

FY 2024 First Quarter Narrative for MATP

MATP at a Glance

of Demonstrations: 136

of Loans: 40 short-term loans, with 133 devices

of I& A Contacts: 124

of People Who Attended Trainings: 409

Savings: 3 state financing activities for 4 devices with a savings of \$4095. 7 open-ended loan/device reassignment in the categories of employment and community living for a total savings of \$1056.

of Devices Added to Inventory: 114

MATP Details/Activities

MATP, under the AT Act provides services through state level and state leadership categories. These are accomplished through demonstrations, short-term loans, information and assistance, public awareness, trainings, and technical assistance; along with device reassignment/refurbishment activities. Highlights for MATP this quarter include a national accessible transportation webinar hosted by AT3 Center and other program partners; whereby Kellie Blackwell, with MATP was a presenter and more than 250 people attended. MATP also spent time and attention on building up the communication portion of the device library, after having hired a Speech Language Pathologist as an AT Specialist. Additionally, many new and innovative items are being added and considered for the device inventory, some of these included: multiple switches and mounts for AAC devices, multiple adaptive spoons, a new Play Station adaptive controller, and a new hand-held video magnifier.

MATP Opportunities for Growth

MATP was awarded \$374,000 with a grant from the MI Health Endowment Fund; beginning in January 2024 for 2 years. This grant will focus on the northern lower region, as well as the counties in the Thumb. The local Area Agency on Aging, the Center's for Independent Living, and waiver agents are all on the advisory committee for this grant. This is a pilot program focused on rural communities that will allow for the purchase of AT for individuals who wouldn't otherwise have access for such devices through other programs and services. Direct purchase of AT items is not an allowable activity under the AT Act.

Other areas for growth continue to be the need to update portions of the website such as the lending library – to include all inventory available to Michigan participants, as well as the addition of a “reuse” section. This will be similar to the lending library, however it will be available for participants to view any devices that have been moved into reuse and available for people to obtain without having to give back or MATP maintaining ownership of the device(s.)