

AT Act Program Leadership Symposium

Hotel Albuquerque
800 Rio Grant Blvd., N.W.
Albuquerque, New Mexico

March 9-11, 2024

Preliminary Agenda

Sunday March 9th

- 8:00 – 9:00** **Light Breakfast - *pastries and yogurt parfait***
- 9:00 – 9:15** **Welcome – Jeannie Krull - Executive Director, ATAP and Tracy Agiovlasitis – New Mexico Technology Assistance Program**
- 9:15 – 10:30** **Opening Session – Cultural Understanding and Awareness of Tribal Nations**
How can Assistive Technology Act programs better work with American Indians to help provide access to services and programs? Recognizing indigenous values and beliefs is essential in working with and understanding Native American communities in diverse settings. This session will explore cultural, experiential beliefs and related issues in working with developing relationships and providing services.
Presenter: Treva Roanhorse, member of the Navajo Nation and former President of the Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation
- 10:30 - 10:45** **Break**
- 10:45 – 12:00** **Get to Know Your AT Colleagues!**
Get to know more of your AT Act director colleagues as we kick off the 2025 Leadership Symposium!
- 12:00 – 1:30** **Lunch - *Buffet Provided***
- 1:30 – 2:45** **Aging and Assistive Technology – Where Are We Now?**
More than ever, attention is being focused on how assistive technology can contribute to aging in place. What are we learning from our colleagues as we explore assistive technology use by older adults? What trends at the state and federal levels may impact the work of AT Act programs? This session will explore useful information identified in the AT3 Aging Peer Action Learning Group. The session will be a combination of panel presentations and interactive discussion among attendees.
Panelists: Jeannie Krull; Marty Exline; Kim Singleton; Ryan Rausch: AT3 Center.

- 2:45 – 3:15** **Break**
- 3:15 – 4:30** **Exploring Demonstration and Loan Program Inventories**
Device demonstration and loan programs are among the most critical and big-budget activities provided by AT Act programs. This session will explore practices in assistive technology demonstration and loan activities related to device inventories including inventory management, budgeting for equipment, public facing inventory listings, and more.
Panel - TBA
- 4:30** **Adjourn**
- 5:00** **ATAP Reception**

Monday, March 10th

- 8:00 – 9:00** **Light Breakfast - *pastries and yogurt parfait***
- 9:00 – 12:00** **“I Just Never Knew...”**
No matter how many entities and individuals that an AT Program serves in their state or territory, at some point they hear a similar refrain: “I just never knew you existed before now”. This day-long workshop will create a collective response in the guise of a national public awareness strategy and campaign designed to make entities at all levels aware of the scope and importance of your AT Act program services and activities. We will review the context of AT audiences, target audiences, messaging, campaign development and implementation. The day will include a variety of formats and small groups to achieve a final outcome. Morning and afternoon breaks will be included.
- 12:00 – 1:30** **Lunch – *buffet provided***
- 1:30 – 4:30** **“I Just Never Knew...” continued**
- 4:30** **Adjourn**

Tuesday, March 11th

- 8:00 – 9:00** **Breakfast - *on your own***
- 9:00 – 10:15** **Assistive Technology and Enabling Technologies: The Future of AT Programs**
Since the enactment of the “Tech Act” in 1988, “Assistive Technology” has become a foundational term in policy and service definitions across sectors like long-term care, education, healthcare, and vocational rehabilitation. With the rise of terms like “remote”, “enabling”, “smart” and “telehealth technologies”, it is important to recognize the ecosystem surrounding end users including large technology companies, care providers, policy makers, community-based programs and more. The session will

delve into how emerging concepts such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) may blur the lines of traditional assistive technology and examine potential impacts to AT Act Programs, consumers, families and care providers. Together, we will envision a future where our programs continue to meet the diverse needs of individuals with disabilities while addressing opportunities and challenges.

Presenter: Cathy Bodine, Director – Colorado Center for Inclusive Design and Engineering

10:15- 10:30 Break

10:30 – 12:00 Affinity Group Meetings

University, State Agency and Nonprofit

AT Programs will break into separate meetings based on the type of entity in which they are housed to discuss and share common challenges and solutions

Moderators: AT3 Center Staff – Jeannie Krull, Marty Exline, Kim Singleton, Ryan Rausch

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch - *on your own*

1:30 – 2:30 Artificial Intelligence – Only as Powerful as the Person Using It!

Want to speak the language of AI? This session will focus on AI productivity tools and whether AT can help us as AT Act programs improve our results and do so more effectively and efficiently. We'll look at some of the most widely used AI tools, and how to upskill your staff in more fully utilizing AT tools.

Presenter: Kim Singleton, AT3 Center

2:30 – 3:15 Break

3:15 – 4:30 Workplace Wellness and Healthy Organizations

AT Act leaders want to be healthy, have productive teams and make an impact on the work they love. Sometimes stress can lead to illness, emotional consequences and staff burnout. How do you optimize your own performance and health as well as the health of your teams and organization? This session will explore dynamics for you and your team to be energized healthy and pointed toward organizational success.

Presenter: Dr. Nancy Post – CEO, Institute for Healthy Leadership

4:30 – 5:00 2025 Leadership Symposium Wrap-Up