



**DISABILITY THRIVE INITIATIVE**

*Alternative Services and Supports for the IDD Community*

# **REMOVING BARRIERS TO DISABILITY SERVICES THROUGH ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY**

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# PERSON-CENTERED SUPPORTS FOR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY



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**Pathpoint**



# PATHPOINT OVERVIEW

**2,670 individuals**

supported in 2019-2020

## SERVICES

**Developmental Disabilities**

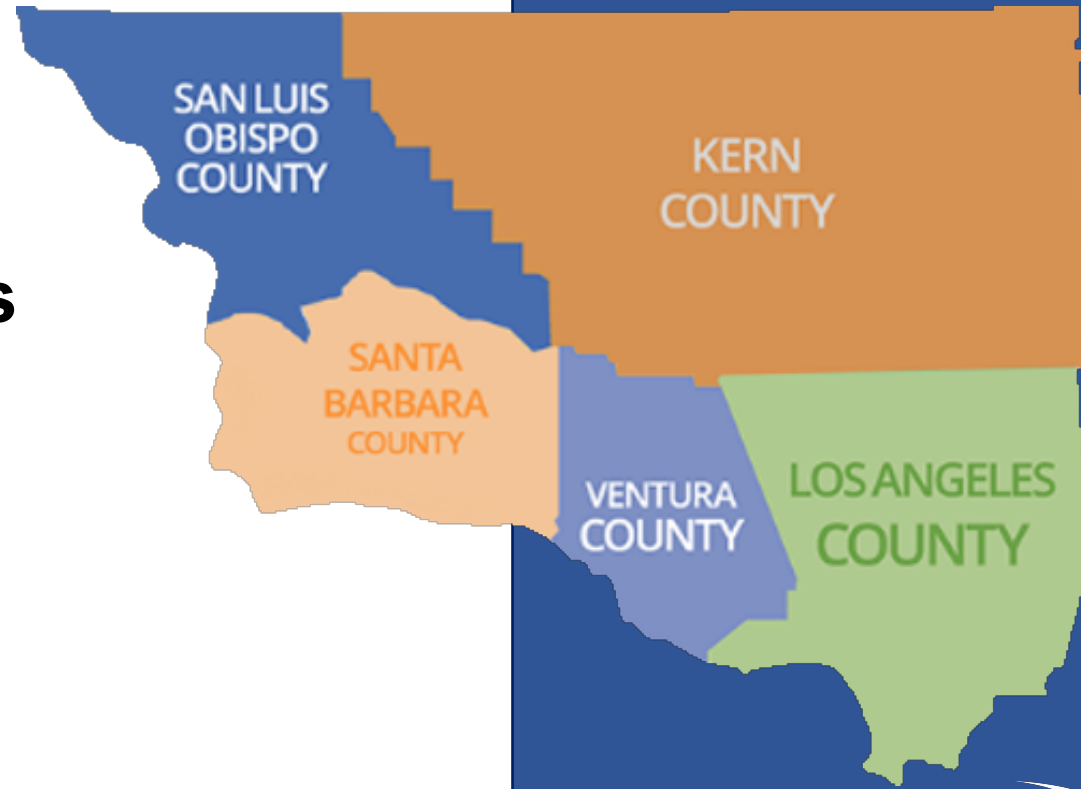
Employment

Independent Living

Community Integration

**Behavioral Health**

- Founded in 1964
- \$27 Million Annual Budget
- 483 Staff



# Assistive Technology

## RESOURCE GUIDE

Access | Communication | Control | Creativity | Inclusion | Independence



A resource guide  
and workbook  
for individuals  
with disabilities  
and their support  
network



We use **Person-Centered tools** to  
**plan and prepare** around you.  
Then, we use the **right supports** to  
incorporate technology into your  
daily life.

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# PERSON CENTERED PLANNING



Person-Centered Planning puts you in charge of planning your life - whether you have a disability or not.

Our planning is not a one-time event. It is a continuous process.

We also invite people who know and care about you: family members, friends, and supporters.

Tools adapted from:  
**Helen Sanderson Associates USA**  
[www.helensandersonassociates.com](http://www.helensandersonassociates.com)

**The Learning Community for Person-Centered Practices (TLC)**  
[www.tlcpccp.com](http://www.tlcpccp.com)

**Joy Zabala, SETT Framework**  
<https://joyzabala.com/>



Our process is broken down into **four phases**

Each tool is explained using **examples** from real people

**C** **SAMPLE**  
**4+1 Questions**

**Name:** Jamie  
**Date:** December 2020  
**Topic:** Supporting Jamie with her goals

<b>What have we tried?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jamie using her I on I time to work on articulation</li><li>Jamie giving feedback on how staff are assisting her</li><li>Working individually on her goals not being supported by anyone</li></ul>	<b>What have we learned?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I on I sessions with Jamie have been successful</li><li>Jamie needs reminders to stay motivated on continuing her progress</li></ul>
<b>What are we pleased about?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jamie being flexible in connecting through different apps</li><li>Jamie asking for help when she doesn't understand what to do</li><li>Jamie asks to work on her goals</li></ul>	<b>What are we concerned about?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Day services staff not being able to see her in person and needing to find other ways to have consistent contact</li><li>Jamie not focusing when working alone</li></ul>
<b>What should we try/do, based on what we have learned?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Work with Jamie's home to find ways for the day service staff to connect</li><li>Continue to help keep Jamie motivated</li></ul>	

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**Blank templates** are included so that you can try out our tool

**C** **BLANK TEMPLATE**  
**4+1 Questions**

**Name:**  
**Date:**  
**Topic:**

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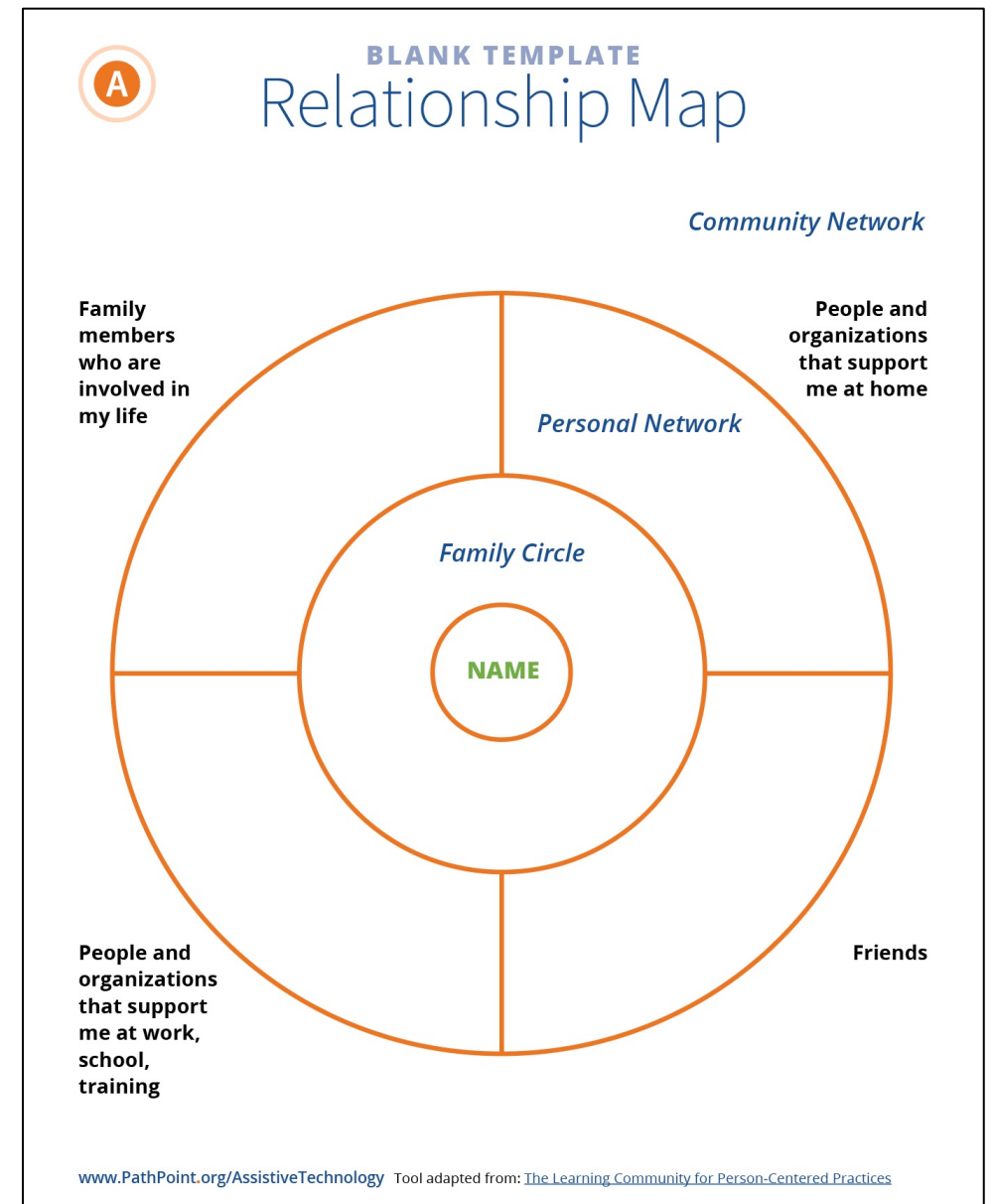
**Getting to  
Know You**

# RELATIONSHIP MAP



*Identify your support circle*

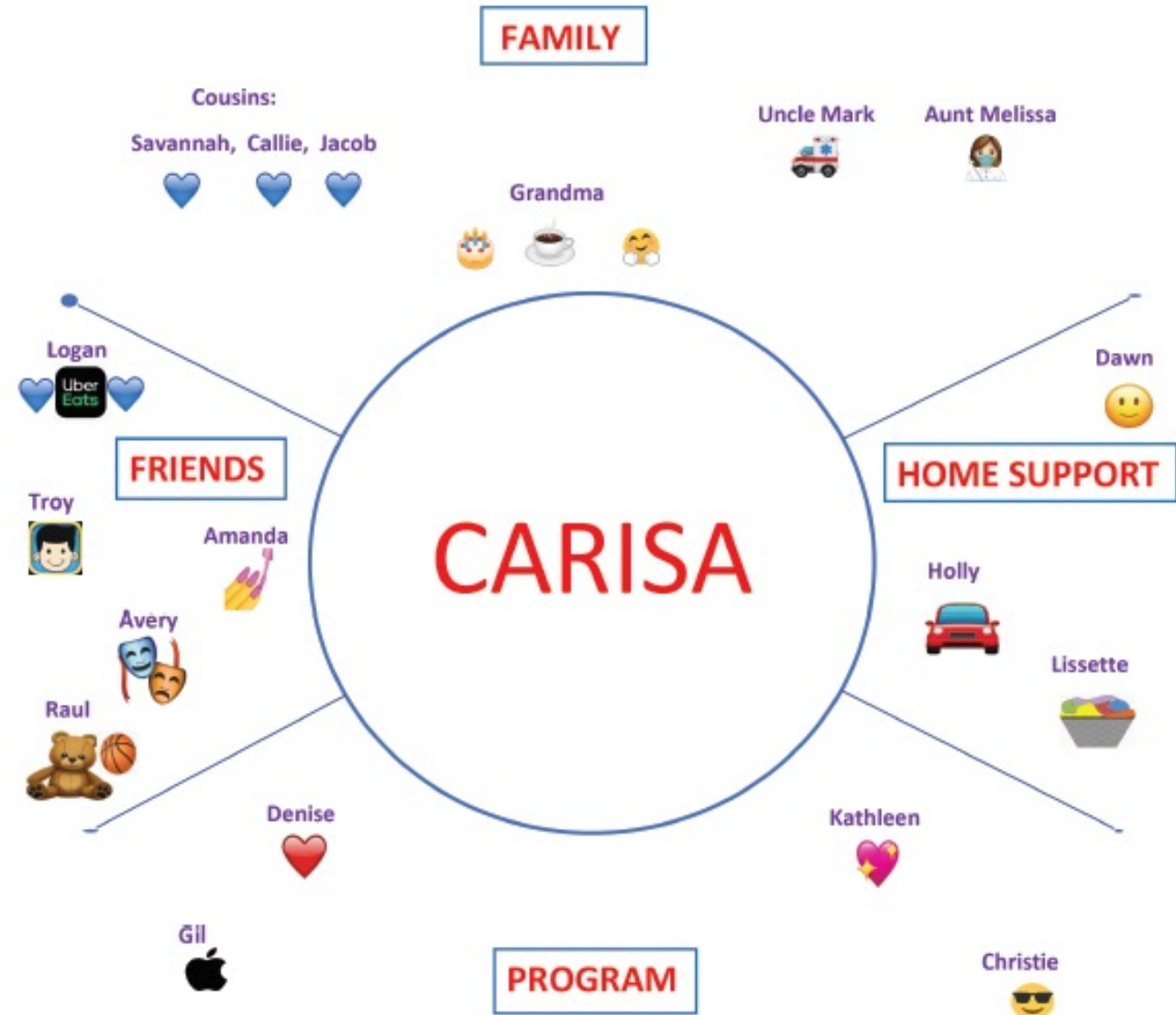
- Who you know and how you know them (family, friends, people at work or school, etc.).
- Who should be included in the planning process



# RELATIONSHIP MAP



*Identify your support circle*



Getting to  
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# ONE PAGE DESCRIPTION



*Important information about  
you*

- What is **important** to you
- What others **like and admire**  
about you



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**One Page Description**

**MY NAME**

**My photo**

**What people like and admire about me**

**What is important to me**

**How to support me well**

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# ONE PAGE DESCRIPTION




*Important information about  
you*



*My One Page Description*

Terri C.



**What others say  
about me:**

- I am tech-savvy
- Helpful to others
- Very observant
- A nice lady
- I like to be involved and give input to discussions
- I have a good sense of humor
- I have eyes behind my head

**How I want to be  
supported:**

- Don't rush me when I'm eating
- I must be sitting in my wheelchair upright
- I need to be positioned correctly in my chair
- I am on a purée diet.

**What's important  
to me?**

- My health
- My family
- My 24 hour care
- Hanging out with my "partner in crime" Joy

**Other important things to know:**

- If you see me coughing don't give me the Heimlich
- While I'm coughing give me something to cough into (napkin or a towel)
- If I am choking then I need help
- The way you will know if I am choking, I will blink my eyes twice. If I blink once, I'm OK

# DECISION MAKING PROFILE



## *How you make decisions*

- How you like to receive information
- How you present choices
- What helps you understand
- The best and worst times for you to make decisions



SAMPLE

## Decision-Making Profile

Name: <i>Jamie</i>			Date: <i>January 2021</i>	
How I like to get my information	How to present choices to me	Ways you can help me understand	When is the BEST time for me to make a decision	When is a BAD time for me to make a decision
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I like to receive my information through email, my peers, favorite staff, and over FaceTime.</li> <li>• I also like reading books.</li> </ul>	<p>I like help from a buddy or staff that is a good match with me to present different options for me to choose from.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can talk to me in a calm environment so I can be focused.</li> <li>• You can talk to me slowly with simplified details.</li> <li>• You can ask me if I understood.</li> <li>• You can give me time to make decisions and research my options.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I receive information best after 1 o'clock. I am more willing to learn.</li> <li>• Having one on one conversation in a quiet place without interruptions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the mornings because I am not awake or when I want a bath and I am hungry.</li> <li>• When I feel overwhelmed with information.</li> </ul>

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# TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT & SUPPORT PLAN (TASP)



## *Your tech needs and support plan*

- The **Technology Assessment & Support Plan (TASP)** is completed with your support team.
- It helps determine how technology can help address your needs.
- It also helps identify specific technology devices for those needs



SAMPLE

## Technology Assessment & Support Plan (TASP)

Name: Kathy

Date: February 22, 2021

1. What do I want to do now?	2. What do you want to accomplish?	3. What can I already do with assistive technology?	4. Technology I use now:	5. Technology that I need:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send text messages</li> <li>• Continuing to add my seizures to the app</li> <li>• Learn how to find videos on YouTube</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn more functions on my Apple Watch</li> <li>• Locate emails so I can join remote learning classes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I know how to open up text messages</li> <li>• I know how to open email</li> <li>• I know how to answer a FaceTime call</li> <li>• I know how to play a few games on my iPad</li> </ul>	iPhone 6s Plus, iPad 8, Apple Watch Series 3	Extra iPhone and iPad charger
6. Do I have the finances to afford the technology or will I need support?	7. Length of the trial period to test my assistive technology support plan and devices:	8. How often should the support team meet?	9. This is my assistive technology support team:	10. My next support team check in to share my progress is scheduled for:
I will save to buy the charger	3-6 months	We will meet every 3 months to check in and see how I am doing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susie M. (Community Integration Technology Specialist)</li> <li>• Gil A. (Community Integration Manager)</li> <li>• Cherlyn C. (Home Administrator)</li> <li>• Mike S. (Program Coordinator)</li> </ul>	March 23rd at 10am

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# INDIVIDUAL ENVIRONMENT TASK & TOOL (IETT)



*Individual, environment, task, tool  
assessment*

This assessment covers:

- How you use technology
- The tasks you want to complete
- The environment for those tasks



## SAMPLE Individual Environment Task & Tools (IETT)

Name: Sara		Location: Sara's home		Date: September 2020	Completed by: Erin
1 INDIVIDUAL	2 ENVIRONMENT	3 TASK	4 TOOL		
What are your abilities?	What kind of activities take place in your environment?	What activities do you want to accomplish?	List all the tools needed from low tech to high tech:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can use iPad or computer with hands-on assistance</li> <li>• Ability to share device with roommate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading</li> <li>• Listening to music</li> <li>• Completing art projects</li> <li>• Exercise</li> <li>• Gardening</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call family members and staff</li> <li>• Join online classes with PathPoint and other groups for advocacy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tablet or iPad</li> <li>• Webcam</li> <li>• Computer</li> <li>• Monitor or television to connect to computer</li> </ul>		
What types of support do you need?	What activities do you want to do but are not able to at this time?	What activities do you need to know how to do?	Are the tools person-centered, task oriented, reflect and support the person's current needs?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sara needs a device to use (AT Hardware)</li> <li>• Sara needs help using the device (reading, typing, navigating the internet)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use assistive technology at her leisure</li> <li>• Join classes independently</li> <li>• Access YouTube</li> </ul>	Join Zoom/online classes of her choice	YES		
What do you want to work on?	What technology are you currently using?	What does success look like?	What are the training requirements for the support team?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sara needs assistance with reading and typing</li> <li>• Sara will need assistance with knowing how to log on to the Zoom classes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sara currently shares her roommate's laptop when her roommate is joining classes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She would be on Zoom independently</li> <li>• Ability to stay in contact with family members in Washington</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home and Day Program Staff will need periodic training with the AT that we are bringing into the home</li> <li>• Ongoing data collection</li> </ul>		
<b>Team Member Support System:</b>					
Home: Fabiana and Vanessa			Regional Center Staff: Donna		
Program: Heidy, Destiny, and Geneva			Friends: Sigrid, Mindy and Robin		
Family Members: Her sister lives in Washington					

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# INDIVIDUAL ENVIRONMENT TASK & TOOL (IETT)

Individual, environment, task, tool assessment



- **Individual:** You - the person at the center of the plan.
- **Environment:** Where you live and learn: home, community, work, etc.
- **Tasks:** The specific things that you need or want to do.
- **Tools:** The tools that you need to accomplish the task.



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**Tracking  
& Training**

# LEARNING LOG



*Daily record of what you learn and strategies to support you*

Log that lets others know what, when, where, who, and what worked and didn't about the experience.



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## SAMPLE Learning Log

Name: Sara

Date: 10/29/20

**Desired Outcome/Goal:** Use the internet to access the websites she desires whenever she wants to without relying on others to help her.

Learning objective for this session	What did you do? (What, where, when, how long, etc.)	Who was there? (names of staff, others, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How to FaceTime with Staff and peers</li> <li>How to log onto Zoom classes</li> <li>How to log in with password on her iPad</li> </ul>	Sara met with Geneva in the backyard from 10-11am.	Geneva, Heidi and Sara
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Sara was able hear the instruction and complete the task independently. Geneva then reviewed the steps back with her. They also practiced logging in to the iPad using her password. Sara is really good at seeing and mimicking the action.	Sara's password is not easy to remember and she forgot when needing to log in. Geneva helped her log in. Sara also has challenges using the backspace.	Create a simpler password/ write password on the case with a label/write it down on paper so she can reference it.

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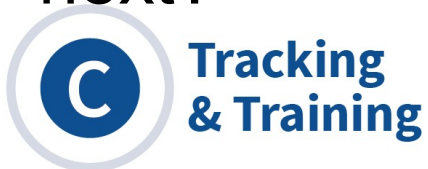


# 4+1 QUESTIONS



*Questions to reflect on progress  
and address challenges*

- What did you try?
- What did you learn?
- What are you pleased about?
- What are you concerned about?
- Given what we know, what's next?



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# ONE PAGE TECH DESCRIPTION



*Summary of your technology needs*

Overview of how **technology** can be used to **best support** you.



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## One Page Tech Description

**D**

**Photo**

**Name:**

**Great things about me:**

**What I appreciate about my Assistive Technology:**

**How best to support me when I use my Assistive Technology:**

**What's **IMPORTANT TO** me when using my Assistive Technology:**

**What's **IMPORTANT FOR** me when using my Assistive Technology:**

**My Assistive Technology support team:**

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# ONE PAGE TECH DESCRIPTION



*Summary of your technology needs*



Tech Summary



SAMPLE

## One Page Tech Description

### One Page Tech Description Carisa



**Great Things About Me:** I like to help people, especially my friends in my day program and in my home. I try always to be kind. I am told I have a great laugh, and I am fun to be with. My dream is to one day have a job that includes technology.



**What I Appreciate about my Assistive Technology:** I appreciate my IPAD, and the size of the IPAD. I appreciate that I have it, and enjoy it every day. I love the home button, lol, I do so much on it, I look at recipes, I watch youtube videos on how to cook. I email, and I love to watch Netflix. I have so many options, the hard part is keeping it charged....

**What's Important TO me when using my Assistive Technology:** I think its important for me to always have WIFI, I also think it's important to be able to have alone time, to go on Netflix or social media. I feel I have more power with myself to do the things I want to do.

**What's Important FOR me when using my Assistive Technology:** First, to be safe on the Internet. To have conversations with my DSP, on Internet safety. I think it's important to have the ability to look up recipes and cooking videos. I live in a group home, there is 4 of us, and we take turns doing a menu for dinner, that is new to me, so I enjoy looking up fun things to make. And I am learning a lot about food.

**How Best to Support Me when I use my Assistive Technology:** The best way to support me, is talking to my DSP Kathleen, we talk on the phone and email every day. The best is when Kathleen comes to my home. I like having the constant conversation about menus and cooking, because I am a picky eater, and like to make food that looks delicious. I know at PathPoint T.O., I have a lot of support. I can always call Christie or Dana when I need technical support as well. And I know also, Gil is there for me. I never imaged I would have the support I have, and so thankful for Gil, to help me get an IPAD, that I enjoy and learn from. Also, the support from my home, by getting WIFI has been amazing support. I sometimes don't remember things, but the calm and kind support I get from the DSP's is the best support I could ask for.

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# **JAMIE'S PLAN**

# DOWNLOAD



## *Assistive Technology Resource Guide*

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### Thank you!



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# Assistive Technology RESOURCE GUIDE

Access | Communication | Control | Creativity | Inclusion | Independence



A resource guide and workbook for individuals with disabilities and their support network







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**Ability Now Bay Area**



***WE EDUCATE AND EMPOWER ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES AND  
THEIR FAMILIES.***

- WE ARE YOUR ADVOCATES-*
- WE BUILD YOUR INDEPENDENCE-*
- WE STRENGTHEN YOUR WELLNESS-*

# WHO WE ARE



Ability Now Bay Area is a day program for adults with disabilities. We offer a variety of services and programs:

- Hybrid classes integrate an onsite and virtual classroom
- Wellness Program includes adaptive yoga, massage therapy and Feldenkrais movement therapy
- Small Business Program helps entrepreneurs start their businesses
- Community Integration takes participants out into the community
- Laura Long Technology Center has a variety of assistive technologies



# A FLIP BOOK IS AN ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Monique Harris creates these customized flip-books for different organizations.

She is a participant at Ability Now Bay Area.



# A HEAD WAND IS AN ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Monique uses a head wand to create her flip books.

She uses a computer application in our Small Business Program.





# THE LAURA LONG TECHNOLOGY CENTER



The Tech Center has 26 computers - including four iPads. These are outfitted with various forms of assistive technology and accommodate just about every disability. This way our participants can engage in the online community.





# A TOUCH SCREEN IS AN ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

A keyboard is not the best solution for some of our patients.

This can be due to a patient's spasticity or cognition.



# A CUSTOM KEYBOARD IS AN ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Luis uses an IntelliKeys  
keyboard.

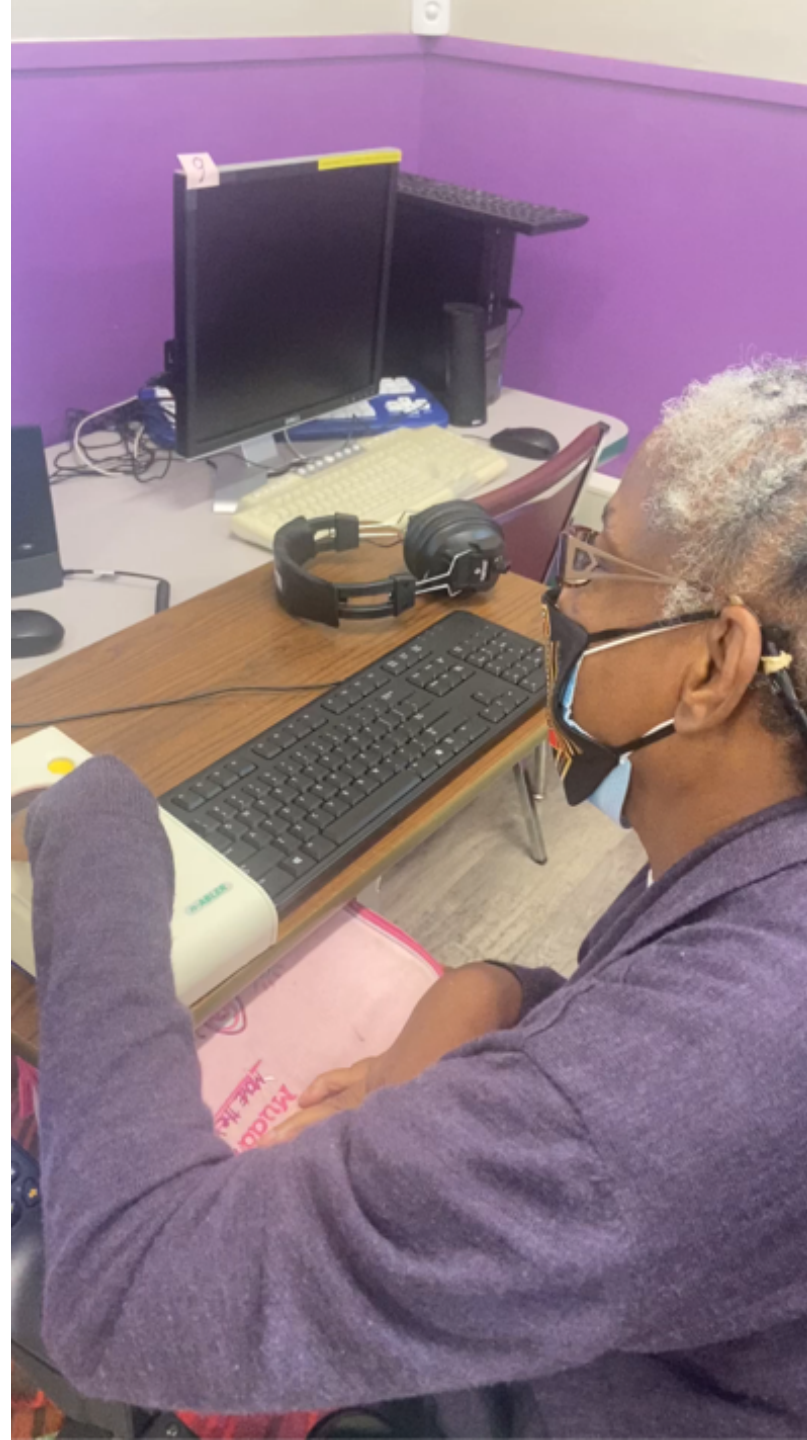
This keyboard has a  
mouse keys accessibility  
feature.



# A TRACK BALL IS AN ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Cynthia loves to watch  
wrestling in the Tech  
Center.

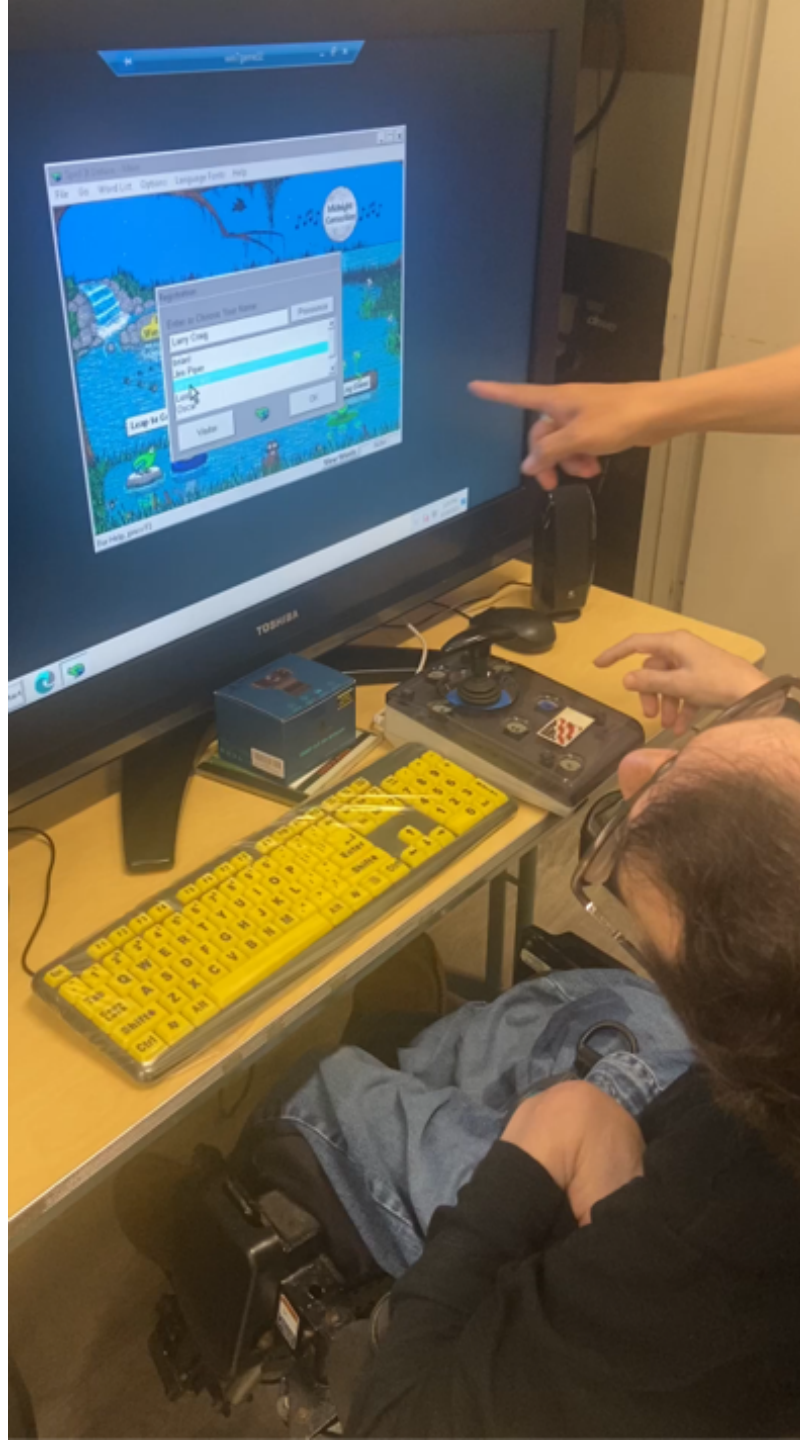
A track ball works best  
for her disability.





# A JOY STICK IS AN ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

A joy stick is the best  
assistive technology for  
Larry.



# A BLOW STRAW CAN BE AN ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Some of our participants are extremely limited in their mobility.

With Ability Now, a person only needs to be able to blow air from their mouth.





# **EACH ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY IS AS UNIQUE AS THE PERSON USING IT**



Are you interested in seeing the  
Laura Long Technology Center in  
person?

Come see how our programs and  
services enrich people's lives.  
Meet some of our incredible  
participants!

Call us a call at 510-531-3323.

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