information on an adaptive bicycle. We did not have the particular one that the individual needed for their daughter.

Several amplified phones have been given out.

Some power chairs were given out.

Several switch adapted toys and tumble form seats were given to the parents of a 9 month old with spina-bifida. A couple of other parents came in, checked out several things, and gathered information about resources for their non-verbal children.

Utilized the network to transfer equipment to McDowell and Redwood.

Fifty items were loaned throughout the 3-month period from April thru June.

Redwood- Lisa Staub

In April, the ATR Staff celebrated AT Awareness Day by spending the day in program rooms working with clients and staff to get back into practice of using it. We also posted a video of the event to the Facebook page to build awareness in the community.

The Re-Use program accepted a large amount of items from six individuals. The facility was able to give out 24 items during the three-month period.

The main ATRC library area was re-organized to open up the room.

The facility started allowing more visitors into the building but have had to start screening again.

Because the First Steps providers are not able to come in person to look at the available items some equipment booklets were created and sent to them. These booklets contained pictures and information on items in the ATRC library related to seating, positioning, mobility, communication and play. We also provided training to one of the FirstSteps physical therapists who needed help with setup and accessories of a piece of equipment she was using with one of her clients.

There have been several ramps loaned out during the three-month period.

EnTech had items that they did not have space to keep. Our librarian was able to match several items with individuals in our area. Michael Karman delivered the items and took a tour of the facility while here.

Several ATRC staff participated in the CATS Summer Institute AT Conference sessions in June.

In July, the "Clean up and Clear out" event was hosted to recycle items no longer needed. All items available for re-use were displayed in the cafeteria. Twenty items were re-utilized that day. Elizabeth came up and was able to help take a number of items including six bedside commodes that were re-utilized by a local nursing home.

WKATC- Cindy Huston

On April 23, a Re-Use event was held and all of our items were taken to the commons area where COVID 19 protocols were followed. During the event, we were able to give out 72 items valued at \$61,000.00.

One item was an electric scooter for a daughter where the mother had multiple surgeries that prevented her from being able to push her daughter's manual wheelchair. The scooter allowed the daughter to navigate her environment without Mom's assistance. They were very excited to receive the scooter.

A Floor sitter was provided to a FirstSteps provider that works in the Pennyrile district with low income Amish families.

Training was provided to educate FirstSteps providers though out the state on the process of securing assistive technology. Janna was able to provide six of the events that reached 146 FirstSteps providers. These trainings will continue on a bi-monthly basis.

147 devices were loaned this period. One was a trial loan of a STACS (Standardized Tactile Augmentative Communication Symbols) device to a teacher in the Barren County. It was determined that a more aggressive type device was needed but they were very appreciative for the trial.

There was another loan for trial of a portal desktop magnifier for a Daviess County low vision person. This needed a three-prong outlet and was bulky making it not a good fit for this family.

A speech therapist from Wendell Foster borrowed a pediatric feeder seat to use for a swallow study. Swallow studies done in a hospital were designed for adults so the feeder seat is essential for children to have swallow studies performed.

A speech therapist in Dawson Springs School System in Hopkins County borrowed an iPad with the "LAMP Words for Life" program to trial with a student. After a two-month trial, it was found to be a good option and the therapist is now working with the school to purchase one for use in the school environment.

A local advertising agency borrowed a ramp to allow a person in a wheelchair to enter their building for a job interview.

An article in the local newspaper explained the story of a local physical therapist who was working with a family that had a T-pod positioning chair they no longer needed. In collaborating with Project CARAT, Jana was aware that there was a child in Northern Kentucky in need of such a positioning system. Arrangements for pickup and delivery were completed and the family and the girl in need after surgery were very happy to have received the chair.

Two or three device demos are completed each month. A lot of those are with speech therapists at Wendell Foster that complete AAC assessments. Typically, they come from all over Western Kentucky because we are one of the only facilities in this part of the state that has the expertise to provide them.

For AT Awareness Day we shared a video about the center on the social media page.

In June, one of the physical therapists working with an outpatient on using the Lucy mobility system arranged for a representative from National Seating and Mobility and Target Medical to demo the equipment. This system is sort of a censoring system where the person using the system can navigate their environment safer. It has only been a few weeks so we are waiting to see the results from this demo.

We were able to purchase several new pieces of AT equipment using KATS funds.

The facility purchased a Hub Scrub but is waiting on the plumbing to be finished before they can use it.

Staff participated in the summer AT Conference.

Elizabeth Thompson explained that a young student was in need of a communications device that they could not afford. Wendell Foster was able to purchase the AT device and help the individual.

Carl Perkins- Darrin Breeding

We have developed a wish list of items that we would like to purchase for the loan library. Since we are a state agency, we are waiting on some guidance before purchase.

Still providing services by appointment only with masks required.

There are several ramps out on loan and we have been getting several calls about ramps lately.

Project CARAT sites

Project CARAT Paducah Update-Mike Karman

This site was downsized to their new location and have become more stringent due to COVID.

Project CARAT Hazard Update-Mike Karman

Keisha sent a brief update that the center is transitioning into a new set of student coordinators and waiting to set a date to get them trained. A cleaning last week provided more items in inventory and multiple pieces went out last week.

The site is moving forward with the new Intergenerational Program where high school students will be involved more.

Work continues towards the toy lending library.

Project CARAT- EnTECH - Joe McCombs

EnTecn has gained a little momentum and volume thru Project CARAT. In April, 42 items were donated with a total value of about \$2400. Most of these were for activities of daily living, seating and mobility.

Some projects were coordinated with Just Serve and Class Overseas in Louisville.

Peter has been able to continually keep some bath chairs and shower benches in stock since they are available just down the street with this new partnership.

A therapist from the 40203 area came in needing bath or shower chairs for older clientele home health, so this works out nicely.

In May, 47 items were reutilized for a total value of about \$17,000. Two of the items that escalated the value were power chairs.

We had been averaging about 80-100 items pre-COVID. After COVID we are averaging around 45-50 items per month.

In June, 49 items related to activities of daily living were provided with a total value of around \$3300.

Shanay Davis was hired and comes with customer service experience. She will make it possible for the site to be open more hours during the week and this will help availability to provide services and get the numbers back to pre-COVID.

Still receiving donations and just received a chair lift that has already been utilized by a person in need of one.

Have a part time person doing some surveys and hope to get some data back to help with services.

Project CARAT- HDI-CATS –

All of the ramps are still out. This has been consistent since the “Ramp-Up” program started.

This site averages around 50 items per month thru Project CARAT. This quarter, April thru June we gave out 150 items valued at \$121,297. These include chairs, cushions, walkers, shower benches and toilet seats.

One stand assist patient transport that was donated had been loaned out and returned. An HDI staff member with cerebral palsy that was able to use this stand assist to help with his back and legs and to alternate his position.

The site has been receiving donations but transport and storage space continues to be a barrier. The new Baptist Church storage area has been helpful and this need re-evaluated at the end of the year.

Dave Fleckler does all the work on the power chairs to keep them in working order and making them work for individuals. Some funding has been used to purchase missing parts and supply straps and positioning parts.

Project CARAT- Paintsville – Darrin Breeding

In the last quarter there have been 118 items given out with a value of \$32,000. This value is low due to the large donation of depends undergarments being a large amount of the items given out.

A large donation was picked up from SOS in Louisville and the site was able to assist putting a carrier in the back of a Tahoe.

Continue to move hospital beds and power chairs at a large rate. I would like to somehow all work together to get a covered utility trailer for transport of these items. We currently have an uncovered trailer making it a wet experience should it be raining.

In January, Dalton was hired thru Adecco. He works to keep the KATS Network equipment list current. He is also doing minor repairs on power chairs and doing a wonderful job.

Statewide Project CARAT Program Update – Mike Karman

CARAT sites across the Commonwealth managed 985 items valued at over \$340,820.62. That is way up from April through June of 2020 where our numbers were 260 items at a value of \$67,191.70.

We are more and more finding ways to partner in the community. SOS continues to be a major partner. Darrin, from Perkins Center was able to pick up 10 used power chairs there a few weeks back.

New partnerships include:

Extreme Mobility Lexington: Gifted new and lightly used items valued at over \$19,000.

Kentucky/Indiana Paralyzed Veterans of America donated several power chairs and will be funneling used equipment going forward.

Our sites are continuing to do follow up with end-users to look at both satisfaction and demographic information. Close to 100 surveyed so far.

Coordinating Center Updates- KATS – Mike Karman

Overview of KATS data covering April-June, 2021

There have been 308 Short-Term Device Loans during this period with twelve (12) device demonstrations. Over 30,000 people reached through public awareness activities primarily through social media and other electronic media and over 9000 consumers served with information and assistance.

The Annual AT Conference had between 40-50 participants in each session. Sessions included Inclusive Higher Education, Student Empowerment, Farming Panel, Accessible Word Docs, AAC devices and Assessments, DIY Home Ergonomics and Wheelchair Repair. There were nine attendees registered for RESNA Credits, and 40 registered for CRC credits. The total 120 overall registrants registered for one or more sessions.

The vision was, at least while we remain virtual, to offer quarterly virtual training opportunities statewide as ongoing AT Conference Events. Once a Program Coordinator is hired there can be discussion for implementation.

The new OVR Accessibility Coordinator has been hired. Jimmy Brown started his new position August 1, 2021.

Reeves Grant is going live after much delay due to COVID. Items are available out of Redwood and CDPRC.

The At4All version II software demo link was sent out to all the CARAT sites to test. The system is very similar as the old system and has a more appealing look. The old site will no longer be supported and there is a strong push for everyone to switch to the new version.

Moving forward OVR will be changing the way contracts are awarded. Now an open meeting must be scheduled for all interested in applying for KATS funding to attend. This is to align better with Federal Government expectations and the intended purpose of grants in general.

ATRC Spotlight

HDI CATS - Christina Espinosa-Bard

Christina explained the history, structure, funding and offerings of the Human Development Institute Center for Assistive Technology Services along with the Mission, Vision and Values.

Open Discussion

There was some discussions about new committees and/or workgroups within the council. Some of these were groups include AT Conference, Apprenticeship, Advertising on Social Media, etc. The goal for these is for the council to coordinate and run these meetings with the support of the KATS Network staff.

Announcements / New Business

It was announced that the Center for Accessible Living had reopened but has closed back down due to the COVID numbers rising. Remote and virtual services for consumers are being conducted. The Center will hire a housing coordinator due to a retirement and for an Assistant Director position. Independence Place in Lexington is looking for an Employment Specialist.

As announced earlier the KATS Coordinator position posted on the personnel.ky.gov website on the jobs listing page in case anyone is interested in applying for the position.

The nominees for New Co-Chair introduced themselves:

1. Mindy McGirts is a deaf person that uses a coclear implant. She will be representing consumers. She is a grad student working towards a degree in special education and works with students that have needs for special technology in school and their home life. Her Dad has hearing loss and loss of vision along with some friends and neighbors with physical and other disabilities. Her Dad used to be very involved with Assistive Technology and she used to help tryout different devices with him.
2. Kevin McCormack is the Assistive Technology consultant related to vision impairments and would represent the Education Department. This is his first year on the Advisory Council.
3. Lisa McKeown is a visually impaired person that has worked for 3 ½ years at the Center of Accessible Living where she started as a volunteer thru the Office of the Blind's "Work Expanse" program. She works with the Personal Care Incentive program doing clerical functions. She personally uses assistive software, a large CC TV and handheld video magnifiers. She also advocates about AT for all disabilities with legislation and dissertation.

The results of the voting are as follows: Kevin McCormack elected as the agency representative. Mindy McGirts elected as the consumer representative.

There was discussions about meetings returning to in person or hybrid platforms and where the meetings would be conducted if they returned to in person. It was clarified quarterly meetings are scheduled on the second Thursday of the corresponding month and rotate thru coordinating centers' sites.

Next council meeting date:

- December 9, 2021 – Redwood Center Spotlight

Meetings will remain virtual until further notice. Zoom Link will be provided.

Adjournment:

Lisa McKeown motioned to close the meeting at 11:29am. Andre Ryssemus moved to approve. Mindy McGirt provided a second.

FFY 2021 Quarterly Narrative Report

Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center (CDPVTC)

Reporting period: July 1 – September 30, 2021

Summary of Assistive Technology Services provided during the 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 and Dalton West, Adecco staff assistant.

Highlight of Activities provided during the Reporting Period:

July 2021

- 79 items were removed from KATS NETWORK
- Items reutilized included manual wheelchairs, power wheelchairs, shower chairs, commode risers, hearing aid batteries, walkers, hoist lifts, commode safety rails, transport chairs, hospital beds
- An estimated \$10741.00 of reutilized equipment was repurposed for individuals in need.

August 2021

- 15 items were removed from KATS NETWORK
- Items reutilized included manual wheelchairs, power wheelchairs, shower chairs, commode risers, hearing aid batteries, walkers, hoist lifts, commode safety rails, transport chairs, hospital beds
- An estimated \$17795.00 of reutilized equipment was repurposed for individuals in need.

September 2021

- 14 items were removed from KATS NETWORK
- Items reutilized included manual wheelchairs, power wheelchairs, shower chairs, commode risers, hearing aid batteries, walkers, hoist lifts, commode safety rails, transport chairs, hospital beds

- An estimated \$173550.00 of reutilized equipment was repurposed for individuals in need.

Direct AT Services provided during Reporting Period:

- a. Device Demonstrations – **0** Participants; **0** Demonstrations
- b. Device Loans – **5** Items loaned to **4** individuals
- c. Reuse – **108** Items distributed, valued at **\$45,621.00**
- d. Information and Assistance – Estimated number reached: **50**
- e. Training – **0** Participants, **0** Events

Barriers/Obstacles during reporting period, if any:

COVID restrictions

Additional Information, if any:

None to report at this time.

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Enabling Technologies (enTECH)

Reporting period: July 1 – September 30, 2021

Summary of Assistive Technology Services provided during the Reporting Period:

During the quarter enTECH conducted Assistive Technology assessments/evaluations, consultations, and demonstrations for individuals from 18 months to 70 years of age. enTECH provided assessments and AT services to individuals ages 1-21 in various settings including natural settings in school districts across the state of Kentucky. enTECH continues to educate students in the OTD program at Spalding University on AT-related across the lifespan. Many serve as community living support for all ages. Below is a summary of State Leadership Activities provided during the reporting period.

Highlight of Activities provided during the Reporting Period:

July 2021

- enTECH is working with Anchorage Schools and conducted (7) vision training sessions in July, and staff also completed (3) AAC evaluations on-site
- AT had two items returned with MSRP's valued over \$5,000.00, switch and Rifton Activity Chair, (summer break in schools has impacted volume)
- Project CARAT was steady, (42) items were reutilized valued at \$2400.00. The majority of donations were daily living with some seating & mobility
- Alison Amshoff, SLP supervised a student from the University of Louisville for the summer semester during her internship
- SLP completed (23) speech generating device therapy sessions in July
- Wednesday Open Lab remains canceled until further notice (center covid protocol)

August 2021

- Alison Amshoff, SLP & Lauren Brown SLP hosted two students from the University of Louisville.
- enTECH checked in (17) loans in August, valued at \$11,545.00 including seating and Mobility to First Steps Children, the equipment returned: reverse walkers, mini-pacers, and several switches.
- enTECH offers in house summer programming to Anchorage Schools
- Speech therapists completed (14) speech generating device sessions in August
- Joceleyn Warren, Med, OT/L hosted two Spalding OT Doctoral students for the fall semester
- The CARAT program donated (40) items with an estimated value of \$4760.00 including a power chair

September 2021

- The CARAT program reutilized 45 items with an MSRP of \$6294.00 donations included daily living as well as mobility, seating, and positioning
- Joceelyn Warren, Med, OT/L hosted two Spalding OT Doctoral students for the fall semester
- SLP completed (13) speech generating device therapy sessions in July
- enTECH completed (5) vision trainings and (2) AT consults at Anchorage Schools
- enTECH returned (5) AT loans valued at \$5295.00 in September with a mix of speech communication, seating and mobility, cognition, and development
- Alison Amshoff, SLP supervised a student from the University of Louisville for the fall semester for internship. Lauren Brown SLP, hosted a University of Louisville student
- enTECH hired Royalty Davis as Client Relations Associate for Project CARAT

Direct AT Services provided during Reporting Period:

- a. Device Demonstrations – **0** Participants; **21** Demonstrations
- b. Device Loans – **34** Items loaned
- c. Reuse – **127** Items valued at **\$13,454.00**
- d. **Public Awareness - Estimated number reached: 18,409**
- e. Information and Assistance – Estimated number reached: 3,204
- f. Training – **0** Participants, **0** Events

Barriers/Obstacles during reporting period, if any:

enTECH is actively seeking additional resources to acquire ramps, as they remain to be a frequently requested items by consumers.

Additional Information, if any:

Following internal Covid-19 protocol of reduced capacity, ASOT student volunteer hours to Project CARAT and our open to the community lab on Wednesdays continue to be suspended until further notice.

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HDI CATS

Reporting period: July 1 - September 30, 2021

Summary of Assistive Technology Services provided during the Reporting Period:

Highlight of Activities provided during the Reporting Period:

July 2021

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August 2021

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September 2021

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Direct AT Services provided during Reporting Period:

Barriers/Obstacles during reporting period, if any:

Additional Information, if any:

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Redwood Assistive Technology Resource Center

Reporting period: July 1 - September 30, 2021

Summary of Assistive Technology Services provided during the Reporting Period:

Redwood hosted a clean-up and clear out day to recycle items that were no longer needed in our programs. The ATRC worked alongside this event to display the assistive technology items listed for reuse at Redwood. We were able to reutilize 20 items during this event and an additional 21 items during that month. We reutilized another 31 items during the quarter. The ATRC accepted donations of 39 assistive technology items, together with personal care items and feeding supplies that were utilized by our on-site nurses for current clients. The ATRC hosted a training for our speech-language pathologists and ATRC staff on current products and services available to aid with communication. Demonstrations were conducted to look at seating options, adapted toys and communication devices.

Highlight of Activities provided during the Reporting Period:

July 2021

- ATRC reuse event was held at Redwood in coordination with a center-wide reuse opportunity. Several staff at Redwood took advantage of this opportunity to access items for members of their immediate families and neighbors that were in need.
- Redwood accepted donation of 14 items for reuse this month. One family donated several canes, a walker, wheelchair, shower bench, shower chair, and a ROHO mattress for which they no longer had a need. A parent donated a Roosevelt Car Seat and a Safety Sleeper that her son had outgrown. Another family donated a bath chair that their child had outgrown.
- 41 items were reutilized in July. Twenty of these items were reutilized during Redwood's center-wide reuse event. A manual wheelchair was reutilized to the family of an older gentleman who was having difficulty going out into the community. Five items were reutilized to a Campbell County physical therapist for use with her school clients. A manual walker was reutilized for a woman who had recently been release from rehab. A walker and cane were reutilized to a man in need of supports for himself and his wife. A Roosevelt car seat, Safety Sleeper canopy bed and Convoid Classic Stroller were reutilized for a child with autism

- whose father needed some safe options for for traveling and getting his son out into the community. The parent was very excited about the availability of these items. He noted that this was a very big deal for them, as he had recently been talking to his father about how traveling anywhere away from home with his son, whether planned or an emergency, was pretty much impossible since he couldn't really keep him safe from himself in a strange place. An Aircast walking boot and raised toilet seat were reutilized to a consumer who was recently released from a rehab facility. A manual walker was reutilized to a consumer in need, and an adjustable shower chair was reutilized for an older woman who was handicapped. A Leckey bath seat and a floor sitter corner chair were reutilized for a preschool-aged child. The family needed a way to safely bathe their child, along with another seating option for their home. An Occupational Therapist from a local rehab hospital picked up a bath bench for a patient who needed the item to return home. A walker was reutilized for an older woman in need of support while walking. A patient lift and transfer bench with commode were reutilized to a family with a son that has cerebral palsy and requires total care. His family needed supports to get him and out of his bed, and to provide care for him. A shower chair was reutilized to a consumer whose current chair needed repair. An angled door threshold mat was reutilized for a consumer who needed a safer way to get heavy items into and out of his home. An angled door threshold mat was reutilized to a Redwood program to allow them to safely move heavy items. A Theradapt chair was reutilized to a physical therapist who needed other seating options for clients in his private practice setting. The ATRC librarian contacted a local nursing home following notification from the coordinating center of the availability of bedside commodes. Through this contact 6 bedside commodes (delivered to Redwood by the KATS coordinating center), and a shower chair, transfer bench, ROHO mattress, and tub bench from our existing inventory were all reutilized to the nursing home for their residents. A wooden ramp was reutilized for a man who was in hospice and wanted to be able to sit outside in the warm sun. A Focus CRE wheelchair was reutilized to a family with a son who recently returned home from the hospital and needed alternative positioning options, along with a means for him to go outside and get fresh air. An Invacare Pronto wheelchair and a Jazzy Elite scooter which were donated, but not in working condition, were reutilized to a parent to work on and create a mobility solution for his teen-age daughter. A power wheelchair was reutilized to a family whose daughter had limited mobility and needed a means to get out in the community more independently.
- The ATRC hosted our local Prentke-Romich representative who provided training on PRC products and services for Redwood speech-language pathologists and ATRC staff. We planned for community trainings from this rep to be held at our facility. These trainings were then put on hold due to COVID restrictions.
- Two ramps were loaned to consumers this month.

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providers and service coordinators to help them better meet the needs of their clients.

- Redwood accepted several donations this month. One donation was from a family whose son had outgrown his stander, bath seat and tumble forms feeder seat. They also donated a Hoyer lift which was no longer needed. The second donation was an anonymous donation left at Redwood which included feeding and personal care supplies, a suction machine, gait belt, Hoyer Lift padded sling seat, and a feeding pump.
- 23 items were reutilized in August. Personal care items were reutilized to a teenage girl with Rett syndrome. Oral care and personal care items, syringes and suction kits were reutilized to Redwood's nursing program for use with clients, a gait belt and Hoyer Lift padded sling were reutilized to Redwood Adult Day programming for use with clients. A Convoid Cuddle Bug was reutilized to a family whose daughter needed another seating and mobility option to allow her to go outside and provide a safe space for interaction with peers. A foldable wheelchair and wrist supports with a universal cuff were reutilized to a physical therapist with Campbell County schools. The wheelchair was needed for a student to safely get to and from the bus, while the wrist supports with a universal cuff are given to individual students when the therapist assesses a need. A quad cane was reutilized to a man who recently finished chemotherapy treatments and was having balance issues. A Ceiling track lift and bolster were reutilized to a family whose son is non-mobile. The family reports that this will help them with transfer and therapeutic activities. A rolling shower chair and cane were reutilized to a woman having double knee surgery.
- Hosted quarterly ATRC advisory meeting with community members to facilitate project planning and program planning.
- A demonstration was provided by Redwood staff and a child's occupational and speech therapists for a First Steps client with her mother and father. The child was able to try out seating options, adapted toys with switches, and communication devices to determine the most appropriate items for First Steps rentals.

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- Training on the use of JAWS to navigate 3D printer websites was provided for a Redwood client who is blind, so that he can learn to create 3D objects more independently using the 3D printer at Redwood.
- Redwood accepted a wide variety of donations this month. A family donated an adapted GoBabyGo car that their son had outgrown, along with a Pony Walker, Light box, two Z-Flo pillows, a Special Tomato base, and feeding and personal care supplies. A woman received a second Perfect Walker for her mother and was told she did not need to return it, so she chose to donate it to Redwood. A parent whose toddler was a former client of Redwood passed away and her mother donated her Tumble Form with base, Special Tomato seat with mobile base, iTalk2 communication device, gumball switch, adapted plush Elmo, Spinning Light show with fan, Hey Diddle Diddle adapted toy, Benik splints, and braces.
- 8 items were reutilized in September. Feeding and personal care supplies were reutilized to Redwood's nursing department for use with clients. An adapted GoBabyGo car, tumble form, and bath seat were reutilized to a toddler with very limited movement in his hands and arms. A Hoyer Lift was reutilized to a family who had a child they were unable to lift in and out of bed. The family was referred to Redwood by their county physical therapist. A walker was reutilized to a woman who had a stroke a month prior and was coming out of rehab.
- A demonstration was provided to a Kenton County occupational therapist who needed some motivating options for a home-based client. She reported that she had originally sought items through her county AT loan library but was having difficulty accessing the items in a timely manner. The ATRC provided the items for her to trial with her student.
- An occupational therapist needed an appropriate and safe seating option for one of her First Steps clients. Through the ATRC, she was able to demonstrate a Tumble Forms and a Special Tomato seating system so that she and the family could determine the most appropriate item to use with the child.
- A First Steps speech language pathologist needed to see communication device options available for her client. A demonstration was provided for the therapist by ATRC staff and she was able to select the most appropriate device for trial rental.

Direct AT Services provided during Reporting Period:

- a. Device Demonstrations – 9 Participants; **4** Demonstrations
- b. Device Loans – **165** Items loaned to **52** individuals
- c. Reuse – **72** Items distributed to **29** individuals, valued at **\$45,688.90**
- d. Information and Assistance – Estimated number reached: **1,733 + public awareness 4657**
- e. Training – **7** Participants, **4** Events

Barriers/Obstacles during reporting period, if any:

Barriers during this reporting period continue as in the previous quarter. One barrier to providing services continues to be the COVID 19 pandemic. Redwood is only allowing limited visitors to enter the building. Additional barriers include limited space for storage of donated items, the need for a cleaning tool, such as a HubScrub to allow for more efficient sanitization of donated items, and availability of batteries for power wheelchairs/ scooters to allow us to check the working status, and if possible, provide for consumers.

Additional Information, if any:

None to report at this time.

FFY [2020-21] Quarterly Narrative Report

[Wendell Foster Technology and Resource Center]

Reporting period: [July - September 2021]

Summary of Assistive Technology Services provided during the Reporting Period:

Services provided during this period include device demonstrations, information & assistance, short-term loans, public awareness, reuse program, training & outreach. Wendell Foster (WF) contracts with First Steps to provide technical assistance statewide to early intervention providers about how to access Assistive Technology (AT) resources, chair the state's AT Review Panel, and maintain a social media page.

Highlight of Activities provided during the Reporting Period:

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- **Device Demonstrations (2): Anecdotal stories:**
 1. Speech Language Pathologist from Wendell Foster completed an Alternative & Augmentative (AAC) assessment for a 6-year old child with Autism from McCracken County. Therapist demonstrated Nova Chat 10, Pro Slate 10D, I-110, Prio, and Sounding Board app on iPad. Child was able to use the Nova Chat 10 to request a preferred toy and family decided upon a trial with the device.
 2. Speech Language Pathologist from Wendell Foster completed an AAC assessment for a 5-year old child with developmental delays from Christian County. The child was starting kindergarten and needed a device to help her communicate with teachers and classmates. Therapist demonstrated I-110, NovaChat 10, ProSlate 10 and Prio. Family decided to trial ProSlate 10.

- **Information & Assistance (1,508)**
 - AT staff – 52
 - WF Therapists – 1,456 (This # reflects how many times (36) therapists used AT with a patient).

- **Loans (21 items returned during this month). Anecdotal stories:**
 1. A consumer from Daviess County borrowed a ramp to provide temporary access to her home following ankle surgery.
 2. A child with Angelman Syndrome from Fayette County utilized a TOT stander to assist in improving weight shift, balance, and overall endurance with standing.
 3. Occupational Therapist from Wendell Foster borrowed adapted Hi Ho Cherry game to allow an outpatient to work on switch skills.

Note: These #s are less than normal due to 3-week closure for renovations.

- **Public Awareness:**
 1. Made seven posts on the First Steps Facebook page about AT for infants/toddlers.
 2. Toured a group of students from Owensboro High School.

- **Project CARAT (21 items valued at \$10,572). Anecdotal stories:**
 1. Reused a Special Tomato Push Chair to a family from Nicholasville. The chair will make it easier for their daughter with Cerebral Palsy to go on outings with the family, providing her an option to rest when needed, yet still participate in activities with friends and family.
 2. Reused several computer software items to a special education teacher from a multiple disabilities classroom. With limited school funds to spend, the software will allow her to teach/ reinforce switch skills.
 3. Reused a Roosevelt Car Seat to a family from Ohio County. Their son had outgrown his seat and the Roosevelt would provide the head and trunk support he needed, especially during long rides to specialist appointments in Louisville. They were thankful to secure the seat without waiting going through the long insurance process.

- **Training & Outreach:** No trainings during July.

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- **Device Demonstrations (3). Anecdotal stories:**
 1. Speech Language Pathologist from Wendell Foster completed AAC assessment for a 73-year old man from Daviess County. The man had Parkinson's and needed a way to communicate with friends and family. He was successful using an iPad with verbally app. Consumer borrowed an iPad to trial at home before purchase.
 2. Speech Language Pathologist from Wendell Foster completed an AAC assessment for an 11-year old child from Ohio County as part of a school mediation hearing. The child had a vision and hearing impairment. A variety of low to mid tech devices was demonstrated before determining the child was able to navigate higher tech options. Child did well using NovaChat 10 and I-110 with background contrast and high contrast pictures. Therapist recommended a short-term with these two devices or a trial with SNAP and TouchChat apps on an iPad as a comparable alternative.

- **Information & Assistance (1,274)**

AT staff – 70
WF Therapists – 1,204 (This # reflects how many times (36) therapists used AT with a patient.)

- **Loans (41 items returned during this month). Anecdotal stories:**
 1. A 13-year old with Down syndrome from Daviess County needed an iPad with Touch Chat app to use until his insurance-funded speech-generating device was received. He was able to use the iPad for several months, which allowed him to continue working on communication skills without a gap in service.
 2. A consumer with a vision impairment from Simpson County borrowed a Sunu Band to see if it was an appropriate device. Since this device is not billable through insurance, it was important to trial before purchase.

- **Public Awareness:**
 1. Made six posts on the First Steps Facebook page about AT for infants/toddlers.

- **Project CARAT (9 items valued @ \$7,184). Anecdotal stories:**
 1. Reused an adult stander to an individual in Fayette County who had a spinal cord injury. Her physical therapist recommended using a stander as part of her recovery and the sit-to-stand was a great option. Although insurance would cover most of the cost, the consumer would still have a co-pay that was more than she could afford and did not have to wait to receive the stander.
 2. Reused a switch adapted attendant call button, gumball switch, and mount to a consumer with ALS in Daviess County. Devices allowed her to notify her caregivers when in need.
 3. Reused a Leckey MyGo stander to a Physical Therapist in Daviess County Public Schools. Provider reported the student was a new transfer and the stander was a perfect fit. Because it was available immediately and free of charge, it allowed a smooth transition of services.

- **Training & Outreach:** No trainings during August.

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- **Device Demonstrations (2). Anecdotal stories:**
 1. Speech Language Pathologist from Wendell Foster conducted AAC assessment for a 4-year old child with Autism who needed a way to communicate. Therapist demonstrated I-110, Nova Chat 10, Prio, and ProSlate. Child was able to use the devices to locate preferred toys and initiate a play task. Family decided upon a trial with NovaChat 10 with active case.
 2. An 86-year old consumer with ALS from Daviess County and his wife came to Wendell Foster to learn about AAC options so he can continue to be active as long as possible. It was important to him to be able to communicate with family, friends, and medical professionals. Therapist trialed ProSlate 10, NovaChat 10, ChatFusion with head tracking, I-16 with eye gaze, and Accent 1400 with eye gaze. Decided upon a trial using an iPad with Predictable app before billing insurance for an AAC device.

- **Information & Assistance (983)**
 - AT staff – 87
 - WF Therapists – 896 (This # reflects how many times (36) therapists used AT with a patient.)

- **Loans (50 items returned during this month). Anecdotal stories:**

1. Speech Language Pathologist at Owensboro Regional Hospital needed an iPad for an outpatient with apraxia. Therapist was able to trial Tobii AAC apps to see if a Tobii Dynavox device was appropriate before billing insurance.
2. Consumer in Daviess County borrowed a ramp for her father who was in Hospice care and needed a way to access his home using a wheelchair.
3. Consumer with a vision impairment from Daviess County borrowed a Ruby handheld magnifier and Optelec TV glasses to see if the magnifiers helped her with sewing. The trial allowed her to determine the items would not work thus avoiding an out-of-pocket expense.
4. A high school football coach with liver cancer from Washington County borrowed a power chair to allow him to be on the field and participate in games. He utilized the chair several times before entering Hospice care.

- **Public Awareness**

1. Made eight posts on the First Steps Facebook page about AT for infants/toddlers.

- **Reuse (2 items valued at \$5,625). Anecdotal story**

1. Reused a Leckey MyGo stander to a Physical Therapist at Daviess County Public Schools. Therapist reported that the student was a new transfer and the stander was a perfect fit. Because it was available immediately and free of charge, it allowed a smooth transition in services.

- **Training & Outreach** – No trainings during September.

Direct AT Services provided during Reporting Period:

- a. Device Demonstrations – 14 Participants; 7 Demonstrations
- b. Device Loans – 112 Items loaned to Individuals
- c. Reuse – 32 Items distributed to individuals, valued at \$23,381
- d. Information and Assistance – Estimated number reached: #3,608
- e. Training – None

Project CARAT – Mike

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Coordinating Center Updates- KATS – Mike

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By means of this form, I authorize the person named below to vote on my behalf at the next scheduled Kentucky Assistive Technology Service (KATS) Network Advisory Council meeting and on matters announced before those meetings and/or included on the agendas for those meetings. This proxy designation is only valid for the next scheduled meeting (as determined by the date signed below). This proxy designation will expire at the conclusion of that meeting.

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