Wyoming Summit for Assistive Technology Reutilization
Successful Strategies, Innovative Partnerships, Futures Planning

May 11, 2016
Laramie, Wyoming
AGENDA

Meeting Goals

1. Continue to build capacity and identify points of collaboration to create and build an intrastate system for delivering assistive technology devices and services to meet the needs of people with disabilities in the Wyoming.

2. Educate on quality indicators and successful strategies as well as solutions for safe, effective & appropriate AT Reuse. We will identify common barriers to AT Reuse (transportation, marketing, liability, space, communication) and collectively explore solutions to these barriers.

3. Develop a sustainable state network to address the AT reuse needs of people focused on quality customer services, efficient equipment management and sustainable practices.

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

8:30 a.m. Registration, Networking and Breakfast

8:45 Welcome, Overview, Expectations for the Summit & Peer-to-Peer Sharing

Speakers:
Darcy Regan, Speech-Language Pathologist, Wyoming Institute for Disabilities
Carolyn Phillips, Program Director, Pass It On Center

We will also hear directly from participants about their AT Reuse Programs & experiences with reuse. Participants will share what they experienced, what worked & lessons they learned along the way.
9:45  Where We Were, Where we Are, What We Have Accomplished

Speakers: Darcy Regan and Carolyn Phillips
This session covers what we have learned at the first AT Reuse Summit, our progress since that point and lays the groundwork for discussions related to assistive technology and the unique potential that AT reuse offers to enable and support individuals with disabilities in Wyoming.

10:30  Peer-to-Peer Sharing: Exploring the Concept of Interstate Collaboration – Overview, Key Elements & Issues

We will hear directly from individuals about their vision for this concept. Including sustainability, data collection, logistics, liability issues, communication concepts & potential strategic partnerships.
Moderator: Carolyn Phillips

12:00  Lunch

1:00  Raise Your IQ: Indicators of Quality for AT Reuse & the Knowledgebase

Presenter: Carolyn Phillips
The Indicators of Quality for AT Reuse (IQ-ATR) have been used to successfully start as well as evaluate how well an AT Reuse program complies with promising practices. It is often used to identify strengths and weaknesses in the program. We will learn how to use this Online Self-Assessment Tool to generate a report with resources for program improvement.

Innovative Strategies & Promising Practices

a) Serving Individual: Customer Service, Data Tracking & Matching Persons to Equipment
Based on the survey and discussions, specific topics regarding serving individuals will be discussed and solutions identified. Matching persons to equipment requires specific expertise. We will examine what is needed and recommend policies and procedures. The principles for matching can be beneficial to programs of all sizes, and for exchange programs as well as refurbishing operations.
We will explore the next steps required for sanitizing equipment to make it safe for reuse how to evaluate devices for repair, reuse or disposal.

2:45 Break

3:00 Promising Practices: Sustainability Planning
Presenter: Carolyn Phillips
We will discuss strategies for sustaining reuse programs. Topics include fundraising, fees for reuse services, partnering with other organizations and individuals, and development of boards or advisory groups. We will also share successful marketing campaigns and strategies to increase awareness in the community, donations of equipment for reuse, and financial support for the program.

4:00 Planning for the Future: Identifying Next Steps and Recommendations
Presenter: Carolyn Phillips, Pass It On Center
During this session, attendees will discuss directions for the future, challenges and opportunities. We will also discuss strategic Partners & who we need at the table.

4:45 Wrap-Up Summit; Questions and Comments; Evaluation of the Workshop
Facilitator: Darcy Regan & Carolyn Phillips

5:00 Adjourn

Thank You!
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