**April 2018 Grassroots Group Summary**

# **Technology: Assistive, Adaptive, and Rehabilitative**

Suggested audience- Service providers, Individuals with disabilities, family members

**Summary**

Our April 24 event welcomed Eric Reed, the deputy director of Florida Alliance for Assistive Technology (FAAST), to learn about initiatives and programs that connect job seekers with the resources they need to thrive at work.

In his presentation, he walked through several programs that FAAST runs in Florida that help connect job seekers with the AT resources they need to thrive at work. FAAST is administered through the Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

**What it means for individuals and families**

The Alliance helps connect people with disabilities to low cost Assistive Technology through loan and ReUse programs. FAAST can fill a critical gap for devices that might not be covered by insurance or government funded supports.

**What can I do with this information?**If you are looking for Assistive Technology or serve someone who is, you can look up a regional demonstration center close to you and go visit them to get ideas about what kind of AT might be available.

**How can I contact the presenter?**

Eric joined FAAST in April 2015 following a thirteen year career in the banking industry. Eric is excited to trade in the corporate banking world for the opportunity to now work with individuals with disabilities throughout the state to find the funding they need to acquire assistive technology. He works closely with individuals throughout the application process, putting his experience in consumer and small business lending as well as his knowledge of financial and credit education to work.

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