



Santa Claus is coming to town...

# NSETAP



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I began working in special education in 2005.  
I have worked with tech since the mid 90s and  
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I have been developing my capacity as an  
advocate since my adolescent years seeking to  
uplift the perspective of those with lived  
experience.





IF YOUR  
FRIENDS  
JUMPED OFF  
A BRIDGE...

# MAXIMUM EFFORT!

Where AT, Innovation, and Policy Collide

# WHAT IS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY?



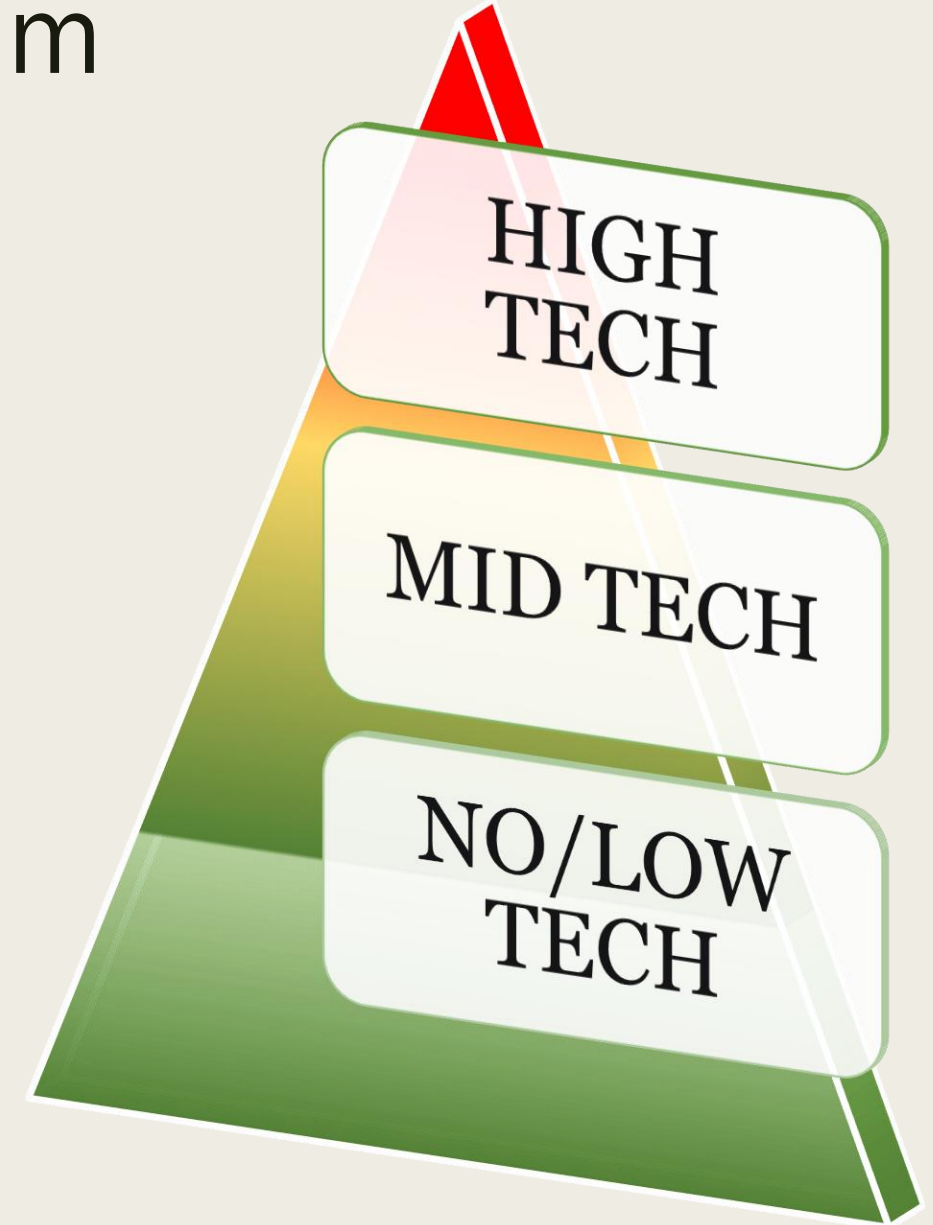
# Many Things Can be Assistive Tech





# AT Continuum

- High-Tech
  - *Advanced devices or systems*
  - *Complex electronic software*
  - *Extensive features*
  - *Customizable options*
- Mid-Tech
  - *Functional*
  - *Customizable*
  - *Involves some level of electronic components*
- Low-Tech
  - *Simple design*
  - *Affordable*
  - *Ease of Use*
  - *Does not require advanced technology*



# WHAT ASSISTIVE TECH DO YOU USE?

Hearing Assistive Tech (HAT) or other?



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## What Assistive Tech do you use?

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# ASSISTIVE TECH IS NOT ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL

Federal policy is a one-size policy. What do states and counties need?

# SPEAKING TO POLICY





# Rehabilitation Act

- Passed in 1973
- DHHS Finalized rule in 2024
  - *Section 504*
    - Among other things, it enforces accessible web and app content

# Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

- Passed in 1990
- Built on the foundation of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

# Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

- Passed 1975
- Amended 1990 and renamed IDEA
- Amended 1998 and 2004
- IDEA defines the requirements for Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)

# Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)

- Included within the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Requires that each student is given the ability to have appropriate access to education

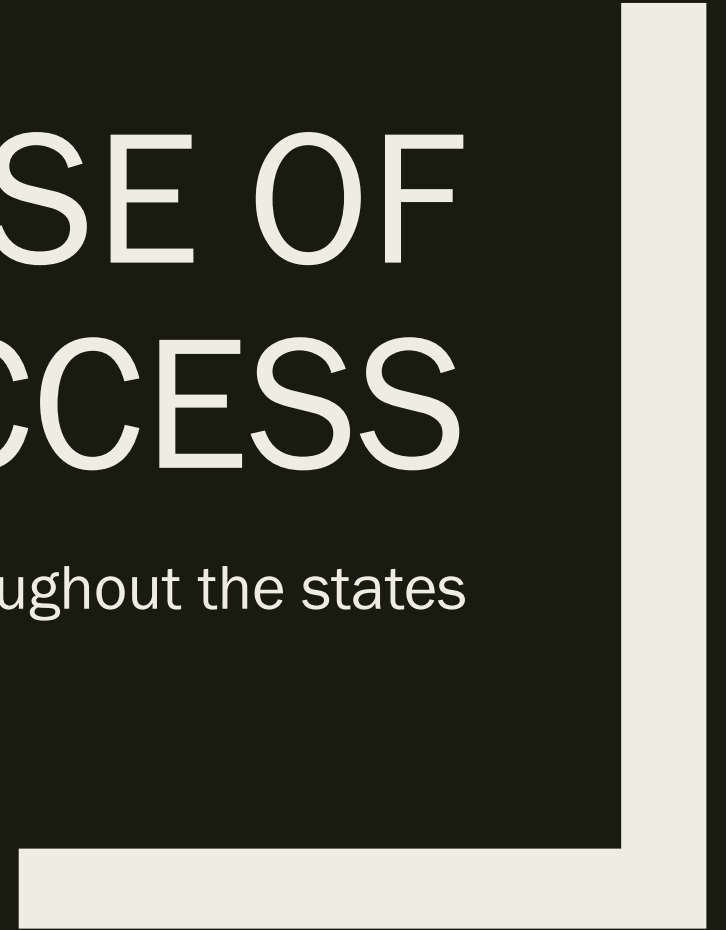
# Nevada NAC

- Assistive Technology Devices [NAC 388.023](#)
- Assistive Technology Services [NAC 388.024](#)



# THE MULTIVERSE OF ACCESS

Engaging policy from throughout the states





Does this look familiar?

DOES  
THIS  
LOOK  
FAMILIAR?







Does this look familiar?



WELL, THIS  
IS NOT THAT  
(WINK)



# DISCOVER POLICY

Get your “Sling Ring” ready!

- Review the various states represented around the room
- Consider what may be useful in your context
- Be prepared to share the things you found



# WHAT DID YOU FIND?





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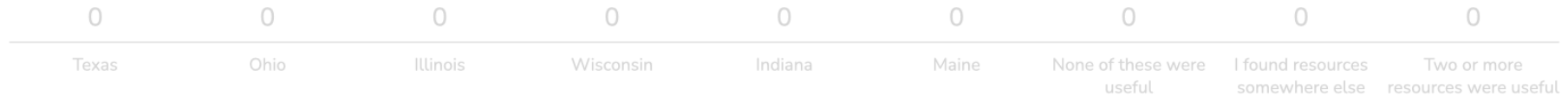


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## What Did You Find Useful?

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Get Feedback





THERE IS MORE TO  
BE DONE

# Q&A



We Appreciate You  
Tell Us How We Did



# Resources

- [Nevada Special Education Technology Assistance Project \(NSETAP\)](#)
- [Nevada Assistive Technology Collaborative](#)
- [Free and Appropriate Public Education \(FAPE\)](#)
- [Individuals With Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\)](#)
- [Rehabilitation Act](#)

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# Resources Continued

- Texas
  - [Texas Center for Disability Studies](#)
  - [Texas SPED Support](#)
  - [Texas Schools](#)
  - [Texas Schools +](#)

# Resources Continued

- Ohio
  - [Ohio state](#)
  - [Ohio Schools](#)
  - [Ohio Schools interpreters](#)
  - [Ohio AT Center](#)

# Resources Continued

- Illinois
  - [Illinois Assistive Technology Program](#)
  - [Illinois State Board of Ed](#)
  - [Illinois Dept of Human Services](#)
  - [Illinois Special Education Deaf, HH, Deaf Bind, Visually Impaired](#)

# Resources Continued

- Wisconsin
  - [Wisconsin State](#)
  - [Wisconsin Dept of Health and Human services](#)
  - [Wisconsin SPED](#)

# Resources Continued

- Indiana
  - [Indiana State \(Easterseals Crossroads\)](#)
  - [Indiana INDATA Deaf Community Services](#)
  - [Indiana Autism resource center](#)



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- Maine
  - [Maine State](#)
  - [Maine CITE \(Community Inclusion through Technology\)](#)
  - [Maine Dept of Health and Human Services](#)

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