

The Nevada AT Council is a group of stakeholders from across the state whose mission is to improve access to assistive technology by people with disabilities. People with disabilities will benefit by appropriate but innovative technology that improves functionality, and reduces dependency.

The AT Council has identified the following goals and objectives as priorities for FY 2015-16.

- 1. Gather and analyze data from public and private agencies on existing needs. Use data to drive decision making.**
- 2. Increase collaborations with AT providers to improve and share resources. Create a formalized network of providers with necessary areas of expertise and a referral process that is usable by both people with disabilities and providers.**
- 3. Insure person centered service delivery which includes a team based approach of quality assessment, training, and follow up.**
- 4. Improve transition processes throughout the lifespan regarding the acquisition, use, and on going utilization of appropriate, innovative, and mainstream technologies.**
- 5. Develop AT and accessibility policies that can be adopted by State and Local Governments including education and other public entities.**

(S. Youngs) Resource Sharing – Interagency Collaboration

The Assistive Technology Council supports the increase of collaborations with service providers that focus on the development of a more streamlined referral process that is accessible and usable by consumers and the AT Network.

(S. Youngs) Establish Minimum Data Set – Quality Assurance

The Assistive Technology Council supports the gathering of baseline data on the types and severity of people with disabilities who would benefit by assistive technology. Implement short term (one year) planning approaches.

(S. Youngs) Establish Minimum Standards – Quality Assurance

The Assistive Technology Council supports the adoption and use of quality assurance models such as the Quality Indicators in Assistive Technology (QIAT) and/or other best practices as agreed upon by Council.

(S. Youngs) Funding – Sustainability

The Assistive Technology Council supports the exploration and implementation of innovative funding strategies that support and potentially grow programs and services throughout the state. Braided funding and fee for service options for example.