

National Assistive Technology Act Data System

State Plan - Full Report

Kentucky 2021

General Information

Statewide AT Program (Information to be listed in national State AT Program Directory)

State AT Program Title	KY Assistive Technology Service (KATS) Network
State AT Program URL	www.katsnet.org
Mailing Address	8020 Veterans Memorial Drive, Suite 100
City	Florence
State	KY
Zip Code	41042
Program Email	info@katsnet.org
Phone	800.327.5287
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Lead Agency

Agency Name	KY Office of Vocational Rehabilitation		
Mailing Address	Mayo—Underwood Bldg; 500 Mero Street; 4th Floor		
City	Frankfort		
State	KY		
Zip Code	40601		
Program URL	https://kcc.ky.gov/Vocational-Rehabilitation/Pages/default.aspx		

Implementing Entity

Does your Lead Agency contract with an Implementing Entity to carry out the Statewide AT Program on its behalf? N/A				
Name of Implementing Agency				
Mailing Address				

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General Information (Continued...)

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Phone			
E-mail			

Person Responsible for completing this form if other than Program Director

Name (last, first)	
Title	
Phone	
E-mail	

Certifying Representative

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Module A: Change in Lead Agency or Implementing Entity

Does your Lead Agency contract with an Implementing Entity to carry out the Statewide AT Program on its behalf (From General Information)?	<u>No</u>
2. Is the Lead Agency named in this State Plan a new or different Lead Agency from the one designated by the Governor in your previous State Plan?	No
3. Is the Implementing Entity named in this State Plan a new or different Implementing Entity from the one designated by the Governor in the previous State Plan?	No

Module B: Advisory Council

1. How many representatives of the designated State agency for Vocational Rehabilitation are members of the advisory 1 council? 2. How many representatives of the designated State agency for Vocational Rehabilitation for individuals who are blind are members of the advisory council (when there is such a separate VR agency for individuals who are blind)? 3. How many representatives of a state Center for Independent Living are members of the advisory council?. 4. How many representatives of the State workforce development board established under the Workforce Innovation and 1 Opportunity Act are members of the advisory council? 5. How many representatives of the State educational agency are members of the advisory council? 1 6. How many additional representatives of other agencies and/or organizations are members of the advisory council? 6.1 Description of additional representatives of other agencies and/or organizations are members of the advisory council. Kentucky Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities 7. How many individuals with disabilities who use assistive technology or their family members or guardians are members of the advisory council?

Advisory Council Calculation

Description	Number
Individuals with disabilities that use AT or their family members or guardians on the advisory council	7
Total number of individuals on the advisory council	13
Percentage	53.85%

8. In accordance with section 4(c)(2) of the AT Act of 1998, as amended our state has a consumer-majority advisory council that provides consumer-responsive, consumer-driven advice to the state for planning of, implementation of, and evaluation of the activities carried out through the grant, including setting measurable goals. This advisory council is geographically representative of the State and reflects the diversity of the State with respect to race, ethnicity, and types of disabilities across the age span, and users of types of services that an individual with a disability may receive.

Module C: Actual Expenditures and Budgeted Allocations

1. Actual Expenditures Carryover Year Close-out

In the following table provide the actual expenditure data for the <u>closed-out carryover fiscal year AT grant award (liquidated the previous December 31)</u>. Please note, this data is for a specific year AT Act grant award amount, NOT any specific 12 month period of time as funds from a grant award can be obligated over more than that initial 12 month period.

For the State Plan submitted in the spring of 2022, you will report the closed-out grant award for FY19. The grant began 10/1/2018 with the first year ending on 9/30/2019, the first carryover year ended on 9/30/2020 and the second carryover year ended on 9/30/2021 with the 3 month liquidation period ending 12/31/2021.

Actual Expenditures for Closed-out Carryover Year Award	Final Expenditures	Percentage	Requirements
a. All State Level Activities	\$309,814.00	62.31%	The AT Act required state level expenditures to be at least 60% of grant award. If flexibility is claimed, at least 70% is required.
b. All State Leadership Activities	\$187,396.00	37.69%	
c. Total Expenditures	\$497,210.00		
d. Total Award	\$497,210.00		
e. Lapsed Amount	\$0.00	0.00%	
f. Transition Training & Technical Assistance Set Aside	\$3,112.00	1.66%	The AT Act requires at least 5% of state leadership expenditures to be spent on transition activities.

Module C: Actual Expenditures and Budgeted Allocations (Continued...)

2. Actual YTD Expenditures and Budgeted Allocations for Preceding Year Award

In the following table provide year-to-date (YTD) obligated and liquidated expenditure data for the <u>preceding fiscal year AT grant award</u> along with planned budget allocations for the unobligated remainder of that award. Please note, this data is for a specific year AT Act grant award amount, NOT any specific 12 month period of time as funds from a grant award can be obligated over a 24 month period.

For the State Plan submitted in the spring of 2022, you will report the closed-out grant award for FY20. The grant began 10/1/2019 with the first year ending on 9/30/2020, the first carryover year ended on 9/30/2021 and the second carryover year ended on 9/30/2022 with the 3 month liquidation period ending 12/31/2022.

The total grant award for was \$512,837.00

Actual & Planned Immediate Preceding Year Award Expenditures	YTD Obligated not Liquidated Expenditures	YTD Liquidated Expenditures	Planned not yet Obligated Expenditures	Total
All State Level Activities	\$0.00	\$342,302.00	\$0.00	\$342,302.00
All State Leadership Activities	\$0.00	\$170,535.00	\$0.00	\$170,535.00
Total	\$0.00	\$512,837.00	\$0.00	\$512,837.00
Transition Training & Technical Assistance	\$0.00	\$2,074.00	\$0.00	\$2,074.00

Module D: State Level Activity Summary

1. Which State Financing Activities do you conduct?

None

Please indicate if flexibility or comparability is claimed for State Financing activities. Comperability

Provide a description of the comparable activity and comparable financial support.

The Kentucky Assistive Technology Loan Corporation (KATLC) provides low interest loans to individuals with disabilities and their parents/guardians to purchase assistive technology. KATLC made 34 loans in state fiscal year 2019 for a total amount of loans of \$251,551. Additionally, they made 26 loans in state fiscal year 2020 for a total amount of \$176,854. KATLC receives a \$75,000 state general fund allotment each year and has interest income over \$45,000 to support the loan program.

2. Which Reutilization Activities do you conduct?

- · Device Exchange
- Device Reassignment or Open Ended Loan

3. Do you conduct Short-term Device Loans?

Yes

4. Do you conduct Device Demonstrations?

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Module H: Device Exchange

1. Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes who conducts this activity. Both the Statewide AT Program and other entities/contractors (Both)
2. Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes from where this activity is conducted. A combination of a central location and regional sites (Combination)
3. Do you charge a fee for this activity? No
1. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.
Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)
Independent Living Center (select any/all)
Easter Seals (select any/all)
Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)
Have written agreement with this entity
Provide financial support to this entity
Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)
State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)
Have written agreement with this entity
Provide financial support to this entity

Module H: Device Exchange (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)
Private Entities (select any/all)
Other (select any/all)

- 5. Select the option that best describes what happens when a device is exchanged. (select all that apply)
 - The transaction is direct consumer-to-consumer
 - The Statewide AT Program is involved in the transaction

6. Describe the activity.

During this Three-Year State Plan, the KATS Network will utilize the AT4All online tool developed by the Nebraska AT Act Program to host our online device exchange program. In Kentucky, the online tool is branded as "The Kentucky Assistive Technology Locator". Using the AT Locator, consumers can register for an account to list AT/DME items they have to sell or give away. Individuals seeking items can use the system to contact the person selling/giving away the item. Exchanges are direct consumer to consumer. If a consumer wishes to list the item without their contact information, the KATS Network will be the contact and will provide contact information when a request for the item is made. In addition, consumers may contact the KATS Network or partners to request used assistive technology and the KATS Network and partners will match the consumer with the needed technology where possible. In many cases, the consumer will be matched directly to another consumer who has the item. KATS Network will also list items for consumers who are unable to list the items themselves. With the rural nature of much of the state, many people do not have access to the internet and the AT Locator, so this service is necessary to ensure AT is available to everyone. During this 3-year plan period, KATS will continue to work to increase the number of unfunded partnering entities throughout the state through continued outreach to independent living centers, schools, non-profits, etc. These entities will list their equipment on the AT Locator and make it available directly to consumers. This continued effort will allow the AT Locator to be a one-stop resource for AT statewide.

7. The online page for this specific activity https://katsnet.at4all.com can be found at:

Module I: Device Refurbish and Reassignment and/or Open-ended Loan

1. Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes who conducts this activity. Both the Statewide AT Program and other entities/contractors (Both)
2. Select the one option that best describes from where this activity is conducted. A combination of a central location and regional sites (Combination)
3. Do you charge a fee for this activity? No
4. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.
Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)
Independent Living Center (select any/all)
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Easter Seals (select any/all)
Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)
Have written agreement with this entity
Provide financial support to this entity
Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)
State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)
Have written agreement with this entity
Provide financial support to this entity

Module I: Device Refurbish and Reassignment and/or Open-ended Loan (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)
Private Entities (select any/all)
Other (select any/all)

- 5. Select the option(s) that describe how a reutilized device is provided to a recipient. (select all that apply)
 - Device ownership is transferred to the recipient
 - Device is loaned for as long as the recipient needs it with no ownership transfer

6. Describe the activity.

The KATS Network's five (5) Regional AT Resource Centers (ATRCs) conduct AT Reuse activities. The ATRCs accept donations of used equipment and provide the equipment to consumers in need as space permits such activities. The ATRCs will also reutilize old inventory as it is phased out of use by the ATRC by hosting AT Reuse events throughout the year which are open to the public. The amount of equipment available at one time is limited by storage space. Additionally, the KATS Network operates Project CARAT (Coordinating and Assisting the Reuse of Assistive Technology), a volunteer-based, service-learning project to solicit and receive donations of used AT and Durable Medical Equipment (DME), refurbish and sanitize AT, and then distribute it to underserved individuals with disabilities in Kentucky. KATS partners with the Center for Accessible Living in Murray and Bowling Green, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (Lead Agency), Human Development Institute at the University of KY, The Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center, University of KY Division of Physical Therapy, the Center for Excellence in Rural Health, the KY Appalachian Rural Rehabilitation Network, and other partners to implement Project CARAT. During the state plan period, AT Reuse inventories will be made available to the public through the KY AT Locator (AT4All) online database to allow consumers statewide access to reused equipment available through our AT Regional Centers and Project CARAT partners. Consumers can visit the Kentucky AT Locator Website (https://katsnet.at4all.com/) or contact the KATS Network or ATRCs by phone, e-mail or in person to inquire about the availability of equipment that is needed. Consumers are trained in the use of the equipment and provided with instruction manuals (if available) upon receipt of the equipment. Most equipment is reassigned on an as-is basis. KATS continues to collect used hearing aids through the SHARP (Statewide Hearing Aid Repair Program) and sends them to Starkey, a hearing aid manufacturer that operates a reconditioning program. Starkey reconditions the hearing aids that can be reconditioned and redistributes them. Starkey provides a credit to KATS for all donated items. Kentuckians with hearing loss who have damaged hearing aids can then access this credit through KATS to have their hearing aids repaired. KATS will continue to monitor Starkey's program to determine if Kentuckians may be able to access the refurbished hearing aids in the future. This program is not currently offered in our area.

7. The online page for this specific activity https://katsnet.at4all.com/ can be found at:

Module J: Device Loan

1. Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes who conducts this activity. Both the Statewide AT Program and other entities/contractors (Both)
2. Select the one option that best describes from where this activity is conducted. A combination of a central location and regional sites (Combination)
3. Do you charge a fee for this activity? Yes
1. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.
Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)
Independent Living Center (select any/all)
Easter Seals (select any/all)
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Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)
Have written agreement with this entity
Provide financial support to this entity
Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)
State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)
Have written agreement with this entity
Provide financial support to this entity

Module J: Device Loan (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)
Private Entities (select any/all)
Other (select any/all)

5. Select the option that describes how the majority of devices loaned are delivered to and returned from a borrower. (select one)

The majority of devices are delivered or picked up in-person

6. Describe the activity.

Consumers who wish to borrow AT request a loan through the online AT Locator system, on the KATS Network website, in person, and through phone calls and e-mails directly to KATS or partner AT Resource Centers. If the item is not available from that AT Resource Center geographically closest to the individual, the ATRC will assist the individual to identify if the item is available at another ATRC or identify similar items that could be borrowed. If the item is available for loan, the individual will sign a loan form and return policy. Utilizing the KY AT Locator Website allows the KATS Network and its participating ATRCs to expand their reach throughout the state. The website also allows the KATS Network the capacity to partner with programs throughout the state who operate smaller loan 'closets', providing a central (online) location for locating Assistive Technology and adapted devices throughout the state. A nominal fee for the loan equipment may be charged by the ATRCs to the individual, or to the appropriate agency, school, or private rehabilitation professional. Fees collected help defray the costs of maintaining the depository of assistive technologies in good working condition. Consumers may also be responsible for covering the cost of shipping and handling for items not picked up or returned directly to the ATRCs. A component of the current device loan program is operated as part of the Kentucky Early Intervention System called 'First Steps'. First Steps maintains a list of assistive devices and adapted toys appropriate for children ages 0-3 which are available at ATRCs that participate in the First Steps program. The listing describes the items, highlights their intended use, provides vendor information and other information to help determine if appropriate. Information about the devices is available at each of the First Steps Point of Entry sites as well as participating ATRC locations. Device Loans of assistive technology provided through the regional AT Resource Centers lending libraries have the potential to affect an increase in the percent of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who access device loan programs and make a decision about an AT device or service for purposes in the domains of education, employment, community living, and information technology and telecommunications by providing the consumer with an opportunity to personally assess the effectiveness of the device before initiating a purchase. Assistive technology can thus be used for a trial period to determine, prior to a purchase commitment, if it is the most appropriate device to meet the needs of the individual, to provide an interim period of practice, training and use of the device while awaiting delivery of a device that has been ordered, or for limited use in therapy with a qualified professional who believes the individual's needs will change too quickly to warrant purchase of the device. During this Three Year State Plan period, the KATS Network will award a new contract to the Appalachian Center for Assistive Technology (ACAT) in Hazard for an Assistive Technology Resource Center in eastern KY to replace the current ATRC at Carl D Perkins Vocational Training Center (CDPVTC). The ATRC at CDPVTC does not have the staff to maintain their current center. This new center will provide state level activities of device demonstrations, loans, reuse, and alternative financing. One of the unique features of ACAT will be a MakerSpace to provide AT at a low cost to individuals with disabilities across the state of Kentucky.

7. The online page for this specific activity https://katsnet.at4all.com/ **can be found at:**

Module K: Device Demonstration

1. Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes who conducts this activity. Both the Statewide AT Program and other entities/contractors (Both)
2. Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes from where this activity is conducted. A combination of a central location and regional sites (Combination)
3. Do you charge a fee for this activity? No
1. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.
Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)
Independent Living Center (select any/all)
Easter Seals (select any/all)
Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)
Have written agreement with this entity
Provide financial support to this entity
Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)
State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)
Have written agreement with this entity
Provide financial support to this entity

Module K: Device Demonstration (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)
Private Entities (select any/all)
Other (select any/all)

5. Describe the activity.

As with the Reuse and Short-Term Loan programs, the Device Demonstration programs will also make use of the Kentucky Assistive Technology Locator online tool for listing available equipment statewide as well as for reporting outcomes of the demonstrations for federal reporting purposes. Consumers can schedule a time to visit the ATRC nearest them to meet with an AT professional to compare and contrast various AT items within a given category. Demonstrations are typically conducted in 30-minute sessions. A written report is not provided, but referrals can be made to vendors, service providers, etc. as appropriate. ATRCs can perform a full AT evaluation if needed, for a fee. The KATS Network employees will also provide AT demonstrations at demonstration centers located in vocational rehabilitation offices. The centers will be open for demonstrations for the public as well as for Office of Vocational Rehabilitation staff and consumers by appointment. The demonstration centers will focus on transition in the areas of transition to post-secondary education, to work, and to independent living. KATS is partnering with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation to set up and operate the centers.

6. The online page for this specific activity https://katsnet.at4all.com/ **can be found at:**

Module L: Training

1. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Provide financial support to this entity

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Provide financial support to this entity

Module L: Training (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)
Private Entities (select any/all)
Other (select any/all)

2. Provide a short description of at least one and no more than three planned training activities. One of the activities described must be planned Information and Communication Technology (ICT) accessibility training that will provide the required ICT Training performance measures. If the Statewide AT Program is meeting the transition requirements of the AT Act through training, please describe that planned activity. If the Statewide AT Program sponsors or co-sponsors a statewide conference please include that event as one you describe.

Planned ICT Accessibility Training (required)

During this plan period the KATS Network and the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Rehab Tech Branch will partner to provide relevant regular training seminars covering topics of Electronic Document Accessibility, Accessible Web Design, Accessible Word, Excel and PDF documents, ADA and Section 508 Requirements, and other relevant topics. Training will be provided to Office of Vocational Rehabilitation staff, other state agencies and other stakeholders. Training will be provided both in-person and using a distance learning approach. Virtual training sessions will be recorded and able to be viewed at a later date as well. The KATS Network will partner with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation to house on-demand training in an accessible learning management system operated by the Assistive Technology Branch of Vocational Rehabilitation. This will allow for a broad reach of audiences. One specific planned training is for staff of the newly combined Education and Labor Cabinet in Kentucky.

Planned Transition Training or Other Training Activity (optional)

The KATS Network and its ATRCs sponsor AT for Transition Trainings throughout the year and including during the Annual AT Conference. This year, two sessions at the Annual Conference have a primary focus on transition: Autism and AAC and Assistive Technology for Notetaking. KATS and the ATRCs will continue to offer training around transition topics throughout the Three Year State Plan period.

Planned Statewide Conference or Other Training Activity (optional)

The KATS Network will partner with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, IL Centers, UK Human Development Institute, Protection and Advocacy and others to host and conduct annual statewide AT Conferences. KATS will provide RESNA CEU credits for attendees. Conferences will be an annual 2 or 3 day event. KATS has partnered with these agencies since 2012 to hold this conference. Topics scheduled for this fall include Autism and AAC, Driver Rehabilitation, Accessible Documents, Office and work from home accommodations, Assistive Technology for Note Taking, Assistive Technology for Low Vison and Blindness, Waking Up with Assistive Technology, and Advances in Assistive Technology.

3. The online page for this specific activity N/A can be found at:

Module M: Technical Assistance

1. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Provide financial support to this entity

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Provide financial support to this entity

Module M: Technical Assistance (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)	
Private Entities (select any/all)	
Other (select any/all)	_

2. Provide a short description of at least one and no more than two planned technical assistance activities. If the Statewide AT Program is meeting the transition requirements of the AT Act through technical assistance, please describe that planned activity.

Planned Transition Technical Assistance or Other Technical Assistance Activity (required)

KATS will provide Transition Technical Assistance to the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and Local School Systems around the area of the use of Assistive Technology in Pre-Employment Transition Services and the Community Work Transition Program.

Planned Other Technical Assistance Activity (optional)

The KATS Network provides on-going technical assistance to the KY Education and Labor Cabinet, the KY Personnel Cabinet to ensure that they are disseminating information to State Employees in an accessible format. KATS serves on a working committee to review and ensure accessibility standards are followed and met for the Kentucky Human Resources Information System software and the Kentucky MyPurpose training system.

Module N: Public Awareness

1. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

• Have written agreement with this entity
• Provide financial support to this entity

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Provide financial support to this entity

Module N: Public Awareness (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)		
Private Entities (select any/all)		
Other (select any/all)		

2. Provide a short description of at least one and no more than two planned major public awareness activities. If the Statewide AT Program conducts a major ongoing public awareness activity such as an annual AT awareness day with a Governor's Proclamation, please include that activity.

Major Annual Planned or Other Public Awareness Activity (required)

The KATS Network partners with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Rehab Tech Branch to celebrate National AT Awareness Day. In 2022 this collaboration led to a video of staff sharing their favorite assistive technology https://www.katsnet.org/atawarenessday/.

Planned Other Public Awareness Activity (optional)

The KATS Network also will publish a Blog on Accessibility of Information and Communication Technology to increase public awareness in this area. The blog will be hosted on the KATS Network website at https://www.katsnet.org.

Module O: Information and Assistance

Ba	anks/Financial Institution (select any/all)
In	ent Living Center (select any/all)
Ea	aster Seals (select any/all)
Di	isability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)
	 Have written agreement with this entity Provide financial support to this entity

State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Provide financial support to this entity

Module O: Information and Assistance (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)	
Private Entities (select any/all)	
Other (select any/all)	

2. Describe the activity

The Coordinating Center provides information on the availability of assistive technology devices and services and possible funding sources for the AT via the KATS 800 number, mailings, personal contact, or e-mail to all individuals who contact the Coordinating Center. The KATS Network will also provide funding for toll-free 800 numbers to regional AT Resource Centers, as needed, in order to provide maximum availability of information and assistance throughout the state. KATS Network Coordinating Center Staff will provide direct information and referral assistance by phone or e-mail to assistive technology, accessibility, and other disability related requests for assistance. KATS Network Coordinating Center and ATRC staff are available to provide information and assistance to consumers through phone, e-mail, or in-person inquiries. We assist consumers with questions about accessing AT services and devices, funding for AT devices, and other AT related disability topics. We also provide information and assistance by working with individual consumers on how to use a particular AT device or troubleshooting problems with devices.

Assurances and Measurable Goals

Section 4(d) of the AT Act prescribes the duties of the Lead Agency receiving a grant under section 4 of the AT Act and requires the State to provide a number of assurances in its application for funds. 34 CFR part 76 also requires that any State Plan include certain assurances. The Statewide AT Program certifying representative will attest to these assurances and other requirements below and by submitting the State Plan, will affirm that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief all information provided in the State Plan is true and correct and the State Plan fully discloses all known weaknesses concerning the accuracy, reliability, and completeness of the information.

Assurances

As the Certifying Representative of the Lead Agency for the State of , I hereby assure the following:

- 1. The Lead Agency prepared and submitted this State Plan on behalf of the State of KY.
- 2. The Lead Agency submitting this plan is the State agency that is eligible to submit this plan and if an Implementing Entity is identified it is designated to implement the required AT Act activities.
- 3. The State agency has authority under State law to perform the functions of the State under this program.
- 4. The State legally may carry out each provision of this plan.
- 5. All provisions of this plan are consistent with State law.
- 6. A State officer, specified by title in this certification, has authority under State law to receive, hold, and disburse Federal funds made available under the plan.
- 7. The State officer who submits this plan, specified by title in this certification, has authority to submit this plan.
- 8. The agency that submits this plan has adopted or otherwise formally approved this plan.
- 9. The plan is the basis for State operation and administration of the program.
- 10. The Lead Agency will maintain and evaluate the program under this State Plan.
- 11. The State will annually collect data related to the required activities implemented by the State under this section in order to prepare the progress reports required under subsection 4(f) of the Act.
- 12. The Lead Agency will submit the annual progress report on behalf of the State.
- 13. The State will prepare reports to the Secretary in such form and containing such information as the Secretary may require to carry out the Secretary's functions under this Act and keep such records and allow access to such records as the Secretary may require to ensure the correctness and verification of information provided to the Secretary.
- 14. The Lead Agency will control and administer the funds received through the grant.
- 15. The Lead Agency will make programmatic and resource allocation decisions necessary to implement the State Plan.
- 16. Funds received through the grant will be expended in accordance with Section 4 of the Act, and will be used to supplement, and not supplant, funds available from other sources for technology-related assistance, including the provision of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services.
- 17. The Lead Agency will ensure conformance with all applicable Federal and State accounting requirements.
- 18. The State will adopt such fiscal control and accounting procedures as may be necessary to ensure proper disbursement of and accounting for the funds received through the grant.
- 19. Funds made available through a grant to a State under this Act will not be used for direct payment for an assistive technology device for an individual with a disability.
- 20. A public agency or an individual with a disability holds title to any property purchased with funds received under the grant and administers that property.
- 21. The physical facility of the Lead Agency and Implementing Entity, if any, meets the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) regarding accessibility for individuals with disabilities. Section 4(d)(6)(E)
- 22. Activities carried out in the State that are authorized under this Act, and supported by Federal funds received under this Act, will comply with the standards established by the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (20 U.S.C. 794d). Section 4(d)(6)(G)
- 23. The Lead Agency will coordinate the activities of the State Plan among public and private entities, including coordinating efforts related to entering into interagency agreements.
- 24. The Lead Agency will coordinate efforts related to the active, timely, and meaningful participation by individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives, and other appropriate individuals, with respect to activities carried out through the grant.