

“AT Leads To Work”

Description

Technology is now found in every facet of the employment process. Are you ready to support your consumers with learning disabilities as they make transitions in education and the workforce? Let ATP help you become more comfortable with technologies that can support consumers as they make these transitions. Bring your iPad for this hands on breakout session. Learn how AT leads to work!

ATP Staff involved

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Agenda

Set up four training stations, introducing different learning disabilities supports. The stations will be broken into the following:

Text to Speech reading access

VR Staff iPads with SpeakText Free App.

Training Goal - provide VR staff opportunity to use mobile technology to access online e-text with text to speech audio feedback. Experience accessible reading supports used by many consumers who struggle with various learning disabilities as they access job applications, job descriptions, and employee materials.

Note taking

VR Staff iPads with Audio Note app.

Training goal: Consumers with LD frequently struggle with note taking requirements in interviews, as well as on the job. This hands-on experience will allow VR staff to experience technology to support and manage multi step directions.

Spelling

VR Staff iPads with Merriam-Webster Dictionary app.

Training goal:

Regular spell checkers and dictionaries are for people with good spelling skills that occasionally make spelling mistakes, not people who struggle with spelling and or reading. This activity introduces VR staff to technology for consumers who find “standard” spell check insufficient.

Organization

VR Staff iPads with Errands App.

Training Goal: Consumers with LD, memory weaknesses, and time management barriers find organizing and prioritizing tasks very challenging. VR staff would benefit from opportunities to learn how technology may minimize these barriers.