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Hello,

I've reviewed the AT plan and have some feedback.

1) Please add the word "more" here, as technology most often will help people be "more" independent as opposed to totally independent.

(tasks such as dressing or bathing) difficult.⁵ AT could assist individuals with disabilities or older adults in managing these self-care tasks independently.

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2) Regarding Goal 3, page 6, it's important to get the training to people at little or no cost. When I worked for the birth to 3 program we would pay the registration fee and provide a stipend to families to attend conferences, so they could afford child care and transportation costs. With the awareness that people with disabilities often live at or below the poverty line (fewer than \$2000 in assets) it's important to get the training to them at little or no cost. I watched a recent news spot, showing an elderly man at a nursing home providing practical instruction at a slow pace, regarding how to use technology, save pass words...concrete instruction at the place where they live. It may be easier to plan how to get instruction to a nursing home. But when people with disabilities live in the community, as we are proud is happening in Wisconsin, how can you get training and instruction to people in their natural environments? I believe you will need layers of training, conferences, regional workshops, and targeted caregiver trainings so these caregivers can bring the support into the homes of people with disabilities and frail elders who are living within home settings. Without layers of training, you will only reach the small portion of people who have the awareness and resources to attend conferences.

Thanks for the work that you do.

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