



AT Community of Practice

Date: November 18, 2020

Time: 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Link for participation will be emailed to CoP Representatives

Meeting Facilitators:

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Meeting Agenda:

12:30-1:00 Check in on Google Site
Share Outs – What is going well with distance learning?

1:00-2:30 AT Tips from the Trenches (Matthew Press)

Description: Come join us for a fast-paced hands-on learning session, as we engage in conversations about some of the best of the best options for assistive technology! We will cover tips, tricks, and new tools for professional development, planning, AT use by students and educators, as well as new or emerging resources to help AT Specialists be successful! In addition, the presenters will share their strategy for improving implementation by gaining district buy in at the grass roots as well as administrative levels. This is a critical part of success in the educational setting that is often an area that AT specialists struggle with navigating. With the proper knowledge of tools, sound consideration, and administrative support, successful implementation can be achieved. Leave with tools and resources to use the first day back at work!

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Future Meeting Tentative Plans

January 21	12:30-2:30	TBD AT Manual
March 2	12:30-2:30	ATiA Shareouts & TBD
May 6	12:30-2:30	Sub Award Share Outs & Goal Planning for '21-'22

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