



RISE e-Learning Community Summary

Bring Your Device: Tech Training

Summary

Between January through May 2024, Jennifer White and Andrew McQuaide of Able Opportunities Inc. facilitated the Bring Your Device: Tech Training Results and Innovation in Systems Excellence (RISE) peer e-learning community for the Administration on Disabilities (AoD) Disability Employment Technical Assistance Center (DETAC). The goal of this group was to support grantees in overcoming challenges related to providing individuals with disabilities the tools needed for competitive, integrated employment (CIE). Grantees often struggle with accessing essential assistive technology and integrating these tools effectively. This community supported participants in exploring new teaching tools and resources, brainstorming strategies to leverage collaborative partners, and developing plans for implementing assistive technology within their organizations to enhance CIE for people with disabilities.

Session Recording Links

- **Session 1:** [Innovative, Person-Driven Low & High Accommodation Tools](#)
- **Session 2:** [Start with Motivation, Silly Films](#)
- **Session 3:** [Apps, Apps, Apps](#)
- **Session 4:** [Home Systems and Customer Tech Planning](#)
- **Session 5:** [Reflections and How to Implement Lessons Learned](#)

Action Steps Participants are Taking to Integrate Assistive Technology

- Updating training modules to include specific apps that support competitive work environments to ensure staff are equipped to assist consumers effectively.
- Facilitating discussions with other teams to strategize on integrating a broader range of assistive technology into programs to foster greater independence among participants.
- Enhancing professional development opportunities for staff to familiarize them with new technology options, thereby improving the quality of support provided to consumers.
- Identifying opportunities for assistive technology and device tech supports for vocational rehabilitation (VR) clients by implementing and innovating based on the resources provided during the RISE community.

Related Resources



Visit the [Able Opportunities, Inc. website](#) for ideas and a link to a film of people using technology at home, in the community, and at work. Specific resources include:

[Ideas for How To Get Started](#)

[Video Resume Tool and Training](#)

[Work Autonomy App](#)

