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May 2018 State Rehabilitation Council ATP Report

Marketing Update - Nancy Noha

- The annual Brain Injury Conference was held March 22-23 in Kearney. Thanks to Chris Gaspari for her commitment and volunteer time on-site. Chris greeted attendees and assisted with registration.
- March was Brain Injury Awareness Month. ATP assisted the National Association for Head Injury Administrators by designing a logo and materials for their awareness day in Washington, D.C.
- ATP will have an exhibit at the Civil Rights Conference in Lincoln on April 24.

AT4ALL - Kristi Berst

AT4ALL is in the update process with our out of state database partners. Voting on system updates will conclude May 31st. New Hampshire's Assistive Technology program has signed on to partner in the use of the database, and we are having conversations to potentially bring Connecticut on board as well. There are currently 21 states/AT Act programs using the AT4ALL database for equipment tracking and federal reporting.

Reuse - Kristi Berst

ATP is co-sponsoring a 'Lose It and Reuse It' medical equipment exchange April 21st and April 22nd at Metro Community College. Other sponsors include CHI Health at Home, CHI Durable Medical Equipment, HELP Adult Services, Assistology, and NanoPac and will include the coordination of dozens of volunteers.

April 21st we are accepting donations of clean, working, durable medical equipment and assistive technology. Volunteers (including PTs, OTs, DME professionals) will work to clean and ensure the safe use of each item. April 22nd the public is welcome to pick up any they may need and cannot otherwise obtain. Volunteer professionals will also be available to ensure best fit of available equipment.

Please see the event flyer on our website calendar or contact Kristi Berst at (402) 595-1613 for additional details.

iCanConnect - Kristi Berst

iCanConnect (iCC) continues to work with state agency partners to provide equitable and informed services and continuity of care to the deaf blind community. A train-the-trainer event is being planned for iCC Technology Specialists in June and with the cooperation of both the Nebraska Commission for the Blind Visually Impaired and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. There are currently 7 open iCC cases and 2 in pending status awaiting eligibility attestation from a provider.



Financial Programs Update –Peg Hansen

MMI Part B Independent Living Funds (Part B)- The MMI Part B program is up and running for this year, we currently have 32 active projects. This funding serves every part of Nebraska and is for persons who have a major physical disability and have fully utilized other funding options available to them.

Enrichment Foundation Grant (EFG)- The EFG program is now in full swing, we currently have 43 active cases. So far we have received 100% of our surveys back. This funding serves the Sarpy and Douglas County areas for persons who have a major physical disability and have fully utilized other funding options available to them.

DHHS Program Update –Jackie Rapier [1/1/18 through 3/31/18]

During the second quarter of FY 2018, 136 HHS projects were authorized, utilizing \$623,148.03 in AD Waiver funding, \$2,888.00 in DD Waiver funding, and an additional \$30,300.09 with other funding sources, totaling \$656,336.12 in funding.

These projects assisted 136 consumers with greater independence and accessibility in their homes and communities.

ATP/Education – Alie Kropp

February

Nebraska Transition Conference -ATP/Education provided one table and an assistive technology playground.

March

Nebraska Rural Schools Conference -ATP/Education provided one table.

Traumatic Brain Injury Conference-ATP/Education provided one table.

Advisory Council Meeting -The ATP/Education Advisory Council met on Tuesday, March 27th at ESU 10 in Kearney.

April

Autism Spectrum Disorder Conference-ATP/Education provided one table and an assistive technology playground.

ESU 11 Youth First Transition Conference -ATP/Education provided one table.

Nebraska Educational Technology Association -ATP/Education provided one table and an assistive technology playground.



Nebraska VR Title 1 Program Update- Brooke Harrie

ATP Technology Specialists for the VR Title 1 Program received 85 service requests from 1/22/2018 to 4/13/2018. Requests were for worksite AT/ergonomics (25), cognitive aids (24), ADL/mobility devices (6), bicycles (1), computer hardware/software (16), vehicle modifications (7), home/bathroom modifications (1), entrance modifications/ramps (2) and hearing devices/communication (3).

The Nebraska VR Technology Specialists have been busy with the Project SEARCH sites throughout the state. The students are in their 3rd rotation and will be graduating next month. Assessment days were held at the different sites in the past couple months to invite the students who are applying for next years Project SEARCH classes. They performed different skills assessments depending on the job rotations at the site and also participated in an interview. A variety of factors including the assessment day performance and rubric scores received from teachers at the student's high school were used to determine which students would be accepted into the program next year. Technology specialists throughout the state took part in these assessment days to meet the new students and help determine how assistive technology could help them to be successful in work. The Project SEARCH job fair is Monday, April 30th and is an event ATP staff is also participating in. There are over 300 students planning to attend this event in Omaha to learn about different resources, job openings and participate in skills assessments with various employers.

The VR Title 1 Program Coordinator had a booth at the Raymond Central High School Resource Fair in Raymond, Nebraska. This took place on March 21 from 9-11am and included ATP and other vendors such as colleges, Job Corps and Nebraska VR. Students and their families were invited to attend the event to obtain information about community resources, colleges and other options to help them plan for their future. Many students, teachers and families stopped by the ATP booth to demo and learn about different AT devices that could assist them in their transition to adulthood. The most popular devices were the Smart Pen, Cell Phone Ringer/Flasher and AudioNote application. Students were provided information on ATP services, including the At4All website so they could borrow items for 30 days to ensure they worked well for them before spending the money to buy the equipment.

Angela Fujan, the Program Director of Counseling for Nebraska VR, spoke at our last ATP Advisory Council meeting held in the Lincoln ATP office on Friday, January 26, 2018. She discussed the order of selection process that Nebraska VR is currently in. They are serving only priority 1 cases with the most significant disabilities due to limited funding. The VR Title 1 Program Coordinator for ATP continues to meet monthly with the Program Director of Counseling to discuss policies, procedures and specific cases to ensure consistency and success between the programs. The VR Program Director of Community Services had participated in these meetings in the past, however this role will be switched out with the VR Program Director for Employment Services starting this month. The ATP Program Coordinator for the VR Title 1 Program has also scheduled team tours to be completed from June to September of 2018. This will include a stop at all Nebraska VR offices throughout the state to discuss changes in policies, procedures, answer questions and discuss cases with each office. VR Program Directors are also invited to attend this tour with ATP.



Resource Update - Angie Ransom

1/1/2018-3/31/2018

There have been 63 Service and Device (S&D) Applications received during reporting period of January 1 to March 31, 2018. Vehicle modifications were approximately sixteen of those new applications.

ATP Technology Specialist met on March 7, 2018. Rena Addison, Prosthetics Representative and HISA (Home Improvement and Structural Alterations) spoke to staff about services covered through the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.

General Update -Tobias Orr

This summer ATP is restructuring the ATP-Education program and bringing the majority of the program in-house. Next year we will be tracking information differently, and putting a much larger focus on capacity building and training provided at the local level. The goal of these changes is to assure that we are serving as many children (birth – 21) with disabilities in Nebraska as possible, and to assist local schools/teams with feeling more comfortable with, and knowledgeable about assistive technology.