



Information and Services

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Who is FAAST?



- Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST)
- Florida's assistive technology program
- Created through federal and state legislation
 - Assistive Technology Act of 2004
 - Florida Statue 413.407

FAAST Mission



To improve the quality of life for Floridians with disabilities by increasing access to assistive technology through empowerment and collaboration.

FAAST Vision



FAAST envisions to be the leader in assistive technology resources and services in Florida.

Who We Serve



- Individuals who have disabilities
- Family members, guardians, and authorized representatives
- Representatives of:
 - Education
 - Employment
 - Health, Allied Health, and Rehabilitation
 - Community Living
 - Technology

Core Services



- Public Awareness and Training
- Information and Assistance
- Device Demonstrations
- Device Loans
- Device Reuse
- State Financing

Public Awareness



- FAAST provides information to targeted individuals and entities relating to the availability, benefits, appropriateness and costs of assistive technology devices and services.

Training



- FAAST provides training activities that enhance the knowledge, skills, and competencies of individuals which may include—
 - general awareness training on the benefits of assistive technology and the funding sources available to assist targeted individuals and entities in acquiring assistive technology;
 - skills-development training in assessing the need for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services;
 - training to ensure the appropriate application and use of assistive technology devices, assistive technology services, and accessible technology for e-government functions;
 - training in the importance of multiple approaches to assessment and implementation necessary to meet the individualized needs of individuals with disabilities; and
 - technical training on integrating assistive technology into the development and implementation of service plans, including any education, health, discharge, Olmstead, employment, or other plan required under Federal or State law.

Information and Assistance



- FAAST delivers information on assistive technology devices, assistive technology services (with specific data regarding provider availability within the State), and the availability of resources, including funding through public and private sources, to obtain assistive technology devices and assistive technology services.

Device Demonstrations



- FAAST directly, or in collaboration with public and private entities, demonstrate a variety of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services (including assisting individuals in making informed choices regarding, and providing experiences with, the devices and services), using personnel who are familiar with such devices and services and their applications.

Device Loans



- FAAST provides short-term loans of assistive technology devices to individuals, employers, public agencies, or others seeking to meet the needs of targeted individuals and entities.
- The purpose of a short-term device loan may be:
 - To assist in decision-making;
 - To serve as a loaner while the consumer is waiting for device repair or funding;
 - To provide an accommodation on a short-term basis; or
 - For professional development.

Device Reuse



- The FAAST reuse program provides for the exchange, repair, recycling or other reutilization of assistive technology devices, which may include redistribution through device sales, loans, rentals or donations, carried out either directly or in collaboration with public or private entities.

State Financing



- FAAST provides access to, and funding for, assistive technology devices and assistive technology services through financial loans.
- FAAST also offers a telework and self-employment loan, which can assist with the funding of assistive technology and equipment for individuals for work or seeking self-employment opportunities.

FAAST Partnerships



- Regional Demonstration Centers (RDCs)
 - Pensacola – CIL of Northwest Florida
 - Tallahassee – The Family Café
 - Jacksonville - Hope Haven
 - Orlando – University of Central Florida
 - Tampa - Tampa General Hospital
 - Miami - University of Miami
- Regional Reuse Centers (RRCs)
 - Pensacola – CIL
 - Fort Myers – CIL
 - Largo – CIL
 - Miami – CIL
 - Fort Lauderdale - CIL

How to Contact Us



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