



# Welcome to the Tools for Life Advisory Council

**Tuesday, March 8, 2016**

**We are Glad You are Here!**

# Welcome!

- This is a dialogue and Your Input Matters!**  
**We will respect your time and stay on time**  
**Take a restroom break as you need**  
**We try our best to host disability friendly meetings**
- **Materials on TFLWiki**
  - **Say your name before you speak**
  - **And Speak slowly**



# TOOLS FOR LIFE Advisory Council Agenda

**10:30 AM - Welcome & Introductions - Carolyn Phillips, TFL Director & PI**

**10:40 AM – Update - Budget FY 15 and FY16 Discussion – Carolyn**

**11:00 AM - TFL Data 2015 - overview - Carolyn**

**11:15 AM - Georgia State Plan for AT (2015-2017) – Carolyn**

**11:30 AM – Awards Discussion (Potential Vote by AC) – Carolyn**

**11:50 – Update and Discussion of State Financing Activity – Credit-Able (Potential Vote by AC) – Carolyn & Danny Housley**

**12:15 PM to 1:00 PM - Break and Grab Lunch**

**12:45 PM – During Lunch – What’s New -AT Solutions Lab – Ben Jacobs**





# TFL Updates - Direct Service

## 1:00 PM – TFL Updates!

### Direct Service (Demo, Loan, AT Reuse and State Financing)

#### Demo

Expanding! ADRC Collaboration – Rachel Wilson

GLASS Collaboration – Carolyn & Martha

Universal Design for Learning (UDL) & AT Lab at Kennesaw State University – Ben & Pat Satterfield

#### AT Loan Library

Should we put the AT Loan Library Online? Discussion

#### AT Reuse

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Collaboration – Carolyn & Chris

AT Reuse & Medicaid - Carolyn & Chris

AT Reuse for People with ALS Pilot – Carolyn, Rachel & Martha

#### State Financing

Dollars & Sense Update - Danny

AT Co-op(s) - Carolyn





# TFL Updates on State Leadership

## **State Leadership** (Conferences, Trainings, Public Awareness, Collaborations, State Outcomes)

GATE 2015 Conference and 2016 Collaboration Plans - Ben. S

IDEAS 2016 Plans – Liz, Gina and Carolyn

High School/High Tech Videos (Vocational Rehabilitation) – Carolyn

AT & Aging Conference – Carolyn & Liz

Potential National Parks Collaboration – Carolyn

National Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference - AT Solutions Lab & App! - Rachel

International Learning Disabilities Association Conference - AT Solutions Lab & App! – Carolyn, Rachel & Martha

MOOC ICT Accessibility Course – Carolyn

Training & Public Awareness Activities Updates and Highlights – Liz

Webinar Updates & Schedule – Liz

AppFinder Updates – Ben J.

Accessible Voting – Danny & Carolyn

State Hospital Collaboration – Carolyn

Nursing Home Transition Pilot – Rachel

AT Governance Committee Update – Carolyn

Student Advisory Council Concept - Carolyn



# TFL Network Updates!

- **2:45 PM - Updates from the TFL Network**
  - Advisory Council Members
  - Disability Connections
  - CREATE
  - FODAC
  - Walton Options
- **3:20 PM - Next Steps, Confirm next Dates/Locations and Wrap Up**
- **3:30 PM – Adjourn**

# Tentative Dates for Next Meetings

1. June 8th - 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at IDEAS Conference on St. Simon's Island
2. September 15th - 10:30 am - 3:30 pm at FODAC
3. December 7th - 10:30 am - 3:30 pm at TFL State Office at AMAC

# Also!

## Our Creative Trail and Bridge Building is working.







# WELCOME to the TFL Team!

- ✓ Danny Housley – AT Funding and Resource Specialist
- ✓ Sam Peters – Intern from Clemson University

We are Happy You are Here!



Georgia's Assistive  
Technology Act Program

# Tools for Life: Mission

Tools for Life increases access to and acquisition of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services for Georgians of all ages and disabilities so they can live, learn, work, and play independently in the communities of their choice.



## Tools for Life: Mission

### Our Mission – Focus on this Mission

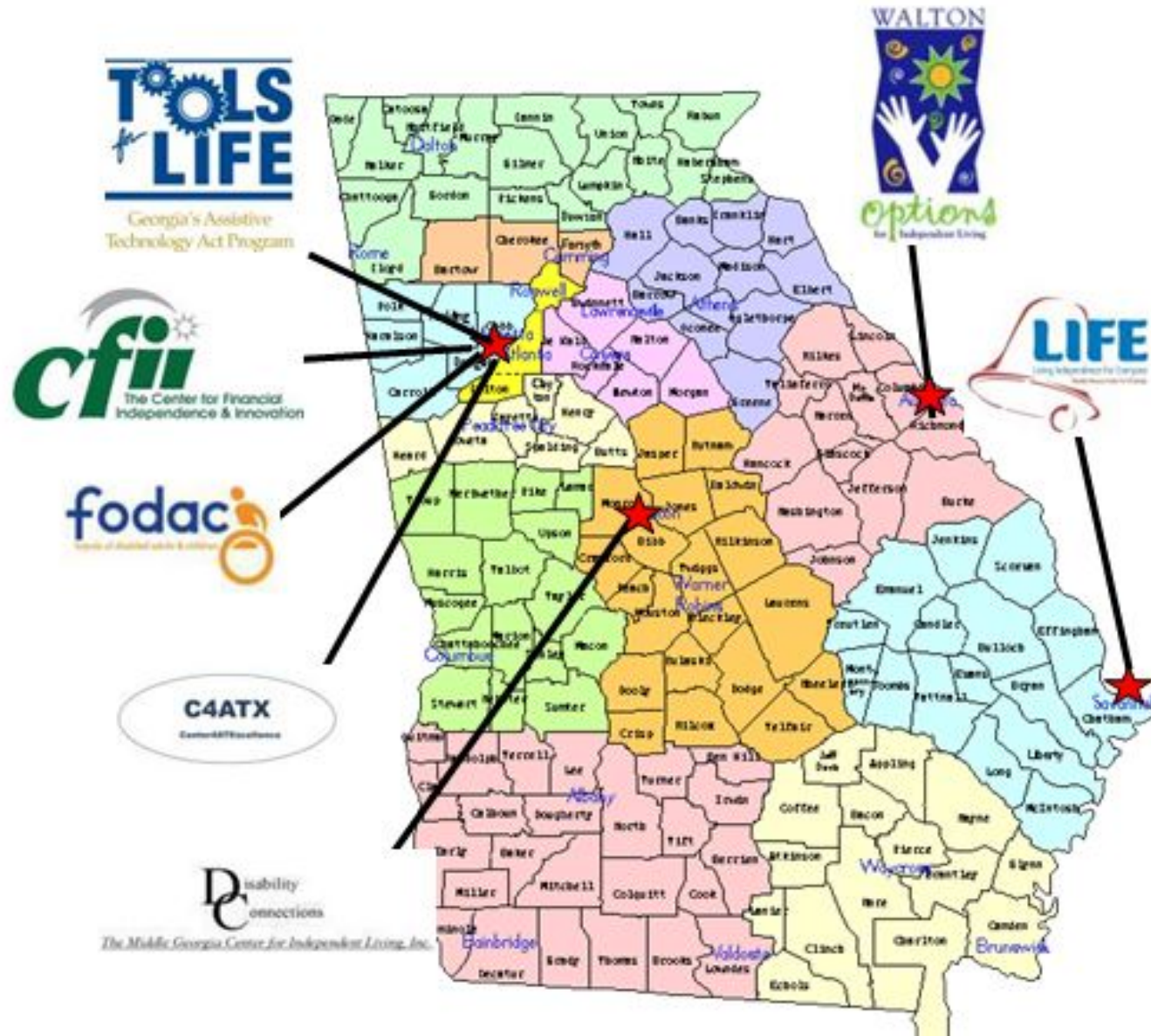
**(Avoid Mission Creep – If it doesn't meet this criteria – Then we shouldn't do it!)**

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# The Tools for Life Network

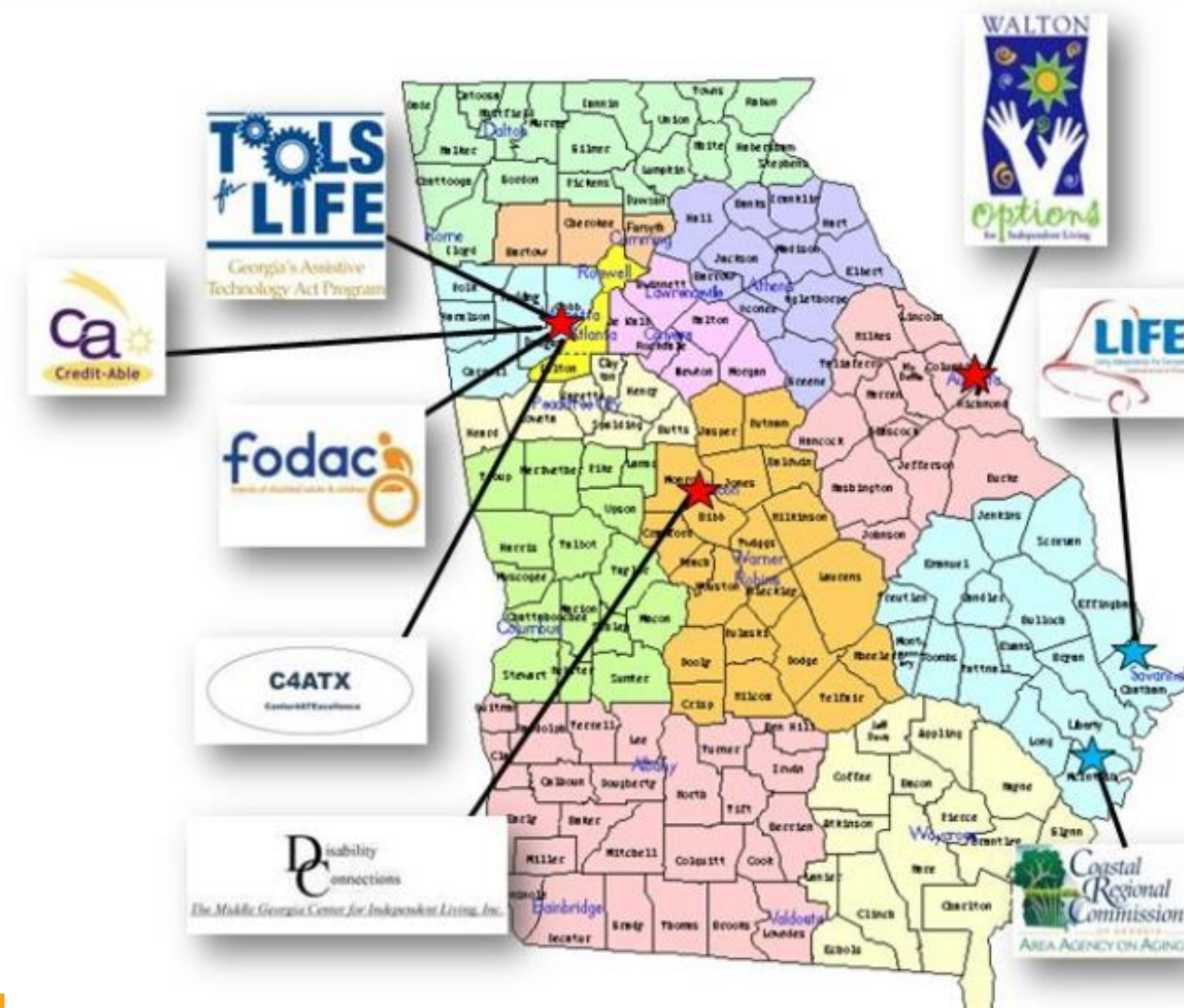
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# The Tools for Life Network is Growing!

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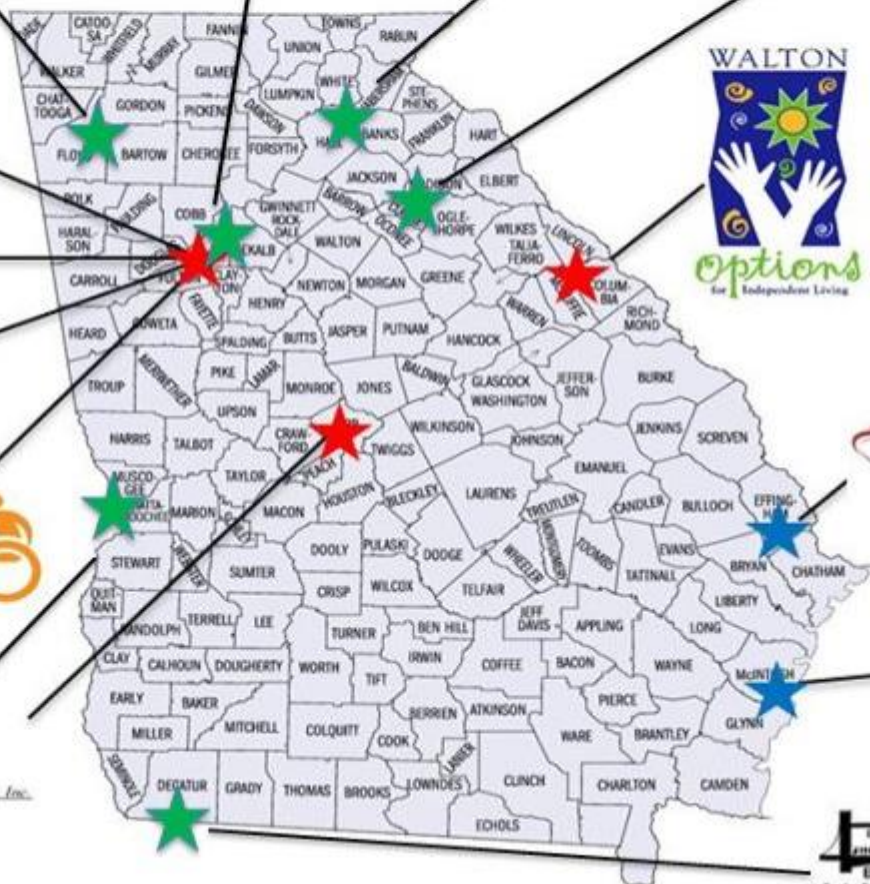




# and Growing!



The Middle Georgia Center for Independent Living, Inc.





# How Georgians Use to Find Us

## Traditional Methods

- Word of mouth
- Booth / Expo
- Presentations
- Print materials
- Yellow Pages



# Georgians are now finding us through...

- Gatfl.org Website
- Google
- Social Media
  - Facebook
  - Twitter
  - LinkedIn
  - Pinterest





# Social Media explained...

**TWITTER:** I'm eating a #donut

**FACEBOOK:** I like donuts

**INSTAGRAM:** Here's a vintage photo of my donut

**LINKEDIN:** My skills include donut eating

**PINTEREST:** Here's a donut recipe

**GOOGLE+:** I'm a Google employee who eats donuts



# **Move from Department of Education to Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)**

**Carolyn Phillips**

the WHITE HOUSE PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA



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## The President Signs the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

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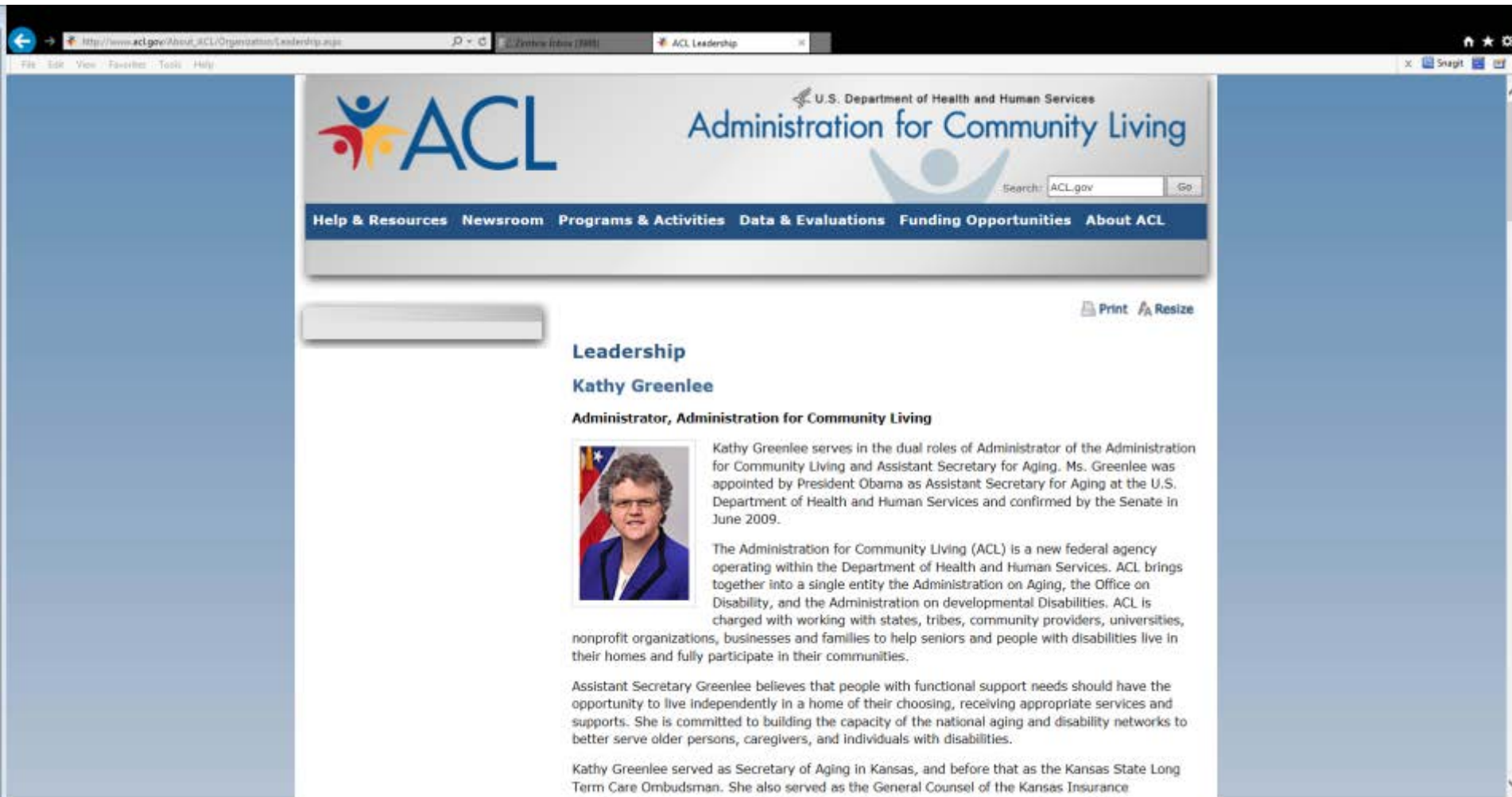
# ACL



The screenshot shows the ACL Administration for Community Living website. The browser address bar displays <http://www.acl.gov/index.aspx>. The website header features the ACL logo (a stylized figure in red, orange, and blue) and the text "U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living". A search bar is present with the text "ACL.gov" and a "Go" button. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: "Help & Resources", "Newsroom", "Programs & Activities", "Data & Evaluations", "Funding Opportunities", and "About ACL". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled "FEATURES", lists: "Elder Abuse", "Hispanic Heritage Month", "WIO Act" (highlighted with a red square), "Get ACL Updates", and "Learn About ACL". The right column features a large banner with the text "NEW LAW EXPANDS ACL'S CAPACITY TO SERVE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES" over a background image of the U.S. Capitol dome. Below the banner is a row of five icons representing different programs: "Aging Programs" (magnifying glass over a globe), "Developmental Disability Programs" (map of the United States), "AIDD Programs & Activities" (AIDD logo), "AoA Programs & Activities" (AoA logo), and "Learn About ACL Initiatives" (lightbulb icon).



# Kathy Greenlee



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the ACL (Administration for Community Living) website. The browser's address bar shows the URL [http://www.acl.gov/About\\_ACL/Organization/Leadership.aspx](http://www.acl.gov/About_ACL/Organization/Leadership.aspx). The website header features the ACL logo, the text "U.S. Department of Health and Human Services", and "Administration for Community Living". A search bar contains "ACL.gov". A navigation menu includes links for "Help & Resources", "Newsroom", "Programs & Activities", "Data & Evaluations", "Funding Opportunities", and "About ACL". Below the navigation menu, there is a "Leadership" section. Under "Leadership", "Kathy Greenlee" is listed as the "Administrator, Administration for Community Living". To the left of the text is a portrait photo of Kathy Greenlee. The text describes her role and appointment by President Obama in June 2009. It also provides a brief overview of the ACL's mission and structure. At the bottom, it mentions her previous roles as Secretary of Aging in Kansas and as the Kansas State Long Term Care Ombudsman.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Community Living

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## Leadership

### Kathy Greenlee

**Administrator, Administration for Community Living**



Kathy Greenlee serves in the dual roles of Administrator of the Administration for Community Living and Assistant Secretary for Aging. Ms. Greenlee was appointed by President Obama as Assistant Secretary for Aging at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and confirmed by the Senate in June 2009.

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is a new federal agency operating within the Department of Health and Human Services. ACL brings together into a single entity the Administration on Aging, the Office on Disability, and the Administration on Developmental Disabilities. ACL is charged with working with states, tribes, community providers, universities, nonprofit organizations, businesses and families to help seniors and people with disabilities live in their homes and fully participate in their communities.

Assistant Secretary Greenlee believes that people with functional support needs should have the opportunity to live independently in a home of their choosing, receiving appropriate services and supports. She is committed to building the capacity of the national aging and disability networks to better serve older persons, caregivers, and individuals with disabilities.

Kathy Greenlee served as Secretary of Aging in Kansas, and before that as the Kansas State Long Term Care Ombudsman. She also served as the General Counsel of the Kansas Insurance

# Update - Budget

- Update - Budget FY 15 and FY16 Discussion
- Educated and received a rotating No Cost Extension (NCE)
- \$1,000,000 increase in 2016! \$22,000 for Georgia.  
GREAT JOB!
- In the President's 2017 Budget
- Understanding the Health and Human Services (HHS) Budget Cycle

# FY 15, FY16 Budget Discussion & possible FY 17

**Carolyn Phillips**

# A Look Back

- First stage of fiscal cliff negotiations were reached in the early hours of Jan. 1, 2013
  - Extended the Bush-Era Tax cuts on everyone but singles making \$400,000 per year and couples making \$450,000
    - Many other tax issues resolved and extended
  - Sequestration delayed for two months – until March 1
  - Debt limit untouched



## A Look Back (cont'd)

- The delayed sequester did not come without a price.
- Total cost of the delay was \$24 billion – \$12 billion paid for by cutting discretionary funds
  - \$6 billion from defense
  - \$6 billion from non-defense discretionary

# Questions?



# Update - TFL Data & State Plan

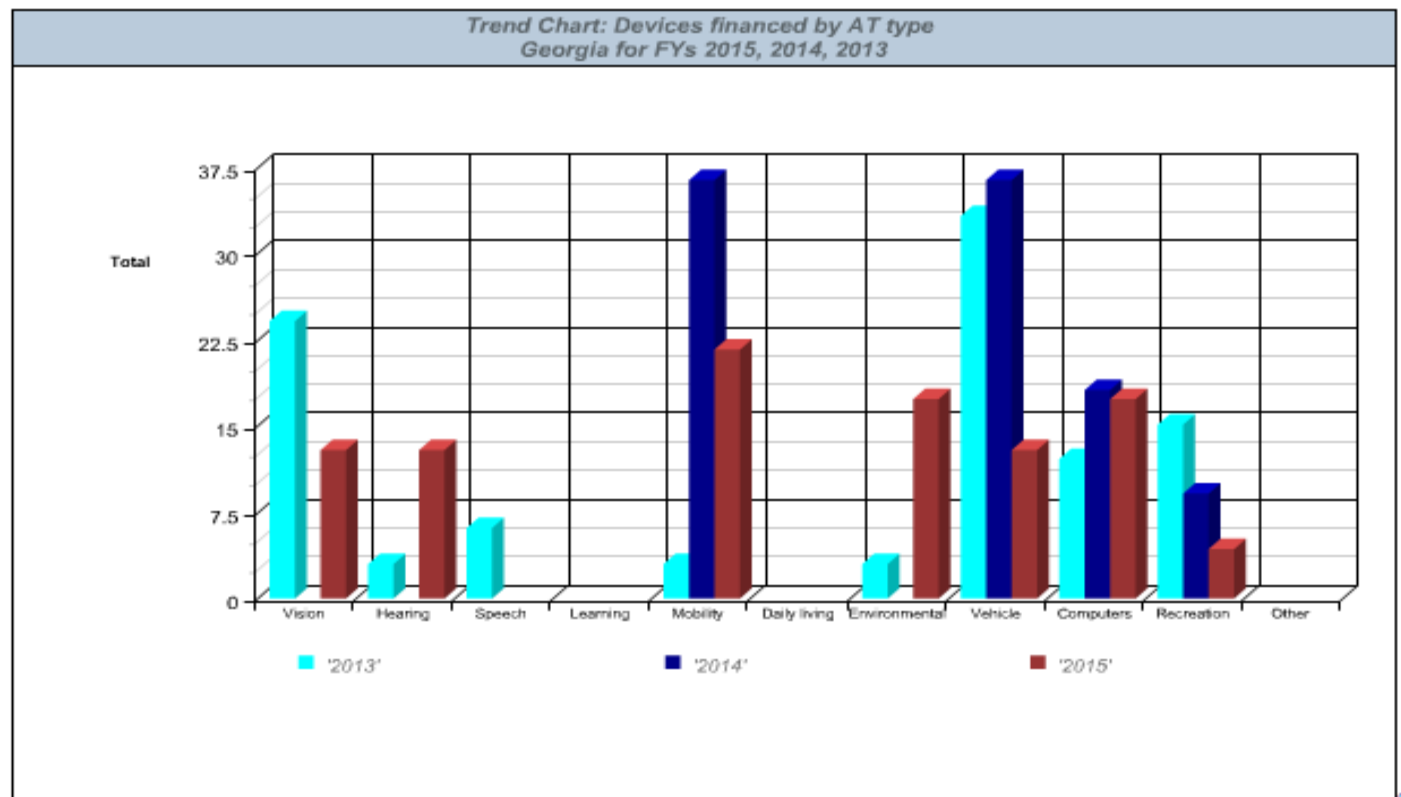
# Five Year Data Summary

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
SFA Cash Loans Made	773	768	757	631	731
SFA Devices Acquired	2,760	2,957	2,848	2,976	2,899
SFA Savings Devices	2,079	1,140	3,764	5,557	4,089
Reused Devices Acquired	38,616	50,223	49,325	57,745	64,617
Devices Borrowed	46,147	47,073	49,038	47,669	48,626
Demonstration Participants	53,487	59,935	60,480	68,070	66,571
Training Participants	108,047	116,211	121,505	118,244	120,483
I&A Recipients	295,381	333,029	427,415	414,061	336,370

## Trend Chart: Devices financed by AT type

### Georgia for FYs 2015, 2014, 2013

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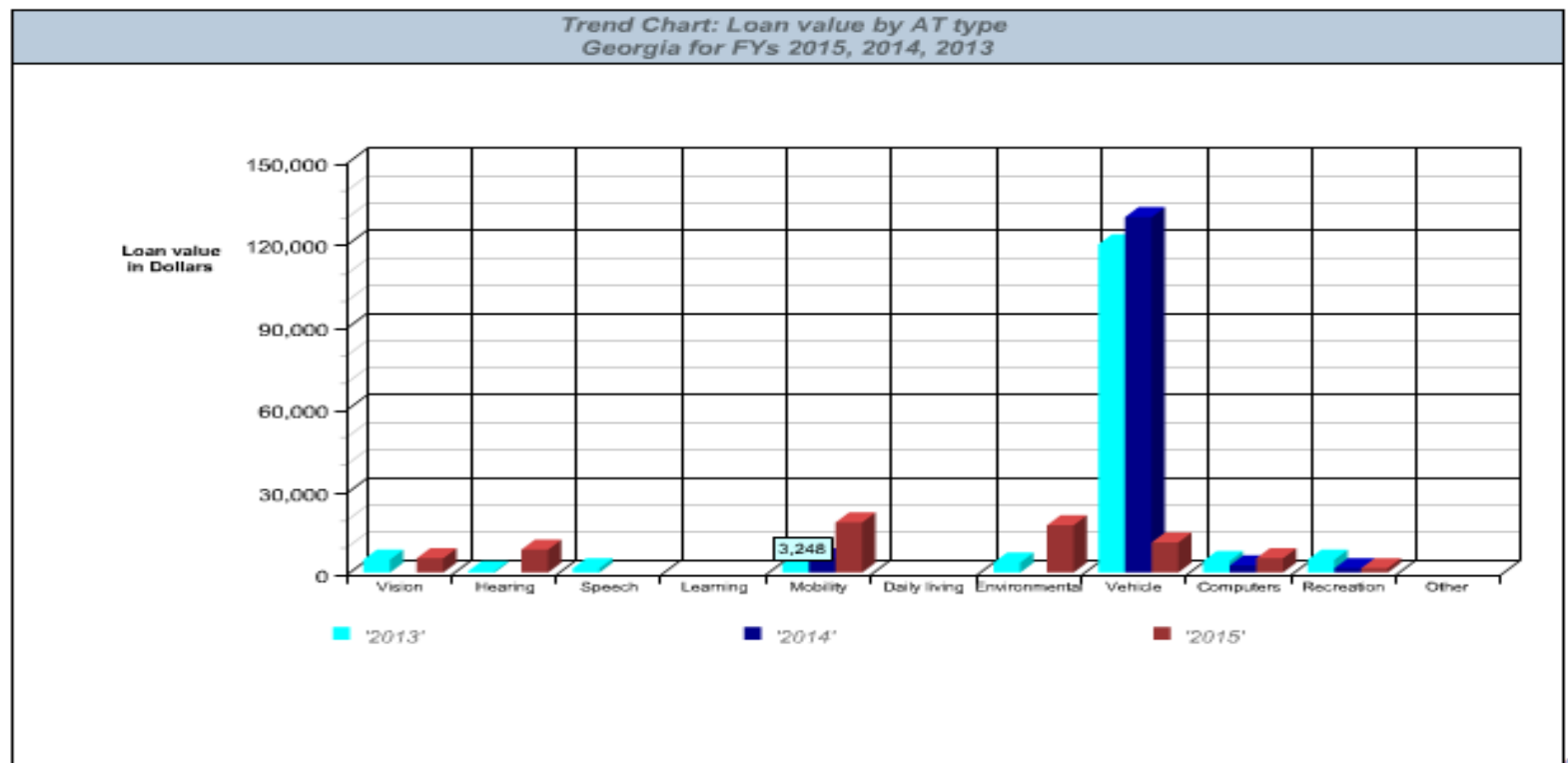
Year	Total number of devices financed	Vision	Hearing	Speech communication	Learning, cognition, and developmental	Mobility, seating, and positioning	Daily living	Environmental adaptations	Vehicle modification and transportation	Computers and related	Recreation, sports, and leisure	Other AT Types
2013	33	24.2%	3.0%	6.1%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	3.0%	33.3%	12.1%	15.2%	0.0%
2014	22	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	36.4%	0.0%	0.0%	36.4%	18.2%	9.1%	0.0%
2015	23	13.0%	13.0%	0.0%	0.0%	21.7%	0.0%	17.4%	13.0%	17.4%	4.3%	0.0%

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## Trend Chart: Loan value by AT type

### Georgia for FYs 2015, 2014, 2013

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Year	Total dollar value of loans issued by financial loan programs	Dollar value of loans for vision AT	Dollar value of loans for hearing AT	Dollar value of loans for speech AT	Dollar value of loans for learning AT	Dollar value of loans for mobility AT	Dollar value of loans for daily living AT	Dollar value of loans for environmental adaptations AT	Dollar value of loans for vehicle modification AT	Dollar value of loans for computer AT	Dollar value of loans for recreation AT	Dollar value of loans for other AT
2013	\$141,519	\$4,576	\$39	\$1,595	\$0	\$3,248	\$0	\$3,700	\$119,743	\$3,929	\$4,689	\$0
2014	\$138,984	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,300	\$0	\$0	\$129,539	\$2,702	\$1,443	\$0
2015	\$67,075	\$5,387	\$8,589	\$0	\$0	\$18,104	\$0	\$17,300	\$11,000	\$5,195	\$1,500	\$0

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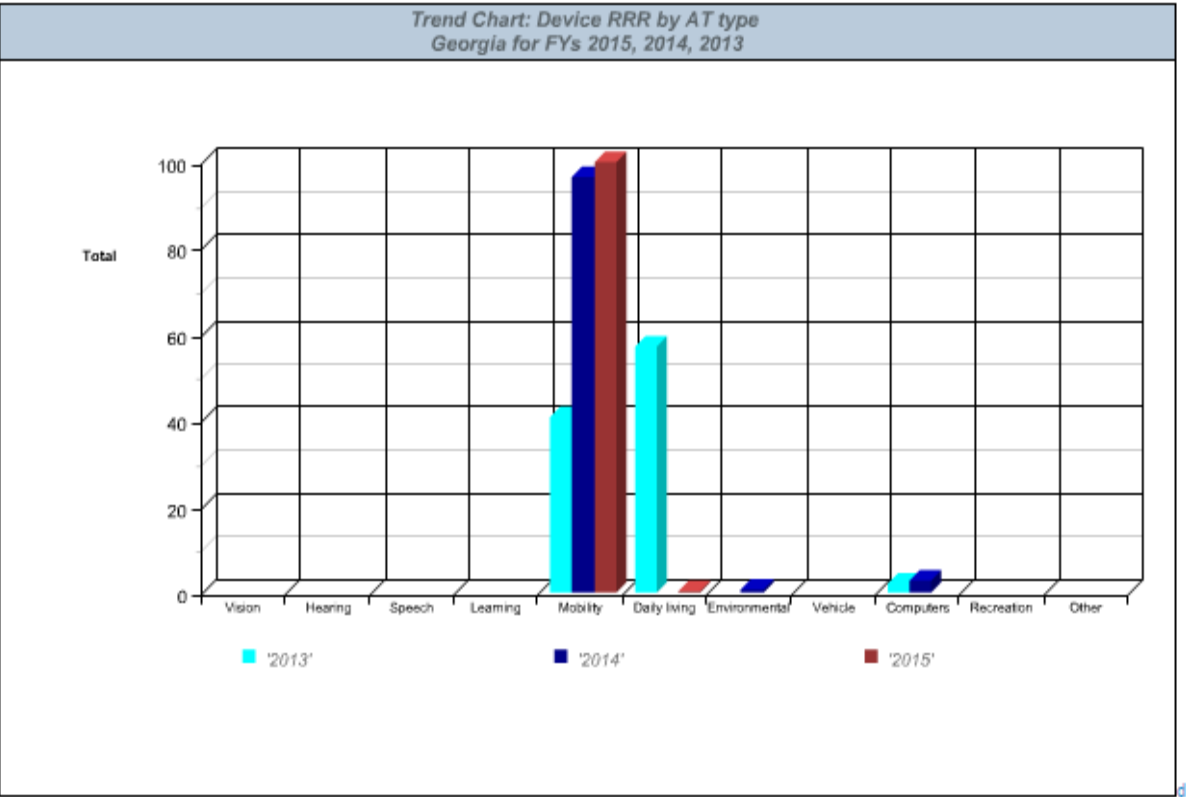
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# Trend Chart: Device RRR by AT type

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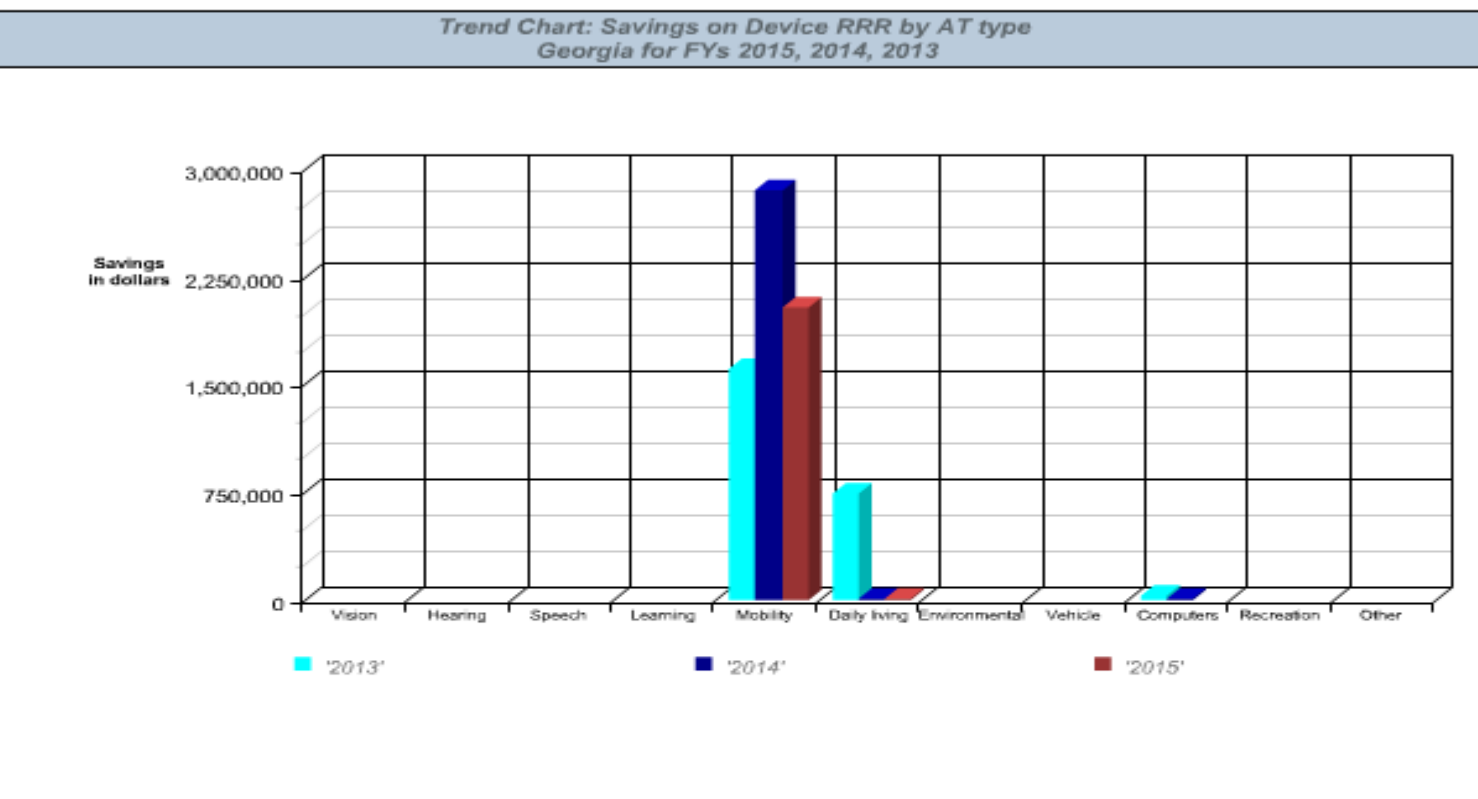
Year	Total number of devices reassigned/refurbished/repaired	Vision	Hearing	Speech communication	Learning, cognition, and developmental	Mobility, seating, and positioning	Daily living	Environmental adaptations	Vehicle modification and transportation	Computers and related	Recreation, sports, and leisure	Other AT Types
2013	4,146	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	40.9%	57.2%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%
2014	4,869	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	96.6%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%
2015	4,130	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	99.9%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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# Trend Chart: Savings on Device RRR by AT type

Georgia for FYs 2015, 2014, 2013

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Year	Total Dollar amount RRR saved consumers	Dollar amount saved on vision AT	Dollar amount saved on hearing AT	Dollar amount saved on speech AT	Dollar amount saved on learning AT	Dollar amount saved on mobility AT	Dollar amount saved on daily living AT	Dollar amount saved on environmental adaptations AT	Dollar amount saved on vehicle modification AT	Dollar amount saved on computer AT	Dollar amount saved on recreation AT	Dollar amount saved on other AT
2013	\$2,379,277	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,609,686	\$737,964	\$0	\$0	\$31,627	\$0	\$0
2014	\$2,866,855	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,854,695	\$31	\$0	\$0	\$12,129	\$0	\$0
2015	\$2,035,055	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,034,873	\$182	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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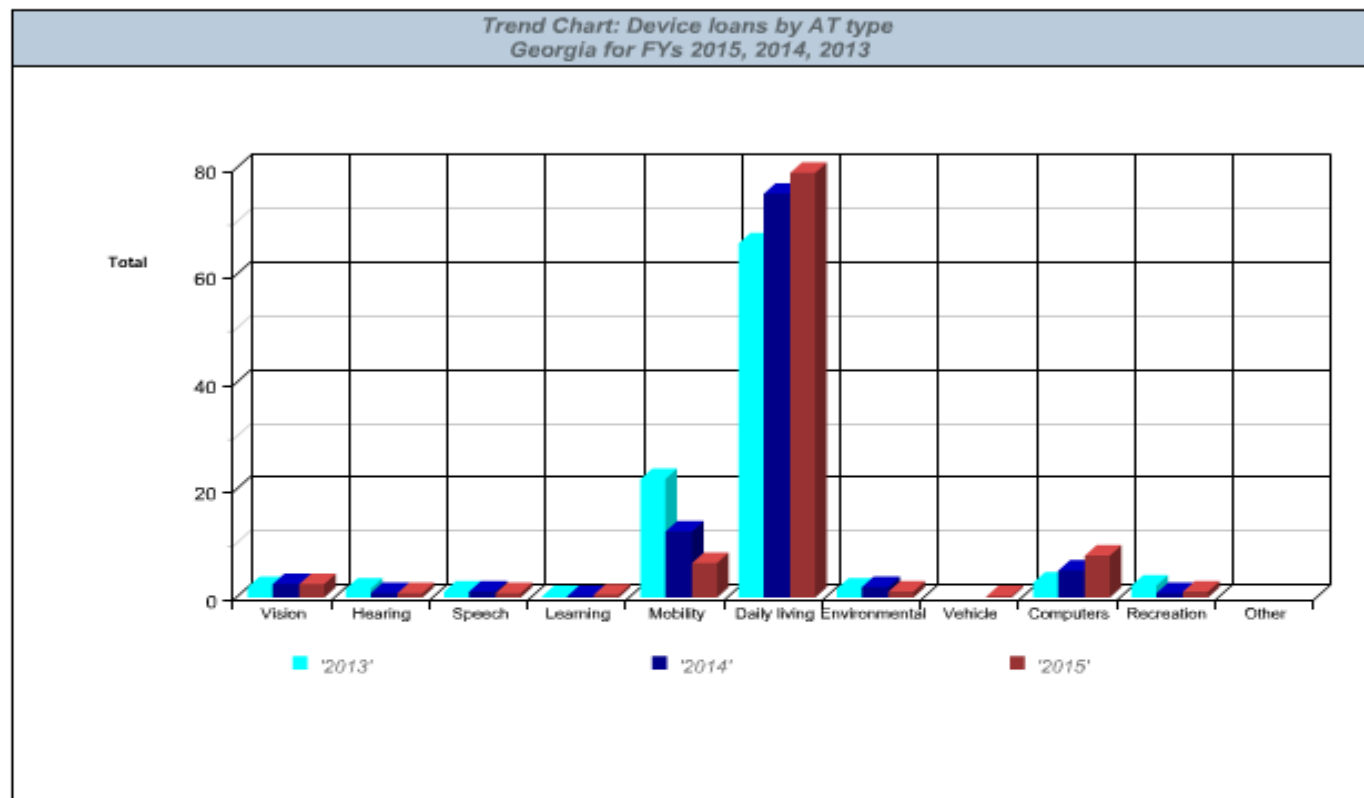
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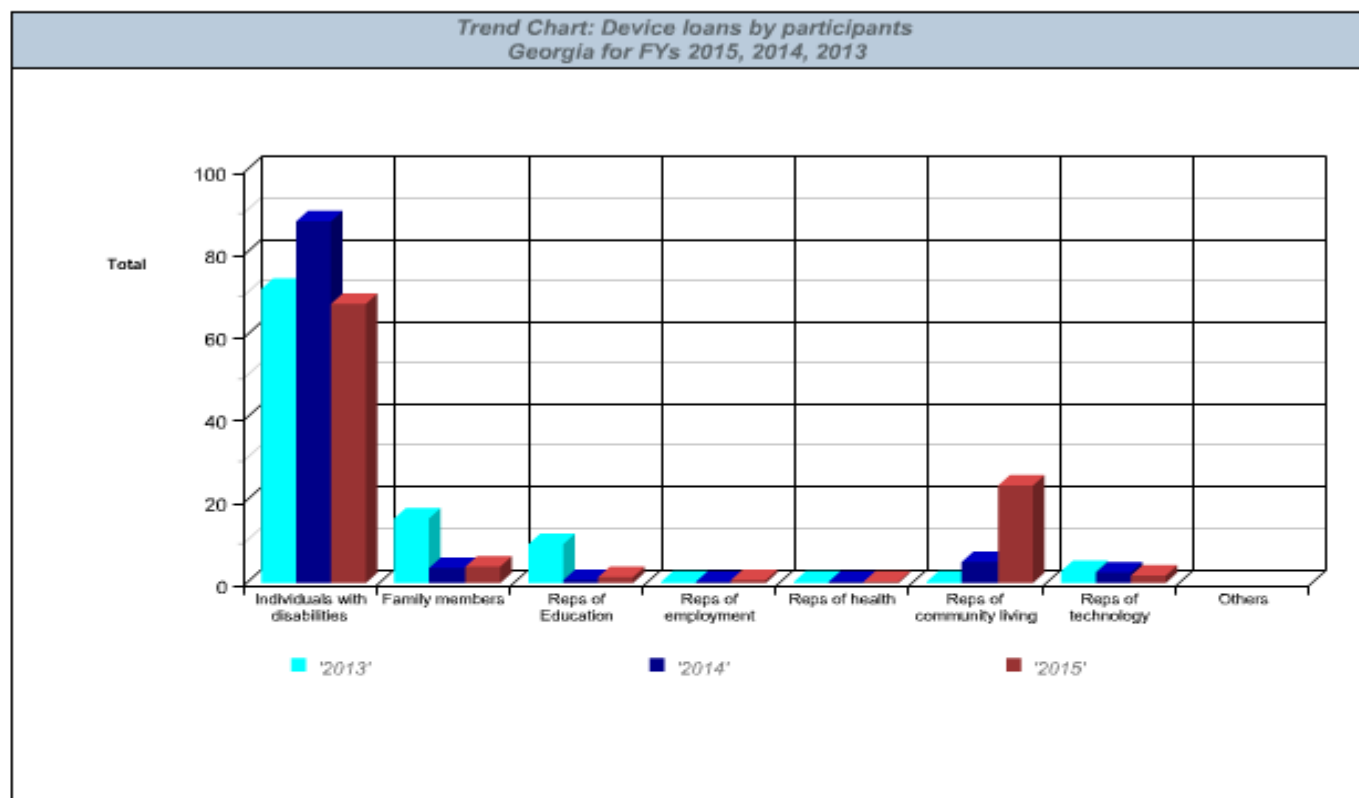
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2013	1,337	2.0%	1.6%	1.0%	0.2%	22.2%	66.0%	1.8%	0.0%	2.8%	2.3%	0.0%
2014	1,121	2.6%	0.9%	1.1%	0.4%	12.2%	75.3%	1.9%	0.0%	5.0%	0.7%	0.0%
2015	1,517	2.4%	0.9%	0.9%	0.5%	6.5%	79.1%	1.0%	0.1%	7.7%	1.0%	0.0%

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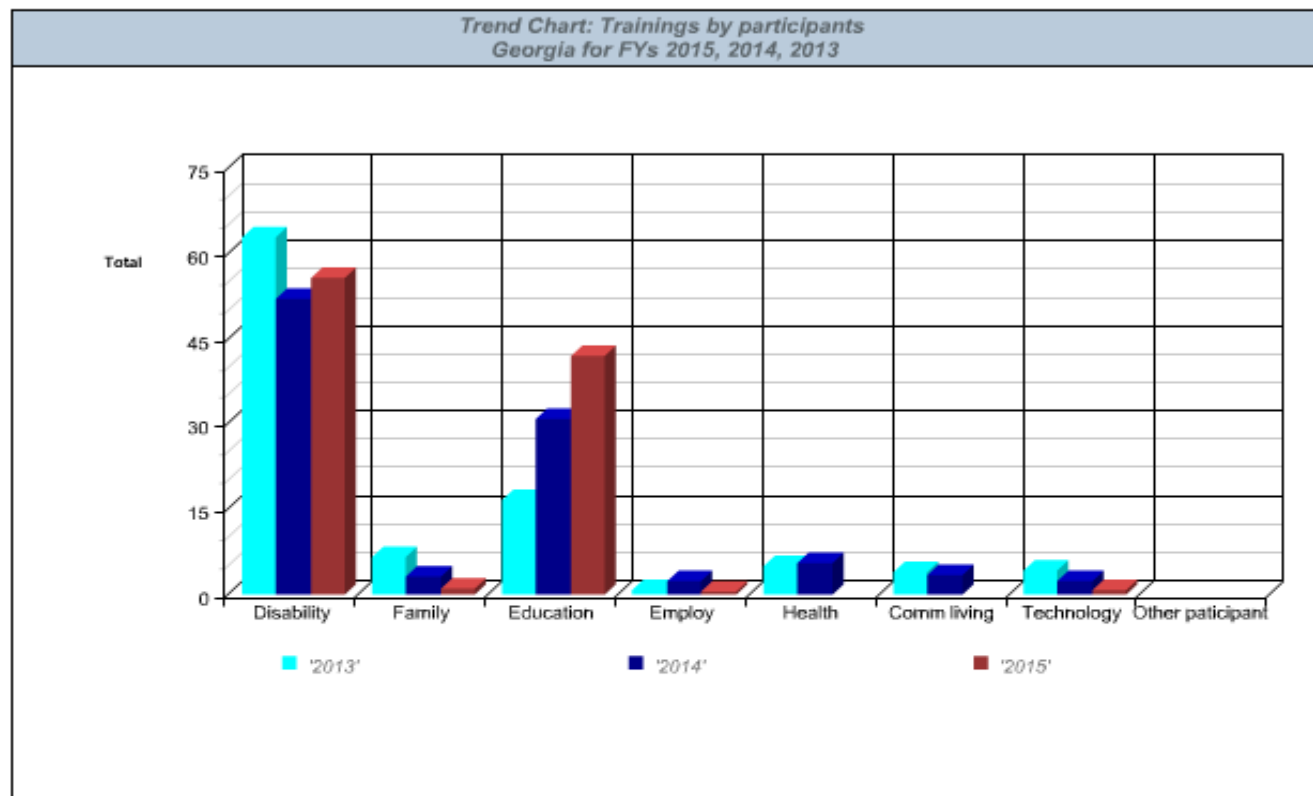
Year	Total number of individuals who received device loans	Individuals with disabilities	Family members, guardians, and authorized representatives	Representatives of Education	Representatives of employment	Representatives of health, allied health, and rehabilitation	Representatives of community living	Representatives of technology	Other Participants
2013	1,337	71.4%	15.7%	9.5%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	2.9%	0.0%
2014	1,121	87.5%	3.7%	0.9%	0.1%	0.1%	5.1%	2.7%	0.0%
2015	1,517	67.6%	4.0%	1.5%	0.9%	0.5%	23.8%	1.7%	0.0%

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## Trend Chart: Trainings by participants

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Year	Total Individuals who participated in trainings	Individuals with disabilities	Family members, guardians, and authorized representatives	Representatives of Education	Representatives of employment	Representatives of health, allied health, and rehabilitation	Representatives of community living	Representatives of technology	Other Participants
2013	6,155	62.9%	6.5%	16.7%	0.8%	4.9%	4.0%	4.1%	0.0%
2014	6,368	52.1%	3.2%	31.0%	2.3%	5.6%	3.5%	2.3%	0.0%
2015	6,470	55.7%	1.0%	41.9%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%

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# TFL Awards Discussion

- **Awards Discussion (Potential Vote by AC) – Carolyn**

# Credit-Able

- Washington, DC Meetings – Capital Impact, CDFI and HHS
- Regions Bank Partnership Exploration
- Vehicle Modification Summit
- NEED: Capital for more AT Loans!

# CDFI



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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FUND

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Awardee Profiles Details

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#### Center for Financial Independence & Innovation

Decatur, GA

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Sherry Sidair  
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**Organizational profile:**  
Center for Financial Independence and Innovation (CFII) is a certified CDFI established in 2007. CFII serves people with disabilities living in Georgia and provides loans for adaptive technology and assisted living purposes as well as related technical assistance. CFII will use its FY 2014 Technical Assistance award to build its capacity to serve its target market.

TA 2014 Award/Allocation
<b>Amount</b>
\$124,035
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# Lunch and then – What's New – AT Solutions Lab

**Ben Jacobs**

# What questions do you have?





# **Direct Service Activities, Data & Ideas**

**AT Demonstrations**

**AT Equipment Loans**

**AT Reuse**

**State Financing**

# Direct Service

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**Trainings**

**Webinars**

**Website**

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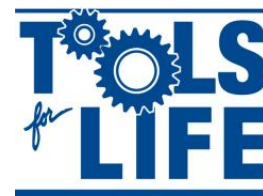
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# IDEAS 2015

## Another Huge Success



Thank You – Gina, Liz, Rachel, Ben and Martha!

# Updates from the Tools for Life Network

**Everyone**

# Thank You!

thank you



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