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THAT FOSTER self-determination.

MO DDD & You:
Accessing Assistive Technology

Information for Individuals & Families

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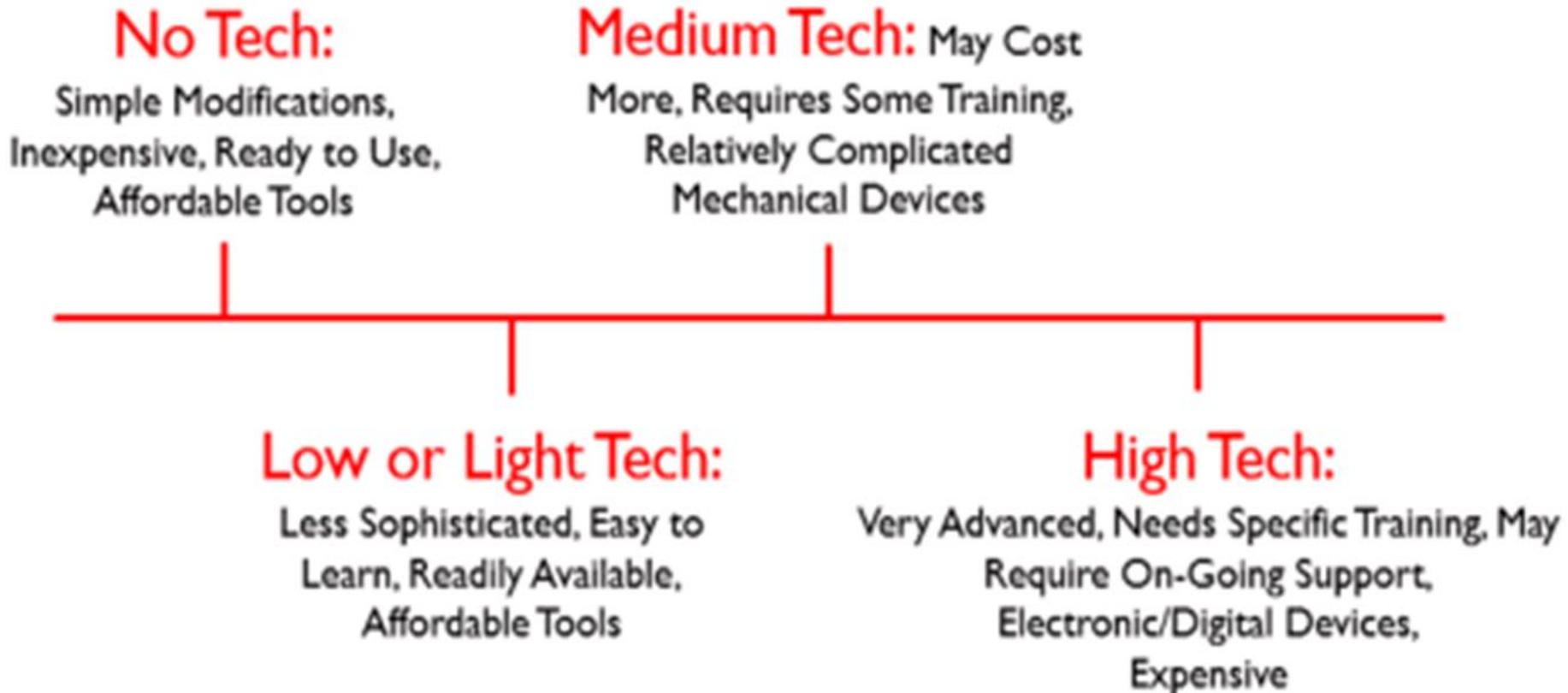12:30pm – 1:00pm

Webinar Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions

- What is Assistive Technology?

- Getting Started with Assistive Technology

- Remote Supports

- Where can I find help?

- Questions

MYTHS About Assistive Technology

- All AT is complicated and high-tech.

- AT is expensive.

- There are prerequisites to using AT.

- What worked great for one individual will work great for another individual.

Levels of Assistive Technology

No Tech:
Simple Modifications, Inexpensive, Ready to Use, Affordable Tools

Medium Tech: May Cost More, Requires Some Training, Relatively Complicated Mechanical Devices

Low or Light Tech:
Less Sophisticated, Easy to Learn, Readily Available, Affordable Tools

High Tech:
Very Advanced, Needs Specific Training, May Require On-Going Support, Electronic/Digital Devices, Expensive

The AT Umbrella

Any item, piece of equipment or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of people with disabilities.

Any service that directly assists an individual with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

DEVICES   SERVICES

Getting Started with Technology
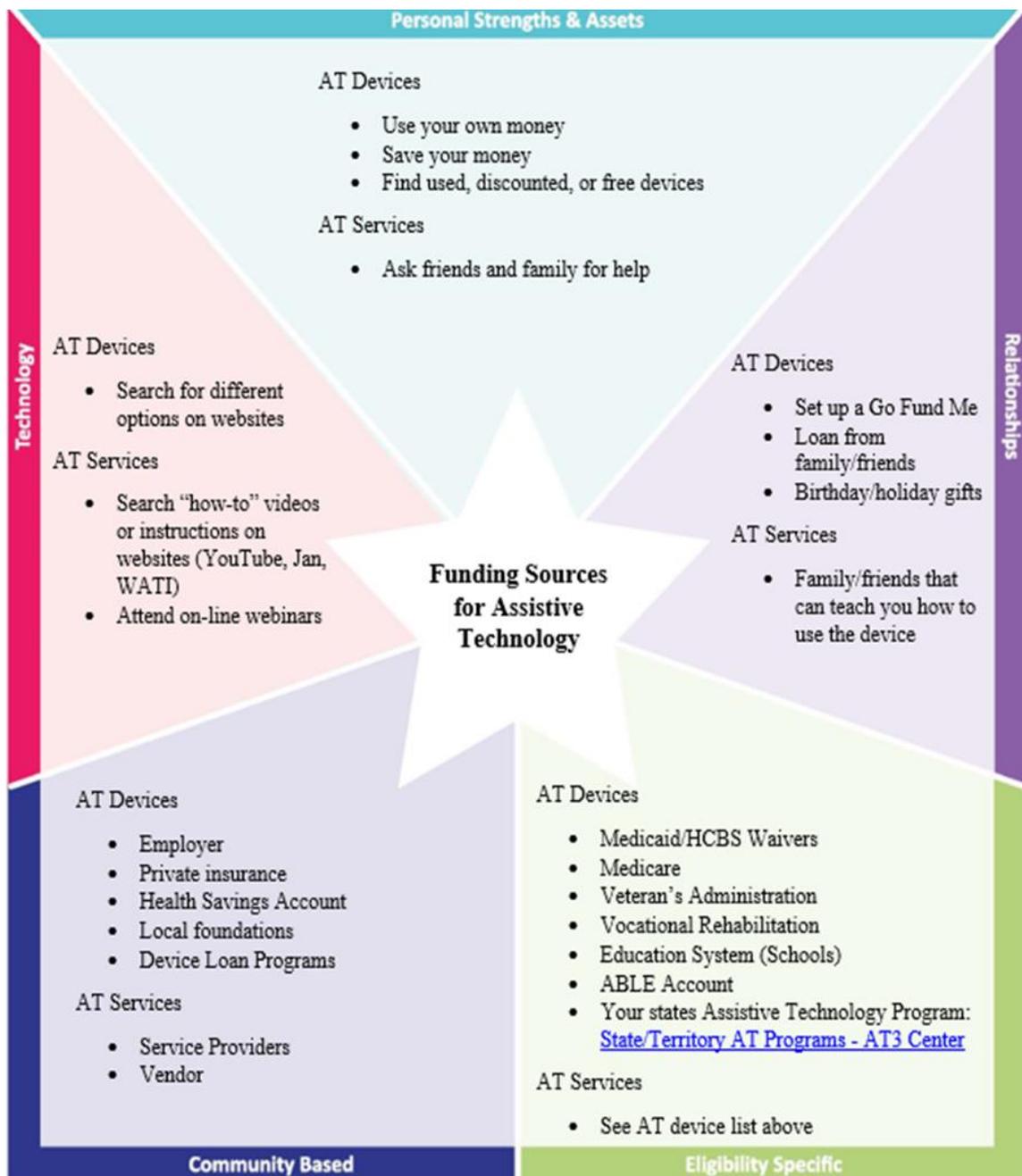
- Consideration
  - Individual
  - Environment
  - Tasks
  - Tools

- Exploration
  - Lending Libraries
  - Schools
  - Local public Libraries
  - Swap and Shop

- Implementation
  - Who
  - Supports
  - Follow up

Personal Strengths & Assets

Technology

Relationships

Community Based

Eligibility Specific

Funding Sources for Assistive Technology

AT Devices
- Use your own money
- Save your money
- Find used, discounted, or free devices

AT Services
- Ask friends and family for help

AT Devices
- Search for different options on websites

AT Services
- Search "how-to" videos or instructions on websites (YouTube, Jan, WATI)
- Attend on-line webinars

AT Devices
- Set up a Go Fund Me
- Loan from family/friends
- Birthday/holiday gifts

AT Services
- Family/friends that can teach you how to use the device

AT Devices
- Employer
- Private insurance
- Health Savings Account
- Local foundations
- Device Loan Programs

AT Services
- Service Providers
- Vendor

AT Devices
- Medicaid/HCBS Waivers
- Medicare
- Veteran's Administration
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Education System (Schools)
- ABLE Account
- Your states Assistive Technology Program: State/Territory AT Programs - AT3 Center

AT Services
- See AT device list above

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DMH-DD Waiver AT Services

- Devices/Equipment
  - I-pad w/ pre-loaded apps
  - 1 time purchases

- Services
  - Applications or services with a monthly fee
  - Personal Emergency/Mobile Emergency Response
  - Medication Administration Supports

- Education/Support
  - For being supported by the provider for a specific device or services

- Consultation
  - UDAT
  - MO Housing
  - MO-AT

- Remote Monitoring (Remote Support)

- What is remote support?

  - It is a system that includes sensors, response, on-demand support, and in-person support dispatch.

- Why?

  - Remote monitoring/remote support is used to increase independence.

  - Provides confidence that someone will be there, if needed.

Top 4 Misunderstandings

- AT does not require a bid.

- AT does not require a therapist evaluation.*

- Remote Supports does require due process and assessment. It does not include the use of surveillance.

- AT, SME, and EAA can all work together and may appear to have some overlaps.

Who Can Help?

- Support Coordinator's have access to both local Navigators and the UDAT team to assist the team in discovery and accusation of AT services

- Missouri Assistive Technology: https://at.mo.gov/

- Techonologyfirstanduniversaldesign@dmh.mo.gov

Questions?

Next MO DDD & You Webinar

Mark your calendar now!

The next "MO DDD & You" webinar is scheduled for

July 25, 2023
12:30pm-1:00pm