

# ICT for EOO

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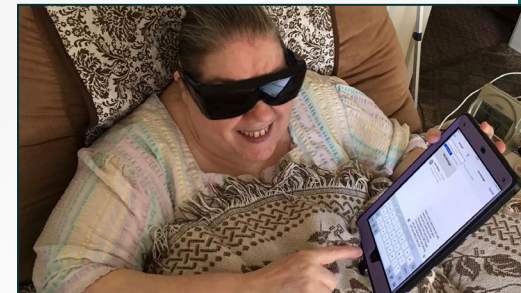


# Idaho Assistive Technology Project

- Section 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- <https://idahoat.org/>
- Cross-disability, lifespan assistance services
- Information and referral
- Public awareness
- Training and technical assistance
- AT consultations
  - Education
  - Employment
  - Private pay



- Idaho SESTA- SDE
- iCanConnect Idaho: Deaf/Blind Equipment Distribution
- Idaho Digital Accessibility Consortium
- Alternate Financing
- Tools 4 Life
- AgrAbility



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# Idaho Digital Accessibility Consortium

- An informal group of stakeholders from state agencies and the disability community.
- Its mission is to improve the accessibility of information and resources published by agencies for Idahoans.
- The Idaho Assistive Technology Project is a key stakeholder, providing the resources to provide technical assistance, support and training, free of charge, to IDAC stakeholders!

The logo for the Idaho Digital Accessibility Consortium (IDAC) features the letters 'IDAC' in a large, black, sans-serif font. To the right of the letters is a circular icon containing a stylized wheelchair symbol. The logo is positioned on a white rectangular background that is part of a larger graphic element on the right side of the slide, which includes vertical bars in teal, grey, and red.

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# What is “AT”?

- “Any item, piece of equipment, software program, or product system that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of persons with disabilities.”
  - Assistive Technology Industry Association

<https://www.atia.org/at-resources/what-is-at/>

# Definition - Accessibility

The ability to access an environment or experience regardless of ability. This includes both the physical and digital world!

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# Myth Busting

- Myths:
  - Digital accessibility is for a minority of the audience we need to reach
  - Digital accessibility is expensive and time consuming

# Digital Accessibility Is For Everyone - Inaccessible Example

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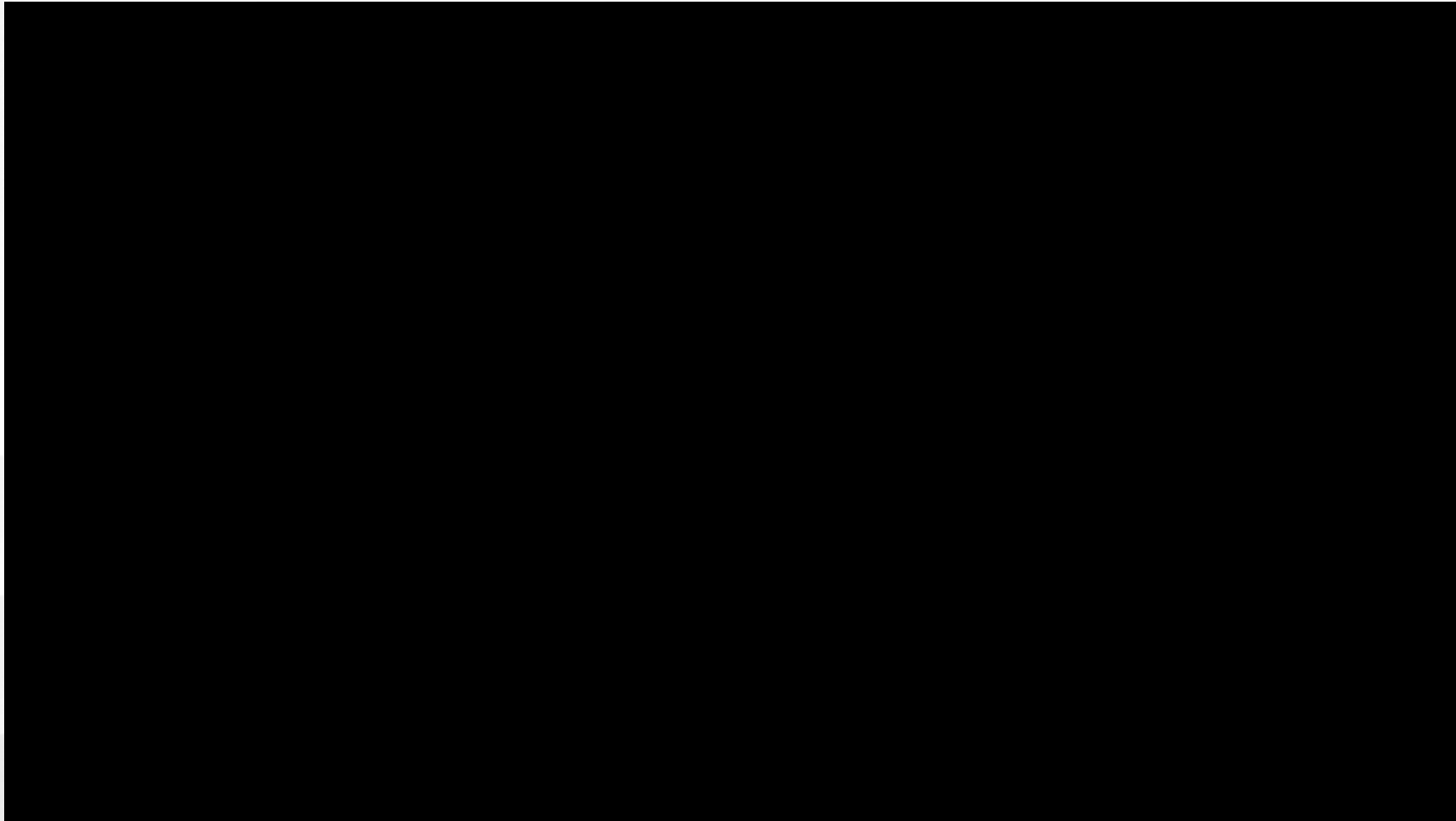
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# Recorded Demonstration



# Accessibility is Affordable

The only cost to organizations to create accessible document/communications is training creators!

As the creator learns to apply the new skills there may be a slower turn-around time for content creation request, initially.

The more complex a communication/content is the more time it may require to create accessible, and there may be some added costs for effective tools to help creators along the way with larger, more complex documents/communications

- keep it simple!

# First Steps

Know your audience, and the tools they use, to access available content/communication.

Remember that you cannot really know the abilities of your audience members!

Seek training to meet specific content creators, or managers, needs.

# Wrap-up/Questions?

- Request assistance/additional training
  - <https://idahoat.org/resources/info-comm>
    - “IDAC Needs Assessment Survey”
- IATP
  - [www.idahoat.org](http://www.idahoat.org)
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