



Technology Awareness Committee

Strategic Plan 2020 – Goal Tracking Year 3

Strategic Issue 1, Objective 3 - By September 30, 2023, have a statewide presence as the primary resource for Assistive Technology.

Strategy: Utilize a network of people, ATAC members, partners, center staff, etc. that are knowledgeable on FAAST services to position FAAST as AT resource leader.

- Due: 9/30/2023
- Staff Assigned: Whitney Doyle

Actions:

- IN PROGRESS - Strategy 3-5: Create digital one-page marketing “flyers” to promote FAAST, financial loan program, and specific devices that gear towards transition aged students (in collaboration with Interagency Committee).
 - RRC/AT Reutilization Program
 - Financial Loan Program (brochure, posters/decals, hearing-specific materials, name change?)
 - AT Transition Material (from Interagency Committee)
 - Disaster Preparedness Material (webpage?)
 - Accessible Voting Material (webpage?)
 - 1/04/2023 TAC discussed plan for marketing materials. Goal is to complete these items by the end of FY23.



FAAST Events List

FY 2023

Upcoming Events (6)

Make m Smile

- 5/6/2023 in Orlando, FL
- Hosted by Nathaniel's Hope
- Exhibiting: ARDC

Florida Prosperity Partnership Annual Training Conference

- 5/31-6/02/2023 in Orlando FL
- Hosted by Florida Prosperity Partnership
- Attending / Presenting: Eric Reed

The 25th Annual Family Café

- 6/09-11/2023 in Orlando, FL
- Hosted by The Family Café
- Exhibiting (2 booths): Hannah Brock, Eric Reed, Marquesas Blimes, and Tim McCann
- Two presentations

2023 FLASHA Annual Convention

- 7/13-16/2023 in Orlando, FL
- Hosted by Florida Association of Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists
- Exhibiting- Eric Reed, TBD

The 15th International CHARGE Syndrome Conference

- 7/20-23/2023 in Orlando, FL
- Hosted by The Charge Syndrome Foundation
- Exhibiting- Tim McCann, TBD

Florida Academy of Audiology Annual Convention

- 8/2-4/2023 in Orlando, FL
- Hosted by Florida Academy of Audiology
- Exhibiting- Eric Reed



Potential Events (1)

Florida Conference on Aging 2023

- 8/7-9/2023 in Orlando, FL
- Hosted by Florida Council on Aging
- Presentation and Exhibiting- TBD

Past Events (13)

Rotary Club of Tallahassee Northside

- 10/06/2022 in Tallahassee, FL
- Hosted by Rotary Club of Tallahassee Northside
- Presenting: FFAST Information and Services by Whitney Doyle

Southeast Regional Institute on Deafness (SERID) Annual Conference

- 10/13-10/16/2022 in Altamonte Springs, Florida
- Hosted by the SERID
- Exhibiting: Tim McCann and NERDC staff

Florida Partners in Policy Making

- 10/22/2022 in Orlando (FAAST presenting virtually)
- Hosted by the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council
- Presenting: What is FFAST by Marquesas Blimes

The 17th Annual Exceptional Employer Awards Expo

- 10/24/2022 in Tallahassee, FL
- Hosted by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Exhibiting: Whitney Doyle, Tim McCann, and Marquesas Blimes

Florida Rehabilitation Council Meeting

- 10/25/2022 in Tampa (FAAST presenting virtually)
- Hosted by the Florida Rehabilitation Council
- Presenting: FFAST Information and Services by Whitney Doyle

Florida Occupational Therapy Association 2022 Annual Conference

- 11/5-11/6/2022 in Clearwater, Florida
- Hosted by FOTA



- Exhibiting: Whitney Doyle and Tim McCann

The O&P Check-in: An SPS Podcast

- 11/2022 Virtual podcast recording
- Hosted by SPS
- Presenting: AT Act and FAAST Services by Whitney Doyle
- Live December 2022

Audio ABLE Podcast

- 11/2022 Virtual podcast recording
- Hosted by ABLE United
- Presenting: FAAST Services by Whitney Doyle
- Live December 2022

FAVI Advisory Board Meeting

- 12/09/2022 held virtually.
- Hosted by the Florida and Virgin Islands DeafBlind Collaborative
- Presenting: FAAST Services and Locations by Whitney Doyle

Florida DeafBlind Association State Meeting 2023

- 2/25/2023 in Gainesville, FL
- Hosted by the Florida DeafBlind Association
- Exhibiting: Tim McCann

Developmental Disability Awareness Day 2023

- 3/14/2023 in FL Capitol, 2nd FL Rotunda
- Hosted by the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council
- Exhibiting: Tim McCann & Marquesas Blimes

SportsAbility Expo

- 3/23-25/2023 in Tallahassee, FL
- Hosted by SportsAbility Alliance
- Exhibiting: Marquesas Blimes and Tim McCann

Florida Children's Week

- 3/28/2023 in Tallahassee FL



- Hosted by The Children's Forum
- Exhibiting (1 booth): Marquesas Blimes & Tim McCann

FAAST Programs and Services

1. Public Awareness and Trainings:

Presentations at conferences and events and in-depth trainings on devices are provided to keep Floridians informed.

2. Information and Assistance:

Answers to questions about assistive technology and services available throughout the state are provided online or by calling 1-844-FL-FAAST.

3. Device Demonstrations:

FAAST provides guided, hands-on experiences with assistive technology to help people understand and compare device features.

4. Device Reuse/Reutilization:

Donated devices and durable medical equipment are cleaned, repaired, refurbished and given back to the community at little to no cost.

5. Short-Term Device Loans:

Floridians may borrow devices for up to 35 days at no cost. This trial period helps with purchase decisions, provides short-term accommodations, and professional development.

6. Financial Loans:

FAAST provides a low-cost financial loan to assist qualified borrowers with the purchase of the devices needed.

Where to receive FAAST services

Regional Demonstration Centers or

RDC: These centers are a great resource to receive local services such as trainings, demonstrations and to borrow the equipment needed. There are twelve centers across the state.

Reuse partner sites: Ten Centers for Independent Living are supported by FAAST for the Device Reuse and Reutilization program. You may donate your used equipment to these centers or ask if they have the equipment that you need.

What types of devices are available through FAAST programs and services?

Our programs may be able to provide access, information, trainings, or financial loans for devices and equipment related to:

- Vision and Hearing
- Speech Communication
- Learning, Cognition and Development
- Mobility and Seating
- Aids for Daily Living
- Environmental and Home Modifications
- Vehicle Modifications
- Computers and Technology
- Recreation, Sports, Leisure

Expand your Knowledge of Assistive Technology (AT)

Regional Demonstration Centers

(RDC): Located at nonprofits throughout Florida, these centers are a great resource to learn more about devices that may help you. Each RDC has a library of devices waiting for you to explore and try out! Contact your local center today for Training, Demonstrations, Loans, and Assistance.

Assistive Technology Trainings:

Want to learn more about AT? Expand your knowledge of devices, services, and resources by attending a FFAST Training. We offer a large range of topics to groups and individuals.

Device Demonstrations:

Not sure which device will work for you? FFAST provides guided, hands-on experiences with assistive technology to help you understand and compare different devices and features.

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Short-Term Device Loans:

Want to take home a device to make sure it will work for you? Borrow a device from one of our 12 lending libraries at no cost for up to 35 days.

Information and Assistance:

Need an answer to your questions about assistive technology and services but not sure where to start? We are here to help! Contact us online, email, or phone.

Ways to Receive Assistive Technology from FFAST

Financial Loans: FFAST provides low-cost financial loans to assist qualified borrowers with the purchase of the devices needed. Contact the State Headquarters to get started today!

Reuse Partners: FFAST supports the refurbishment programs at select Centers for Independent Living in Florida. Contact your local center to learn more about how to donate your used equipment or find the devices you've been searching for. Devices available are free or at a low cost.

What types of devices are available through FFAST programs and services?

We serve all ages and disabilities so we have a wide range of devices that can help with independent living, learning, working and so much more. Here are a few examples of the type of equipment we can teach you about:

- Vision
- Hearing
- Speech Generating
- Learning and Development
- Mobility and Seating
- Daily Living
- Vehicle Modifications
- Computer Access
- Recreation Sports and leisure

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FAAST Advisory Council

Are you interested in making AT more accessible to Floridians with disabilities?

Do you have a passion for helping shape the strategies and plans for an organization to make a difference?

FAAST is accepting applications for its advisory council.

You are encouraged to apply if you are:

An individual with a disability who uses AT or a family member or care giver of an AT user,

Or, if you work for an organization that strives to increase the independence of individuals with disabilities through better access to assistive technology.

Scan the code for the application or call 1-844-FL-FAASST for more information

ATAC members represent individuals who have disabilities that use assistive technology or the family members or guardians of the individuals, consumer organizations concerned with assistive technology, and business and industry concerned with assistive technology,