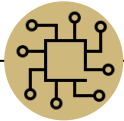


Accessing Technology Solutions for Community Living



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AGENDA

- Introduction
- Ubiquity of Technology
- Technology for Community Living
- Driving Innovation through Disruption
- Advancing Technology First
- Be an Agent of Change





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The mission of the Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities is to catalyze and integrate advances in technology to promote a meaningful quality of life for people with cognitive disabilities and their families.



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Technology Solutions

- Assistive Technology
- Accessible Technology
- Applied Cognitive Technology
- Mainstream Technology
- Enabling Technology
- Technology Supports



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Ubiquity of Technology



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92%

92% of the world's currency is digital (Forbes, 2020)



77.7 Million

In 2020, 77.7 million people are expected to experience augmented reality (AR) at least once per month.
(eMarketer, 2020)



71%

71% of U.S. adults who earn less than \$30,000 annually own a smartphone (Pew Research Center, 2019)



306 Billion

2020 forecast - 306 billion emails sent daily worldwide
(Statista, 2019)



\$120 Billion

In 2019, consumers spent \$120 billion on apps, subscriptions and other in-app spending (TechCrunch, 2020)



3x

By 2023, the number of employees with disabilities will triple due to artificial intelligence and emerging technologies that reduce or remove barriers to access. (Gartner, 2020)



30%

30% of U.S. adults have used a dating site or app
(Pew Research Center, 2020)



1%

1% of the general population may qualify for a potential diagnosis of Internet Gaming Disorder (APA, 2020)

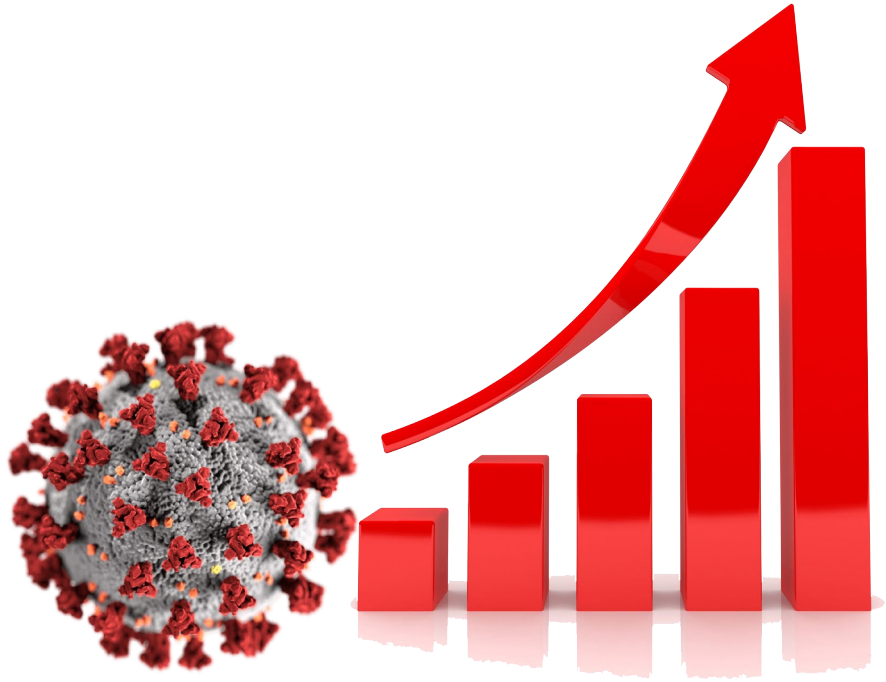


4.6 Million

In 2017, 4.6 million students in public institutions participated in distance education (Educationdata, 2019)



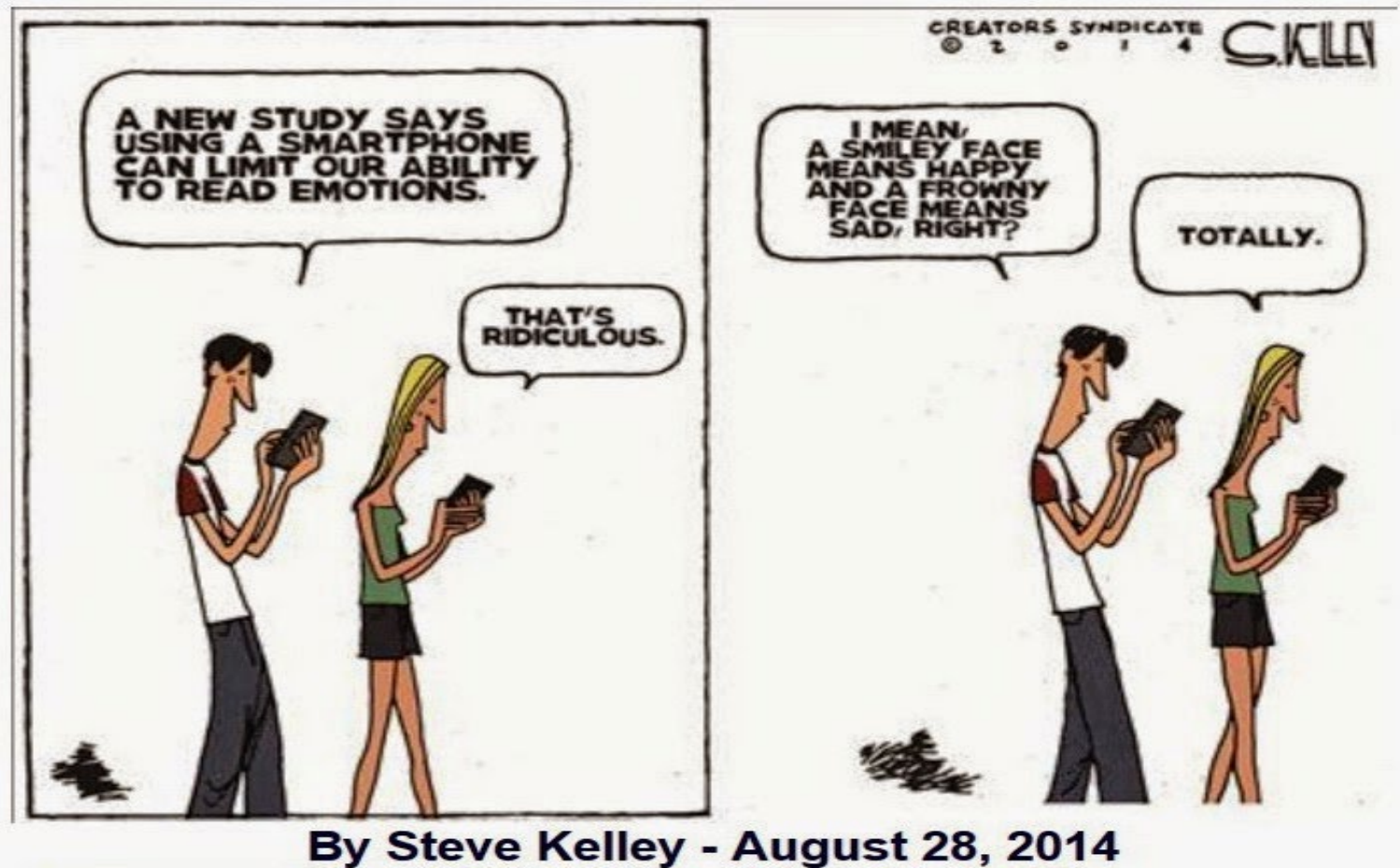
All Statistics Before Covid-19 Pandemic



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**The ubiquity of technology is
changing the world around us and
how we must interact and survive
within that world**



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Digital and Technology Gaps Widening

- 23% of people with disabilities say they never go online (Pew Research Center, 2017)
- People with disabilities have lower technology adoption rates
- 39% of people with IDD had access to a smartphone (FINDS, 2018)
- 39% of people with disabilities say they can use the internet very well (Pew Research Center, 2016)





Barriers to Technology

- Lack of universal design
- Digital literacy and technical skills
- Equal opportunity – gate keepers
- Knowledge translation
- Social context
- Systemic barriers
- Failure to address “useworthiness” alongside usability
- Economic Barriers



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Technology for Community Living



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Community Living



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Where and With Whom a Person Lives

Persons without Disability

- 58.5% of Americans live where they were born (Bloomberg, 2019)
- One person households are on the rise (U.S. Census Bureau, 2019)
- 65% of people live in family household (U.S. Census Bureau, 2019)
- 52% of young adults (18-29) live with parents (Pew Research Center, 2020)
- 2019 held the lowest moving rate since 1947 (New York Times, 2019)

Persons with Disability

- 72% of people with IDD lived with family members (Tanis, 2019)
- 10% lived in residential settings in 2017
- 18% lived alone or with a roommate
- 24% lived with caregivers over the age of 60

(Tanis, 2019) – State of the States in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Longitudinal Data Project of National Significance





What a Person Does During the Day

Persons without Disability

- Average hours per day of activities by the average American
 - 8.84 hours sleeping
 - 7.62 hours working on days worked
 - 5.19 hours engaged in leisure and sports
 - 1.78 hours engaged in household activities
 - 1.36 hours caring for and helping household children

(American Time Use Survey, 2019)

Persons with Disability

- 19% go out on errands or to appointments more than 5 times per month
- 28% went to a coffee shop or restaurant more than 5 times per month
- 17% went out for entertainment more than 5 times per month
- 31% went shopping more than 5 times per month

(National Core Indicators Survey 2017-2018)





Where a Person Works and How They Earn Money

Persons without Disability

- 76.4% participation in the labor force in July 2020 (ODEP, 2020)
- 10.4% Unemployment in July
- Occupations with the most job growth in 2019
 - Home health and personal care aids
 - Fast food and counter workers
 - Cooks, restaurant
 - Software developers and software quality assurance analysts and testers
 - Registered Nurses(BLS, 2020)

Persons with Disability

- 33% participation in the labor force in July 2020 (ODEP, 2020)
- 14.8% Unemployment in July 2020
- Top occupations for people with disabilities in 2019
 - Service occupations
 - Production
 - Transportation
 - Material moving(BLS, 2020)





Quality of Relationships with Others During Daily Activities

Relationship quality depends on beliefs about a relationship partner's responsiveness – that is, on the perception that a partner understands, values and supports important aspects of the self. People who perceive their relationship partner as responsive feel close, satisfied, and committed in those relationships.

- Canevello & Crooker, 2010



Quality of Relationships

Persons without Disability

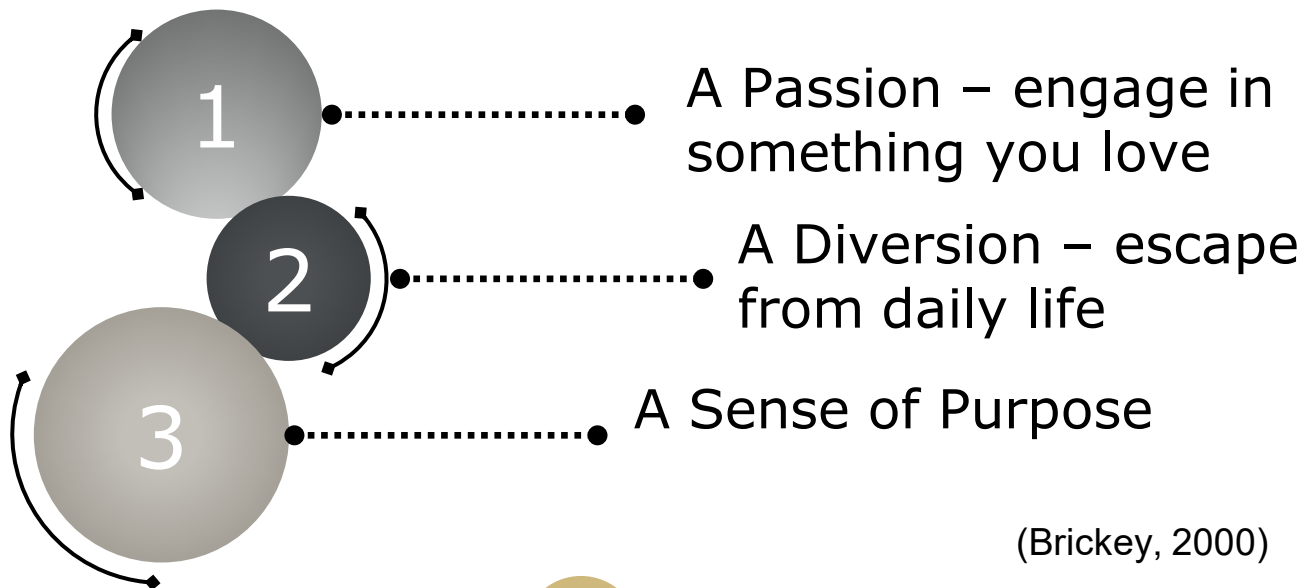
- Most read article in *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships* "Can you connect with me now? How the presence of mobile communication technology influences face-to-face conversation quality" (Przybylski & Weinstein, 2013)
- The average American has 5 close friends (Cigna, 2018)
- Users of social media have more close relationships on and off-line (WebMD, 2019)
- Meeting online is the most popular way for U.S. couples to connect (Rosenfeld, 2019)

Persons with Disability

- People with IDD have 3.1 people in their social networks (Verdonschot, 2009)
 - 89% of people with IDD have friends that are not staff or family
 - 70% of people with IDD say they have a best friend
 - 33% of people with IDD say they sometimes feel lonely
- (National Core Indicators, 2017-2018)



Ideal Hobbies





Personal Interests

Persons without Disability

- Top rated hobbies
 - Reading
 - Watching TV
 - Team Sports
 - Shopping
 - Traveling Crafts
 - Watching Sports
 - Bicycling
 - Playing Cards
 - Hiking

Persons with Disability

- Most important aspects of recreations and leisure to youth with IDD
 - Provide an opportunity to meet new people
 - Develop intimate friendships
 - Have fun

(Christensen, 2013)





Where and With Whom a Person Worships

Persons without Disability

- 55% of U.S. adults engage in daily prayer (Pew Research Center, 2019)
- 19% of Americans identify as no religious affiliation (Gallup, 2019)
- 29% of millennials report no religious affiliation (Gallup, 2019)

Persons with Disability

- 59% of people with IDD did not attend a religious service or spiritual practice in past month (National Core Indicators, 2017-2018)
- Only two qualitative studies of religious expression in adults with IDD (Carter, 2019)





Health and Wellness

Persons without Disability

- Leading causes of death of Americans in the U.S.
 - Heart disease
 - Cancer
 - Unintentional injuries

(CDC, 2019)

- Global wellness economy is valued at \$4 trillion in 2018 (Forbes, 2019)
- 64% of adults visited a dentist in the past year (National Center for Health Statistics, 2017)

Persons with Disability

- Leading causes of death for older people with IDD
 - Respiratory failure
 - Dehydration/malnutrition
 - Cardiovascular Disease

(Oppewal, 2018)

- More likely not to have seen a dentist in the past year (Hall & Kurth, 2019)



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Learning and Personal Growth

Persons without Disability

- 18.9 million students enrolled in college in 2018 (Census Bureau, 2019)
- 6.6 million students in the U.S. enrolled in online education (Educationdata, 2017)
- 94% of employees would remain in a job if provided with opportunities for training and professional development (LinkedIn, 2019)

Persons with Disability

- Less than 6% of colleges and universities in the U.S. have programs for students with IDD (Higher Education Today, 2019)
- Limited online accessible learning tools
- Emerging online learning tools for employment testing with students with IDD
3C Institute's dynamic e-learning platform (DeLP) WORK program (3CI, 2019)





Ecological Inventory

- Identify the discrepancies in experience and opportunity for people with disabilities in domains of daily life
- How to bridge the gap in natural routines and rhythms of American culture



“

Normalization was a simple concept.. People with and without disabilities should have access to the normal routines and rhythms of American culture.”



James Conroy



Technology Provides Access to the Routine and Rhythms of American Culture

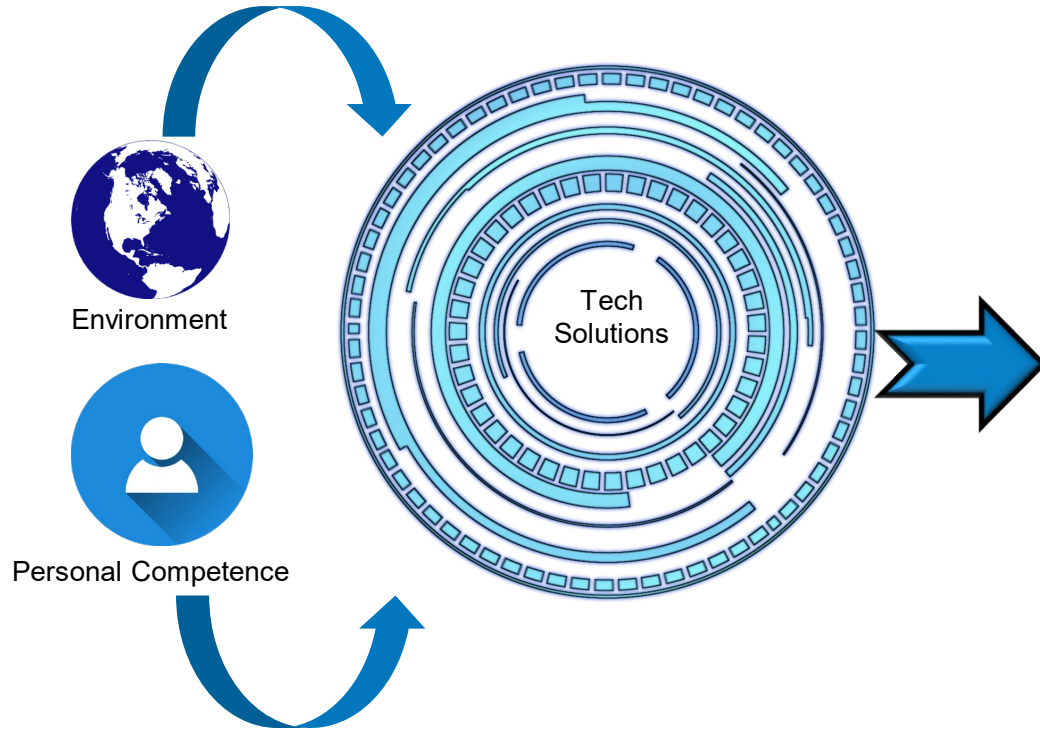


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Technology as a Bridge and Accelerator



Environmental Fit



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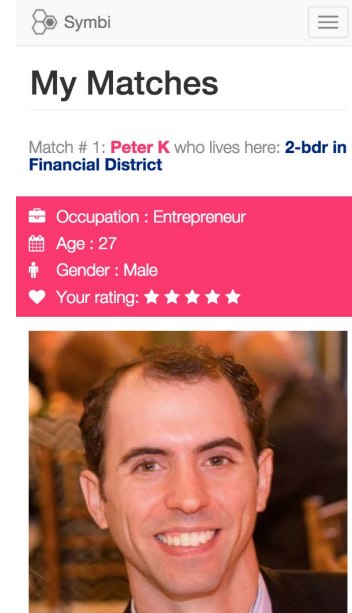
Where and With Whom a Person Lives



Connected Communities



Smart Home Technology



Roommate Apps



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What a Person Does During the Day



Virtual Exercise



Video Tutorials



HOBBY GLOBE

Find a Hobby App



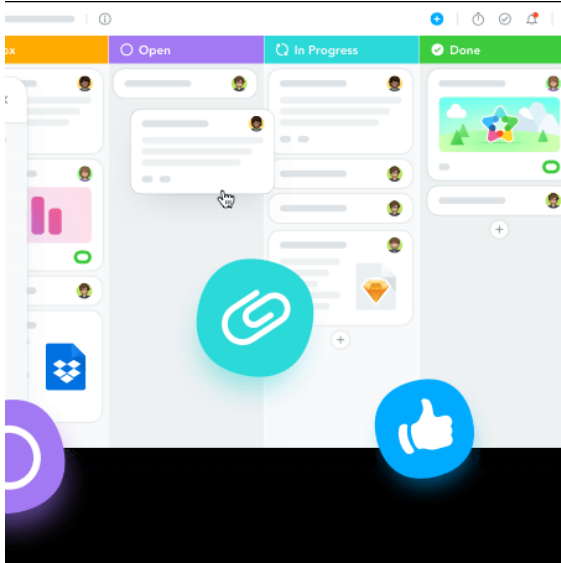
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Where a Person Works and How They Earn Money



Task Management



Video Conferencing



Augmented Reality
Training



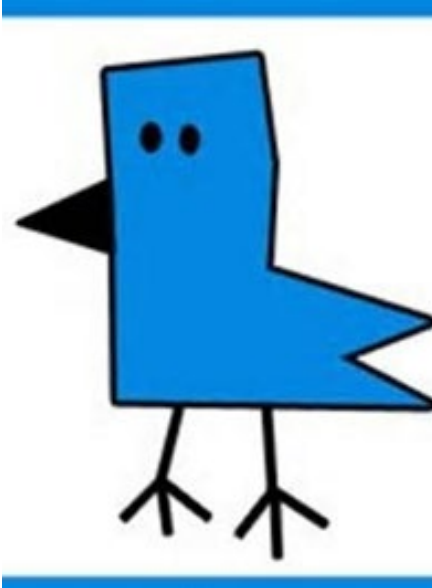
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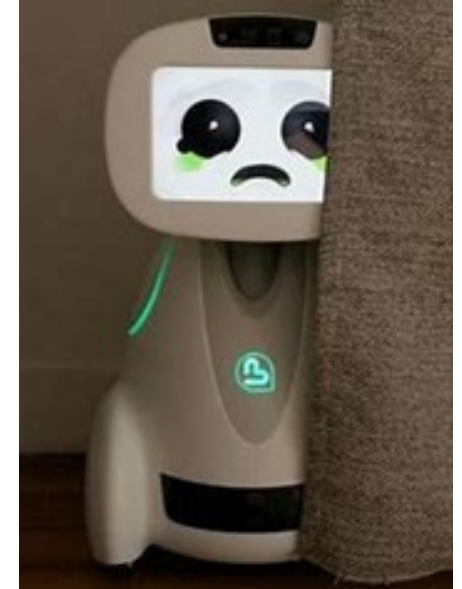
Quality of Relationships



Social Networking



Communication
Technology



Social Robotics





Personal Interests



Accessible Gaming



Compose Music



Virtual Reality Sports



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Where and With Whom a Person Worships



Virtual Religious Services



Meditation Technology



Verse eBooks



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Health and Wellness



Health Data



Medication Dispensers



Telehealth



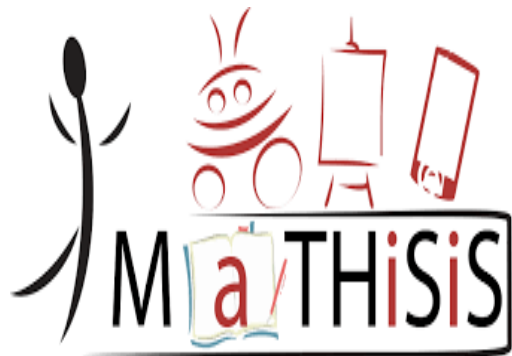
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Learning and Personal Growth



Differentiated Learning
Online Tools



Task-Based Apps



Literacy Tools



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Technology Solutions Provide Opportunities to Achieve High Quality Community Living

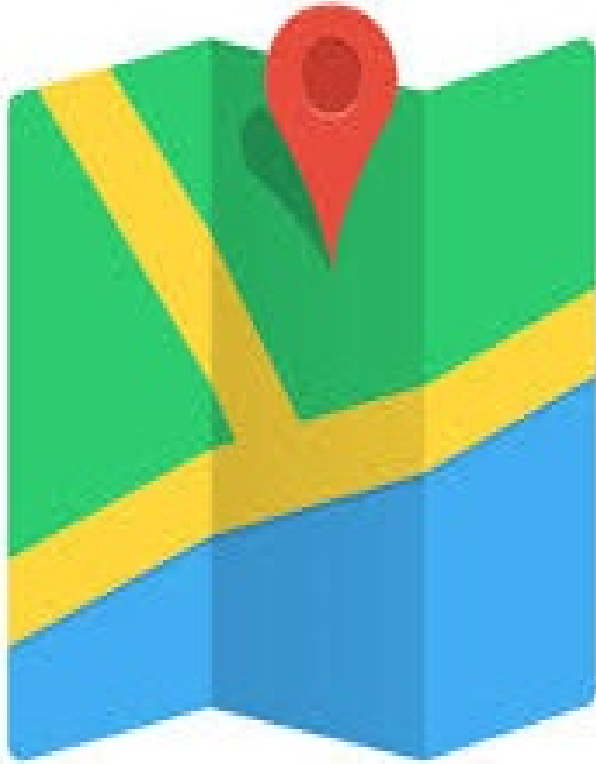
Community is No Longer a Physical Location But an Experience



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Olmstead v. L.C. (1999)

- ❖ Most significant Americans with Disabilities Act Supreme Court Case
- ❖ Recognition of the rights of people institutionalized in congregate facilities to live and receive needed services and supports in the “community”



“

[Department of Justice] has expanded its Olmstead work to look beyond just where people live to examine how people live and spend their days. Simply moving someone from an institution to a community-based residence does not achieve community integration under Olmstead if that person is still denied meaningful integrated ways to spend their day and is denied the opportunity to do what so many people do.



Lack of Access to the Digital Community is Lack of Access To Community Living



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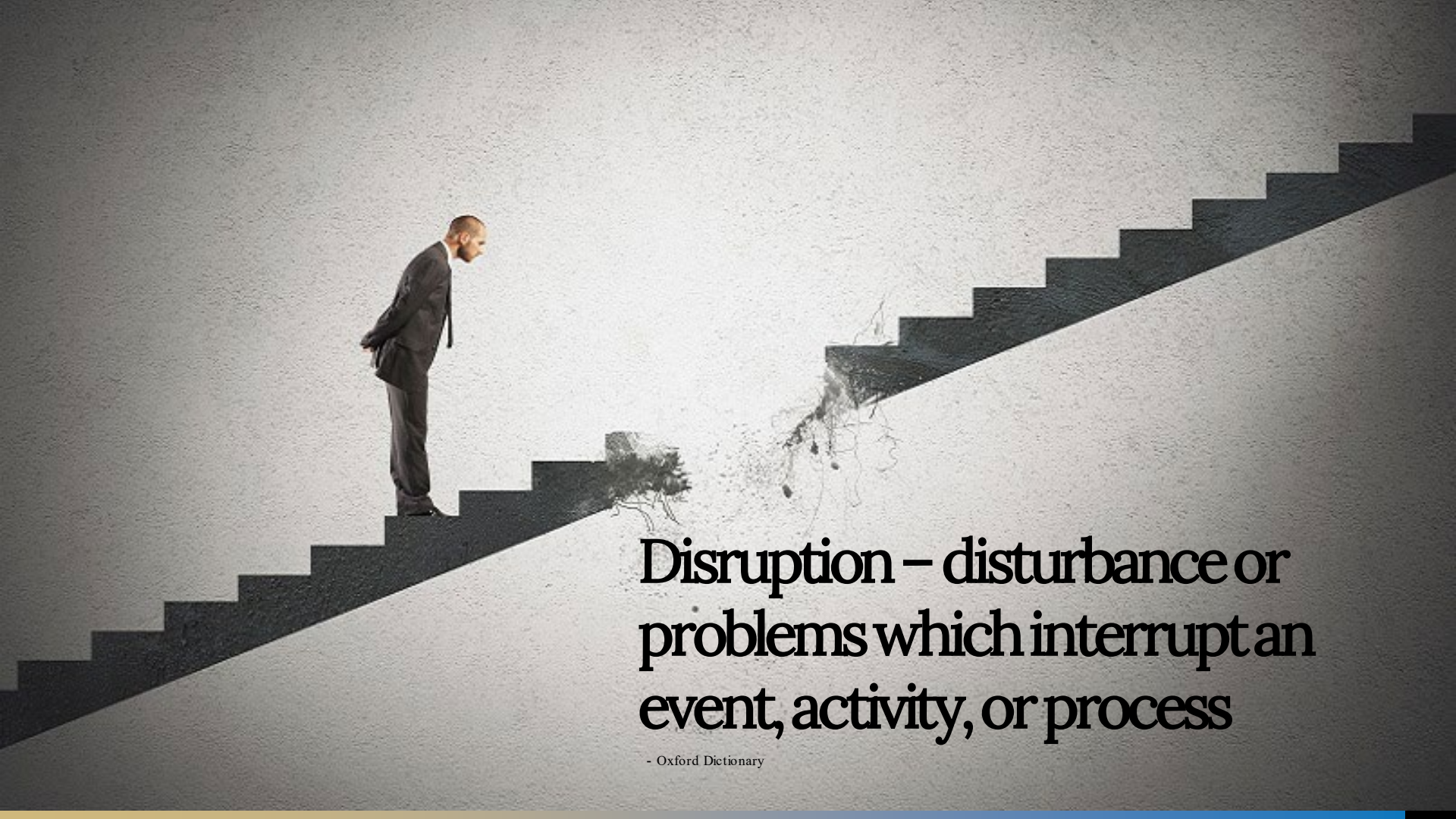
Driving Innovation through Disruption



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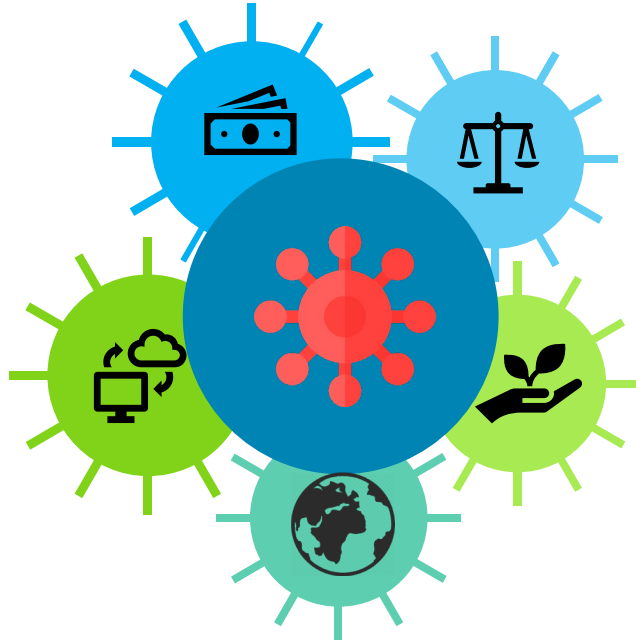
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Disruption – disturbance or problems which interrupt an event, activity, or process

- Oxford Dictionary

The Age of Uncertainty – National Crises



- 01** Public Health -
Pandemic
- 02** Economic Recession
- 03** Civil Unrest and Social
Injustice
- 04** Climate Change and
Natural Disasters
- 05** Foreign Conflict
- 06** Technological Mistrust

TABLE OF DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

A dashboard of 100 wonderful, weird (and possibly worrying) ways
the world might change in the foreseeable future

POTENTIAL FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC DISRUPTION	De	Ps	Ht	Hc	Da	Sp	El	Vr	Co	Qt
HIGH	91 DE Digital footprint eraser	92 DE Personal digital shields	93 HA Human head transplants	94 HA Human cloning & de-extinction	95 DE Distributed autonomous corporations	96 SP Space solar power	97 SP Space elevators	98 DE Fully immersive virtual reality (VR)	99 EA Artificial consciousness	100 EA We can't talk about this one
	81 MI Conversational machine interfaces	82 DE Life-expectancy algorithms	83 SP Stratospheric aerosols	84 EA Butterfly robots	85 DE AI advisors & decision-making machines	86 EA AI board members & politicians	87 SP Invisibility shields	88 SP Factory photosynthesis	89 HA Transhuman technologies	90 HA Telepathy
	71 SP Planetary-scale spectroscopy	72 MI Implantable phones	73 DE e-tagging of humans	74 HA Male pregnancy & artificial wombs	75 DE DNA data storage	76 SP Genomic vaccines	77 DE Quantum safe cryptography	78 HA Cognitive prosthetics	79 HA Data uploading to the brain	80 SP Reactionless drive
	61 DE Predictive gene-based healthcare	62 EA Automated knowledge discovery	63 EA Autonomous robotic surgery	64 MI Emotionally aware machines	65 MI Humanoid sex robots	66 HA Human bio-hacking	67 DE Internet of DNA	68 MI Thought control - machine interfaces	69 HA Dream reading & recording	70 DE Whole Earth virtualisation
	51 DE Mega-scale desalination	52 EA Self-writing software	53 DE Public mood monitoring	54 SP Programmable bacteria	55 DE Peer-to-peer energy trading & transmission	56 MI Lifelong personal water assistants	57 DE Smart dust	58 HA Low-cost space travel	59 HA Planet colonization	60 SP Shape-shifting matter
	41 DE Medical tricorders	42 DE Smart flooring & carpets	43 DE Diagnostic toilets	44 SP Smart energy grids	45 SP Algal bio-fuels	46 SP Human-organ printing	47 SP Artificial human blood substitute	48 SP New materials	49 SP Fusion power	50 SP Self-reconfiguring modular robots
	31 DE Distributed ledgers	32 SP Precision agriculture	33 EA Autonomous vehicles	34 MI Intention decoding algorithms	35 EA Drone freight delivery	36 EA Autonomous passenger aircraft	37 SP 3D-printing of food & pharmaceuticals	38 EA Swarm robotics	39 SP 4-dimensional materials	40 SP Zero-point energy
	21 MI Robotic care companions	22 DE Smart controls and appliances	23 SP Cultured meat	24 EA Delivery robots & passenger drones	25 EA Autonomous ships & submarines	26 SP Resource gamification	27 SP Water harvesting from air	28 SP Broadcasting of electricity	29 SP Bio-plastics	30 SP Beam-powered propulsion
	11 DE Cryptocurrencies	12 SP Concentrated solar power	13 DE Predictive policing	14 DE Micro-scale ambient energy harvesting	15 SP Airborne wind turbines	16 MI Avatar companions	17 SP Metallic hydrogen energy storage	18 HA Smart glasses & contact lenses	19 SP Pollution eating buildings	20 SP Force fields

Example of organizations active in each area

1. Monit (South Korea), Abena Nova (Denmark), Siemens Secos (Spain)
2. Statoil (Norway), Siemens (Germany), Voltum (US), UMaine (US)
3. Green Skies Vertical Farms (US), Aero Farms (US), Neo Farms (Germany), Urban Crop Solutions (Belgium)
4. Wifidy (US), Powermet (Israel), Apple/Power By Proxi (US), Qualcomm (US), Mojo Mobility (US), Mopar (US), Fulton Innovation (US)
5. Google/Alphabet (US)
6. ReWalk (US), Rex Bionics (US), SuitX/US Bionics (US), Ekso Bionics (US), Lockheed Martin (US)
7. Google/Alphabet (US), Samsung (Korea), Hexoskin (Canada), Owlet (US), Komodo Tech (Canada), Shiftwear (US), Lechal (India), OM Signal (Canada)
8. The Boring Company/Elon Musk (US), China Aerospace Science and Industry Corporation (China)
9. Reaction Engines (UK), NASA (US), Boeing (US), Lockheed Martin (US), Airbus (France)
10. Deep Space Industries (US), Planetary Resources (US), Made in Space (US)
11. Bitcoin (Japan), Ripple (US), Litecoin (US)
12. SolarReserve (US), Abengoa (Spain), North China Power Engineering (China), Shanghai Electric (China), Zhejiang Supcon Solar (China), NWEPI (China)
13. PredPol (US), ECM Universe (US)
14. Pavegen (UK), ECEEN (China)
15. Google/Alphabet (US), Joby Energy (US), Altaeros (US), Kitegen (Italy), EnerNite (Germany)
16. Pullstron (US), Amazon (US), Alphabet/Google (US), Nintendo (Japan), Invisible Girlfriend/Bofindr (US)
17. NASA (US)
18. Alphabet/Verily (US), Amazon (US), Vuzix (US), Everylight (Israel)
19. Elegant Embellishments (Germany), Inova (Spain), Studio Roosegaarde (Netherlands), Prossle 370e (Germany)
20. Dastl (UK), Boeing (US)
21. Softbank (Japan), AIST (Japan), Blue Frog Robotics (France), Care-a-bot (Germany), Riken/Sumitomo Riko (Japan), Mayfield Robotics (US)
22. Amazon (US), Google/Alphabet (US), Philips (Netherlands), Samsung (South Korea), Dyson (UK), Mele (Germany), Roboti (US)
23. Impossible Foods (US), Memphis Meats (US), Super Meat (Israel), Finless Foods (US), New Harvest (US)
24. Wing/Alphabet (US), Starship Technologies (UK), Volocopter (Germany), eHang (China), Piaggio (Italy)
25. Leidos (US), Boeing (US), Rolls Royce (UK)
26. Joulebug (US), Waterpebble (UK)
27. Permalution (US), Sun to Water (US)
28. Boreas (US)
29. Blue River Technology (US), Hortus (Canada)
30. Google/Waymo (US), Voyage (US), Nvidia Automotive (US), most major auto-makers
31. Amazon (US), Google/Alphabet (US), Philips (Netherlands), Samsung (South Korea), Dyson (UK), Mele (Germany), Roboti (US)
32. Google/Alphabet (US), Amazon (US), Flirtey (US)
33. Airbus (France), Boeing (US)
34. FabCafe (Japan), NASA (US)
35. SRI International (US)
36. Stratusys (US), Autodesk (US)
37. NASA (US)
38. Basil Leaf Technologies (US), Dynamical Biomarkers Group (US/Taiwan), Scanadu (US)
39. Starwood Hotels (US), MarCure (Finland), Scanalytics (US), Futureshape (Germany)
40. Flowis (Japan), Scanadu (US)
41. Tesla (US), ABB (Switzerland), Siemens (Germany), IBM (US), Iron (US)
42. Synthetic Genomics/ExonMobil (US), Global Algae Innovations (US), Algenol (US)
43. Organovo (US), Evison TEC (Germany), RegenHU (Switzerland), Cellink (Sweden), Seraph Robotics (US)
44. Hb02 Therapeutics (South Africa), Biospace (US)
45. For example Vantablack by Surrey NanoSystems (UK)
46. ITER (EU/France), Tokamak Energy (UK), Alphabet/Google/TriAlpha Energy (US), General Fusion (Canada), Helion Energy (US), Lockheed Martin (US)
47. Festo (Germany)
48. Israel Desalination Enterprises Technologies (Israel), Acciona (Spain), Fluence Corporation (US)
49. Microsoft (US), Google/Alphabet (US), Open AI (US)
50. Open Utility/Essent (UK/Netherlands), Knowleys (China)
51. Ginkgo Bioworks (US), US Naval Research Laboratory (US), US Army Research Lab (US), Darpa (US)
52. Open Utility (UK/Netherlands), Power Ledger (Australia), LO3 energy (US), Energy Web Foundation (Switzerland)
53. Konami Corp (Japan), Mitsuku (UK)
54. MOOG (US), Darpa (US)
55. Space X/Elon Musk (US), Blue Origin (US), Virgin Galactic (UK), Rocket Lab (US), Axiom Space (US), SpaceIL (Israel), Firefly Aerospace (US)
56. Space X (US), UAE Mars Mission (UAE), NASA (US)
57. Intel (US)
58. Kite Pharma (Ireland), Veritas (US), Zlandme (US), Pherogen Sciences (US), Regeneron (US), Veritas Genetics (US)
59. Rebeam (US), Solaren Corp (US)
60. BioTeq (UK), Grindhouse Wetwear (US), Dangerous Things (US), see also The Eyeborg Project and the Cyborg Foundation
61. Alphabet/Google Genomics (US), Amazon (US), Illumina (US), Oxford Nanopore Technologies/Metricor (UK)
62. CTRL-Labs (US), Emotiv (US), Neuralink (US), maybe Facebook (US)
63. No example found
64. Improbable (UK)
65. European Organization for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere (European consortium of 16 countries)
66. No example found
67. Epicenter (Sweden) and Three Square Market 32M (US) are close
68. No example found
69. Teist Bioscience (US)
70. Vaccinogen (US), Epivax (US), IBM (US), Juno Therapeutics (US)
71. Alphabet/Google (US), KETS (UK), IDQ (Switzerland), Isara (Canada)
72. Darpa (US)
73. Kernel (US), Neuralink/Elon Musk (US), 2045 Initiative (Russia), Darpa (US), General Electric/BrainGate (US), possibly Facebook (US)
74. NASA (US), Canine (US)
75. Apple (US), Amazon (US), Alphabet/Google (US), Microsoft (US)
76. No example found
77. CIA (US)
78. Lockheed Martin (US), IDQ (UK), Boston Dynamics/Softbank (US/Japan)
79. Weboot (US), Pefin (US), LV (UK)
80. Deep Knowledge Ventures (Hong Kong), Tieto (Finland)
81. BAE Systems (UK), Toyota (Japan), NB: Big difference between optical camouflage and bending light to make things disappear
82. Breakthrough Therapeutics (US), Joint Centre for Artificial Photogenetics (US)
83. SENS Research Foundation (US), Methuselah Foundation/Peter Thiel (US)
84. Facebook (US), Neuralink/Elon Musk (US)
85. Suicide Machine (Netherlands), Just Delete Me (US)
86. No example found
87. Turin Advanced Neuromodulation Group (Italy)
88. No example found
89. No example found
90. No example found



Disruptive Technology Trends 2019

1. Web 3.0
2. Simulation and digital twins
3. The market of One
4. Edge computing
5. The voice economy
6. Strategic automation
7. Ubiquitous AI
8. Spatial Computing
9. Quantum Computing

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Leveraging Disruptive Technology

1. Web 3.0 – Personalization vs. Customization
2. Simulation and digital twins – Health Sensor Technology
3. The market of One – Advanced Co-Design
4. Edge computing – Data Ethics
5. The voice economy – Universal Design
6. Strategic automation – Hybrid Jobs
7. Ubiquitous AI – Community Inclusion
8. Spatial Computing – Accessible Design
9. Quantum Computing - ???

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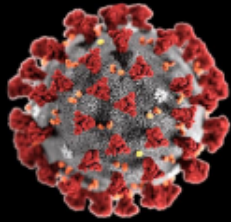




Coleman Institute Affiliated Projects

1. Colorado Emergency Response Desktop
2. Contextually Aware Haptic Communication Systems
3. Accessible Data Visual Analytics
4. Accessible Manuals for Technology Set-up
5. Augmented Reality and Daily Living Skills





Colorado Emergency Response Desktop



LEARN MORE



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What is the Colorado Emergency Response Desktop?

Cognitively accessible software that leverages evidence-based tools to address the immediate needs of social connection, accessible information, and advance digital skills for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities





Who Developed the Colorado Emergency Desktop?



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Who can participate?

- ❖ Person with an intellectual or developmental disability
- ❖ Person who has been displaced by COVID-19
- ❖ Person living on their own in their own home/apartment
- ❖ Person living at home with their family
- ❖ Member of Colorado Speaking for Ourselves





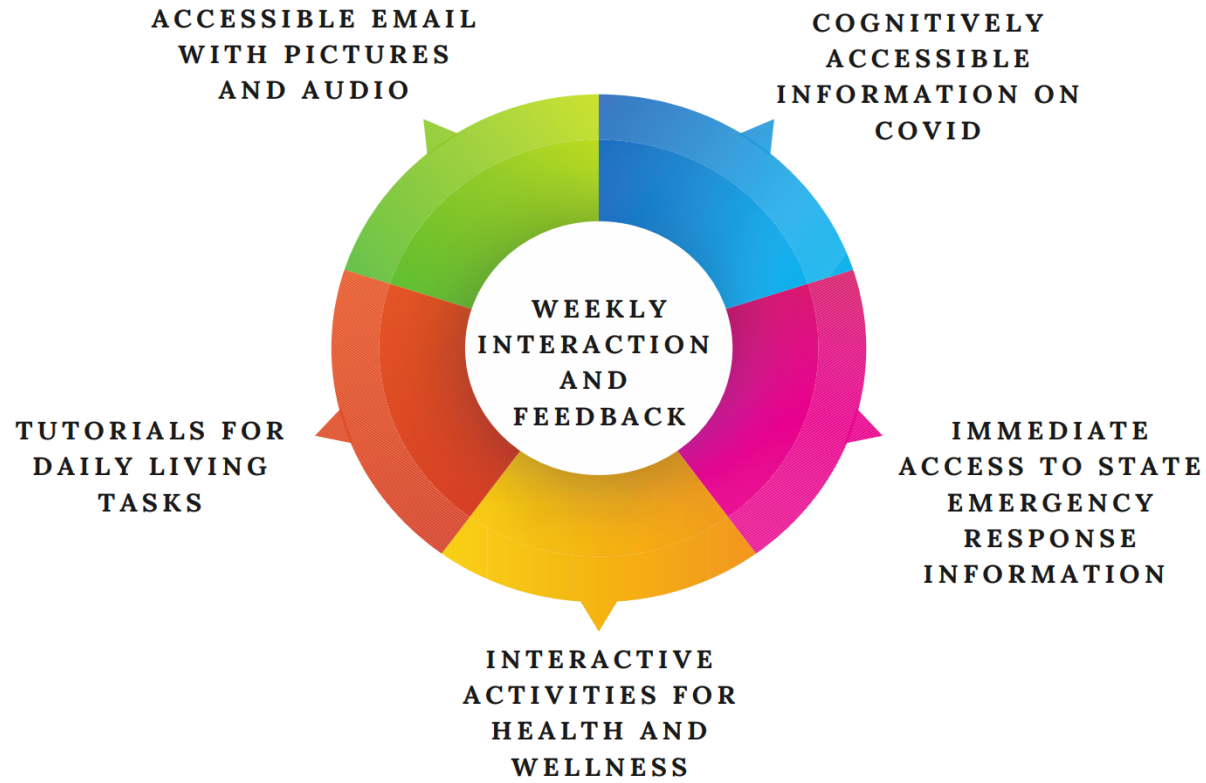
What does it do?



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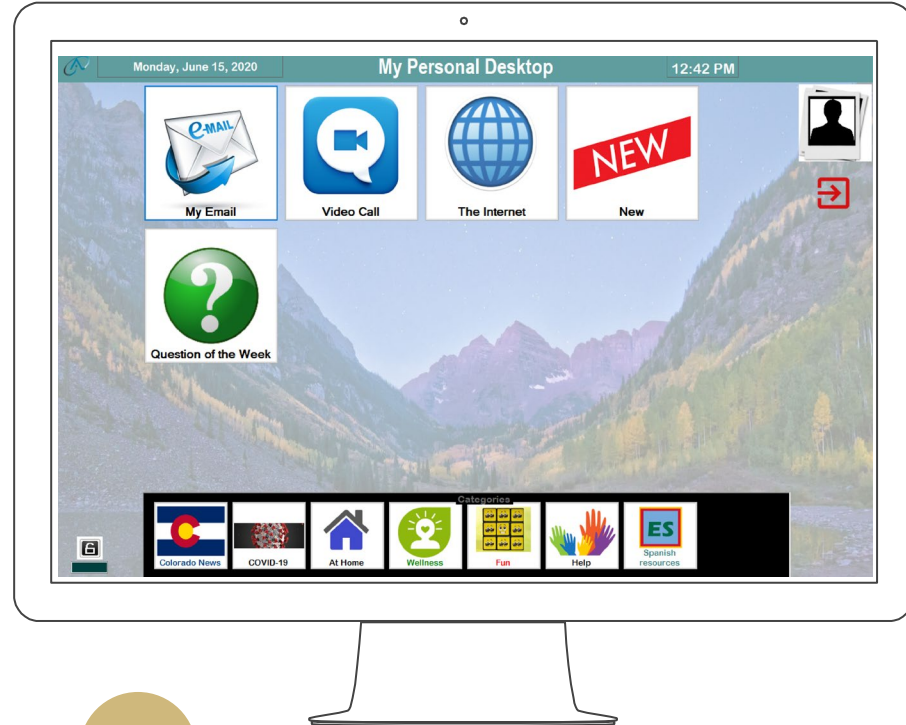
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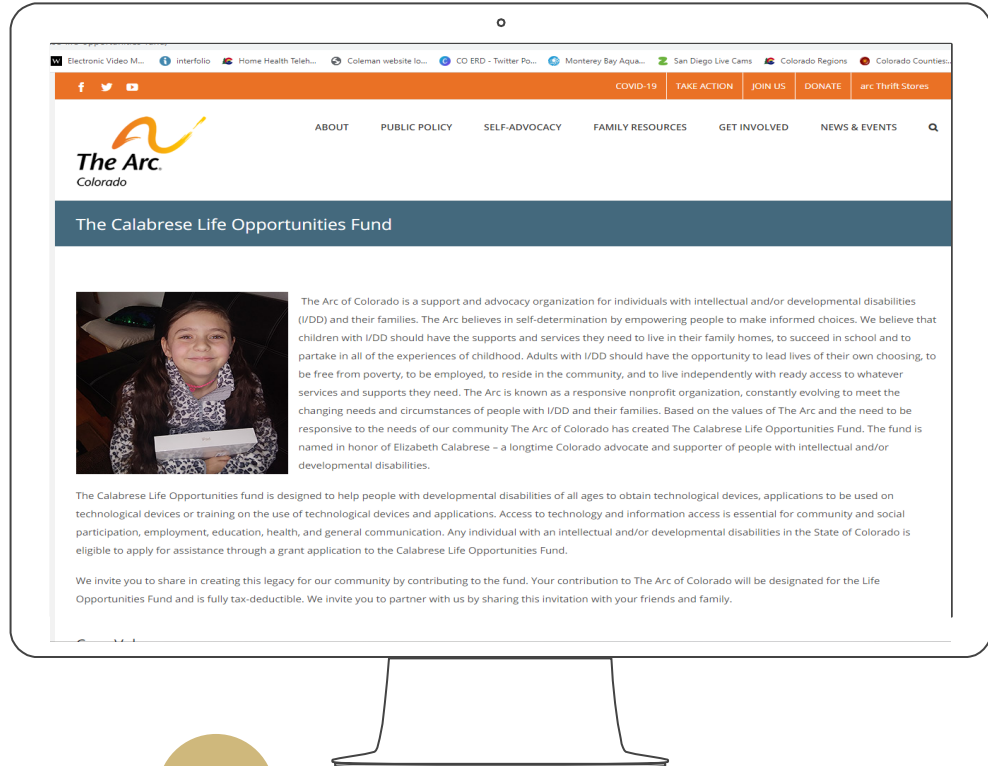
What do I need?

- ✓ Desktop computer
- ✓ Windows 10
- ✗ Does not work on smartphone
- ✗ Does not work on tablet



What if I do not have a computer?

The Arc of Colorado Calabrese Life Opportunities Fund



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How do I get it?

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**Complete the
Engagement Form**

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Get Email
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Download
Software on Your
Computer

4

Get Started!!



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What if I need help?

- Every Monday at noon a webinar is hosted by Coleman Institute to introduce the program and features
- Every Wednesday at 3:00 a technical assistance webinar is hosted by AbleLink





Expansion of the ERDS

❖ States Implementing/In Discussions of Adapting the ERDS to their state

- ❖ Arizona
- ❖ Pennsylvania
- ❖ Oklahoma
- ❖ District of Columbia
- ❖ Tennessee
- ❖ Maryland





Technology for JOY

The definition of assistive technology - Any item, piece of equipment, or product system... that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities

Technology for people with disabilities is used as therapy or remediation nowhere in the definition is the value of technology for wellness, pleasure, or joy.



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Advancing Technology First



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*The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities recognizes the critical role that information and communication technologies (ICT) and assistive technology play in **enabling and empowering** persons with disabilities and in ensuring that they fully **enjoy human rights** and **fundamental freedoms**.*



Conference of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – Twelfth Session

DIGITALIZATION, EMPOWERMENT AND DECISION-MAKING: HOW CAN WE ENSURE THAT PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES ARE INCLUDED?



Thursday, 13th June
3.00pm-4.15pm

UN Headquarters, New York
Conference Room "B"


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HONOURABLE CARLA DUALTROUGH, MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICES AND PROCUREMENT AND ACCESSIBILITY, CANADA (TPC) & AXEL LEBLOIS, PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, G3ICT, GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR INCLUSIVE ICTS

Technology plays a key role in promoting inclusion of persons with disabilities in the community. However, laws and regulations that recognize the value of these technologies fail to apply sufficient safeguards to protect users from the harmful and negative effects. People with intellectual disabilities are rarely, if at all, included in discussions around these regulations, or in the creation of new technology products.

This side event will discuss the positive and negative impacts that technologies have on the lives of persons with intellectual disabilities and will address the role and the manner to get persons with intellectual disabilities involved in the decision making processes related to technologies development.

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The Rights of People with Cognitive Disabilities to Technology and Information Access

Whereas

- Twenty-eight million United States citizens have cognitive disabilities such as intellectual disability; severe, persistent mental illness; brain injury; stroke; and neurodegenerative disorders such as Alzheimer's disease;
- People with cognitive disabilities must have access to commercially available devices and software that incorporate principles of universal design such as flexibility and ease of use for all;
- Technology and information access by people with cognitive disabilities must be guided by standards and best-practices, such as personalization and compatibility across devices and platforms, and through the application of innovations including automated and predictive technologies;
- Security and privacy must be assured and managed to protect civil rights and personal dignity of people with cognitive disabilities;
- Enhanced public and private funding is urgently required to allow people with cognitive disabilities to utilize technology and access information as a natural consequence of their rights to inclusion in our society;
- Ensuring access to technology and information for the 28 million people with cognitive disabilities in the United States will create new markets and employment opportunities; decrease dependency on public services; reduce healthcare costs; and improve the independence, productivity, and quality of life of people with cognitive disabilities.
- The disruptive convergence of computing and communication technologies has substantially altered how people acquire, utilize, and disseminate knowledge and information;
- Access to comprehensible information and usable communication technologies is necessary for all people in our society, particularly for people with cognitive disabilities, to promote self-determination and to engage meaningfully in major aspects of life such as education, health promotion, employment, recreation, and civic participation;
- The vast majority of people with cognitive disabilities have limited or no access to comprehensible information and usable communication technologies;

Therefore

We hereby affirm our commitment to equal rights of people with cognitive disabilities to technology and information access and we call for implementation of these rights with deliberate speed.

View endorsers of this document and join us at: colemaninstitute.org/declaration

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The **Right** to Technology

- ❖ *Rights of People with Cognitive Disabilities to Technology and Information Access*
- ❖ Global Cooperation on Assistive Health Technology, - research and innovation World Health Organization
- ❖ Bologna Declaration AAATE



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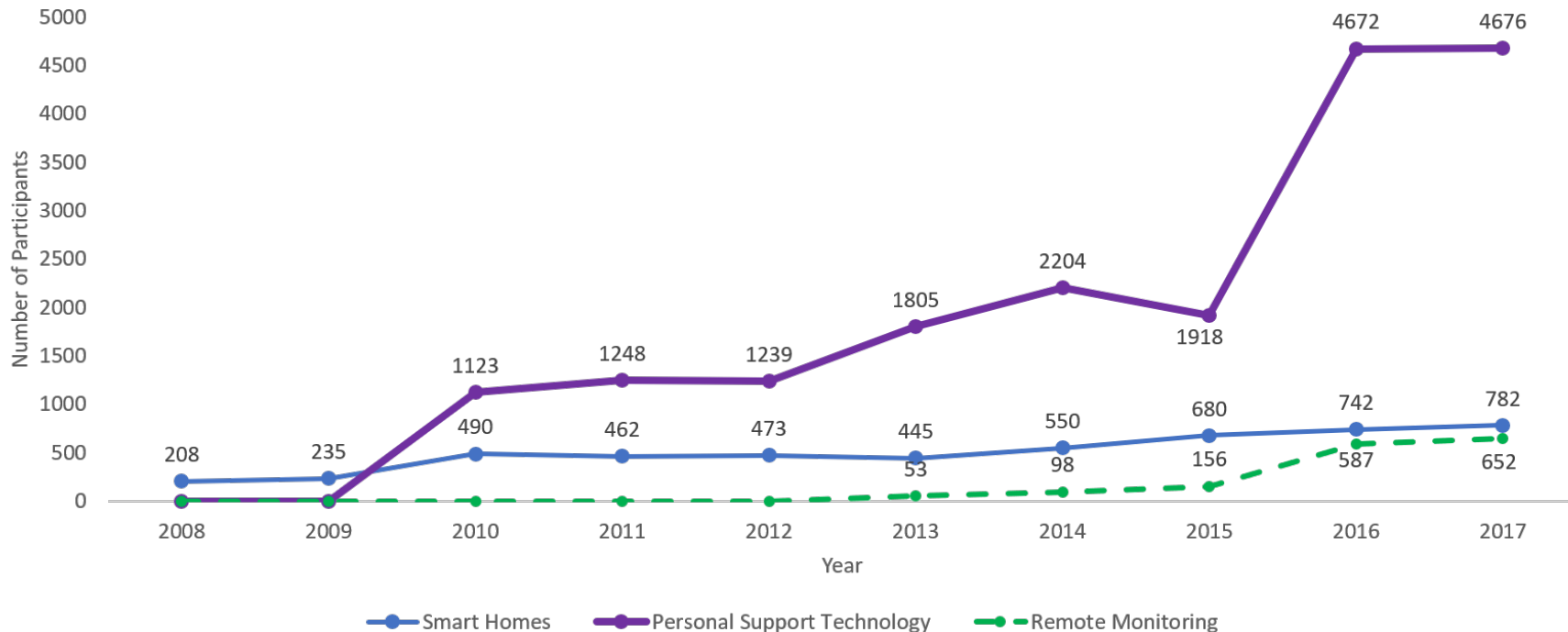
Technology as a Basic Utility

- ❖ Utilities: “Services constituting the minimum requirements for modern living provided to homes”
- ❖ Electricity
- ❖ Gas
- ❖ Water
- ❖ Telecommunications
- ❖ Internet/Broadband





Reported Number of Participants Using Technology Solutions by Year



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Survey of Statewide Technology Initiatives Supporting People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities



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2019 Survey Results (N=32)

Technology Funding

12 different funding authorities were identified to purchase technology services, applications devices or other solutions

Funding Authorities

Majority of states utilized **HCBS Waiver funds** to purchase technology solutions. Medicaid State Plan Authorities and voc rehab were also used

Funding for Ongoing Upkeep and Training

56% of states reported funding for ongoing technology **training** to learn, upkeep and update purchased technology

Remote Technologies

16 states reported funding for electronic or remote technologies specifically for **supported living**

Teleservices

11 states reported funding for **telemedicine** while **8** states reported funding for **telecare**

Consideration in ISP

6 states reported consideration of technology supports and services as a **requirement within the ISP**



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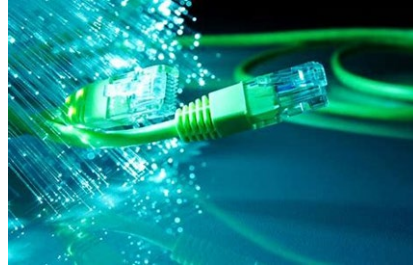
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Investments in Technology



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Technology First began as a movement but has transformed to a “framework for systems change where technology is considered first in the discussion of support options available to individuals and families through person-centered approaches to promote meaningful participation, social inclusion, self-determination and quality of life” (Tanis, 2019)



Ohio Technology First Council

Recommendations to Expand
the Use of Supportive Technology
Final Report

Ohio | Department of
Developmental Disabilities

Submitted to Gov. John Kasich
in accordance with
Executive Order 2018-06K
December 31, 2018

States Engaged in Technology Consortiums

- Ohio*
- Missouri*
- Minnesota*
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Washington, DC
- Oklahoma
- Alaska
- Hawaii
- Indiana
- New York
- Tennessee
- Pennsylvania
- Washington
- Wisconsin
- North Carolina

* Using Technology First language



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Why are States Investing in Technology First?

Technology First solves the most pressing challenges of our field today

1. Promote autonomy, self-direction and community integration
2. Address the direct care workforce shortages
3. Drives more efficient and effective practices – cost efficiencies





Technology for People
With Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and Their Families
NASDDDS' National Policy Workgroup Subcommittee

Summary of Discussions, Promising Practices, and Considerations for State I/DD Agencies

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Elements of Technology First Initiatives?

- ❖ Set of core values
- ❖ Implementation team
- ❖ Resource allocation
- ❖ Communication
- ❖ Disruption in the status quo through innovation
- ❖ Leverage through collaborations
- ❖ Capacity building
- ❖ Fidelity and data driven decision-making



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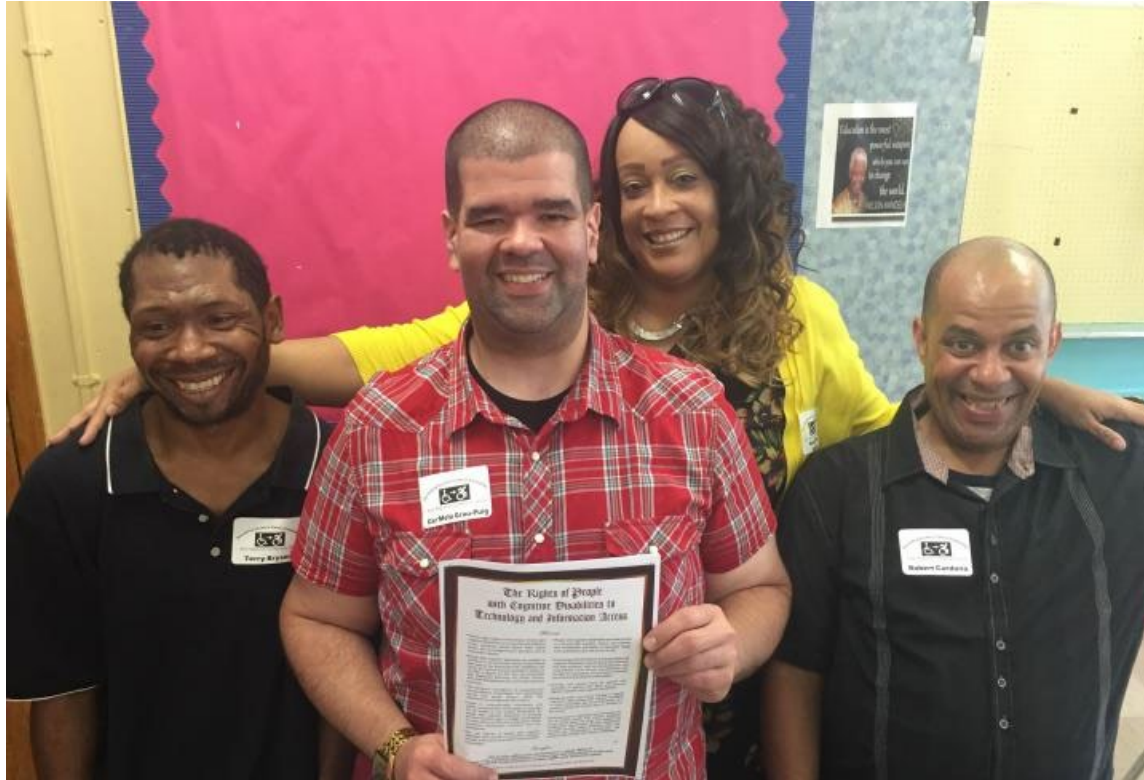
Be an Agent of Change



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Be an Ally



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What Can You Do?

- ❖ Take advantage of the technology you already know
- ❖ Build on a culture of innovation and adaptability
- ❖ Person-centered approach to technology solutions – Use technology to accomplish a goal
- ❖ Participate meaningfully in designing and creating new technologies
- ❖ Engage in technology related systems change and policy efforts
- ❖ Share your stories of technology solutions



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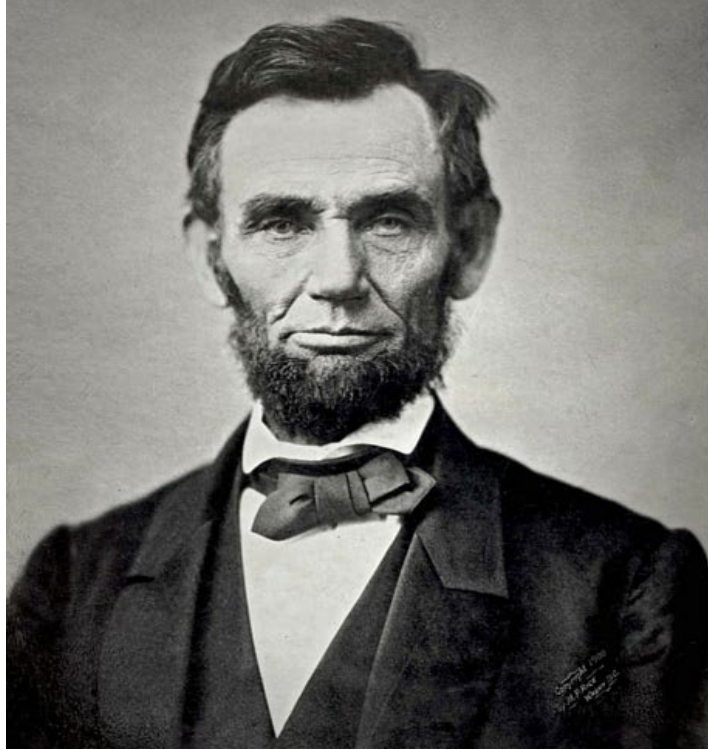
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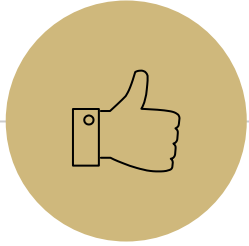
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Thanks!

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