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WILN COMMENTS ON WISCONSIN STATE PLAN FOR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY 2018-1020

The WILN (Wisconsin Independent Living Network AT group) met on 6/6/18 to discuss and offer comment to the SPAT (state plan for assistive technology) to offer comment on the final draft.

Overall we were very positive on the SPAT and look forward to further enhancing Wisconsin's AT network.

Our comments are as follows

Goal 2 - We wonder if there is more detail on increasing sustainability of the program particularly on the federal AT act. We recommend a robust effort in maintaining and increasing the advocacy for program on the federal level.

Goals 3 & 4 – Both goals mention increasing the number of providers that are ATP (assistive technology Professional) certified. We assume that is the RESNA certification? Are there other entities or groups that this would pertain to other than the ILCs?

Funding levels. We understand and appreciate the funding levels are portrayed in percentages as we won't know the funding levels in any given year of the plan. The split between state level activities (at least 60%) and state leadership activities (no more than 40%). How is the split between state level activities and state leadership activities determined? Also it will be helpful to know the dollar amounts when that becomes available.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the WILN AT group.

