

What's New at ATECH: July 2021 Newsletter



Assistive Technology & The Labor Shortage: Opportunities and Challenges

We're in the midst of a serious labor shortage. What can we do about it? Pam Fields, CEO of ATECH, offers her thoughts and gives specific advice on how assistive technology may be just what's needed. [Read more.](#)



Bridging the Divide: One Way to Close the Gap Between AT Access and Usage Barriers Among Disabled African Americans

A recent article from the National Center for Biotechnology Information details how the "digital divide" has impacted disabled African Americans in the form of decreased access to AT support. The historical review highlights inequalities and offers solutions for providers, organizations, and educators to close the gap. [Learn more.](#)



New Toolkit Issued by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

CMS has issued a new toolkit aimed at providing best practices and tools for states rebalancing long term services and supports and HCBS. [Read more.](#)



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Remembering Joy Smiley Zabala



In Memoriam: Dave Hingsburger



New At The Lending Library:

The OrCam Read devices are in and available at the Lending Library. A new AT tool created specifically for people with mild low vision, reading fatigue, or reading difficulties including dyslexia, the new OrCam Read is a first-of-its-kind handheld device with a smart camera that reads text from any printed surface or digital screen. Shaped like a pen, simply point and click to have the text read aloud to you. Check one out at the [Lending Library!](#)



Upcoming Events:

Update your professional skills with our latest ATECH AT Academy course! Work hands-on with master trainer Mike Marotta in a collaborative group setting. Part live webinar, part self-directed work, and ALL working towards bettering your assessment and service delivery skills. New class starts in September. [Sign up now!](#)

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