

Welcome to the Tools for Life Advisory Council

Thursday, April 13, 2017

We are Glad You are Here!



TOOLS FOR LIFE Advisory Council Agenda

10:30 AM Welcome & Introductions - Carolyn

Grants and Contracts Updates:

- 1) AT Governance Report - Carolyn Phillips
- 2) A Closer Look: Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency Collaboration Opportunities – Carolyn Phillips
- 3) A Closer Look: Division of Aging Services (DAS) – Money Follows the Person (MFP), AT Labs Project, AT Decision Tree, No Wrong Door, and Aging & Tech Summit @ GT - Rachel Wilson and Carolyn Phillips
- 4) A Closer Look: Division of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) Partnership - Martha Rust and Carolyn Phillips
- 5) More Details and Opportunities! - Carolyn

12:30 PM Break & Lunch





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- 12:45 PM AT Demonstration - Ben Jacobs
- 1:15 PM Acquisition Update and Data Report - Danny Housley
- 2:00 PM Direct Services Updates – Martha Rust
- 2:30 PM State Leadership Updates – Liz Persaud
- 3:00 PM A Closer Look: Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation -
Transition and Opportunities

- 4: 00 PM Discussion & Next Steps
- 4:30 PM Adjourn





Our Next Meeting

At IDEAS in St. Simons!

Wednesday, June 7 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Liz and Sam will be sending out information as the date approaches.



Remembering Terry Warley



Our Creative Trail and Bridge Building is working.





WELCOME to the TFL Team!

Tori Holder – Outreach Specialist



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Tools for Life: Mission

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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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TFL – Grants and Contracts 2015



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- No Funding for Credit-Able
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- GLASS – Create and train on 15 AT Toolkits for Libraries
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3. With CATEA - Workplace DRRP | Training and TA
4. Health and Human Services (HHS) | AT Evals, Training and TA



TFL – Grants and Contracts – for 2017 – Submitted – State Focused



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2. Division of Aging Services (DAS) | \$10,000 for TA to set up 4 new AT Labs in the ADRCs
3. Division of Aging Services (DAS) "Dementia Able" | \$40,000 for AT technical assistance for Decision Tree Development
4. Credit-Able - Alternative Financing Program Grant | \$661,742 for Credit-Able
5. Division of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) | \$68,500 for AT services and training to Gracewood Hospital in Augusta
6. Division of Aging Services (DAS) | \$70,000 for AT services and TA to transition people out of nursing homes (MFP)
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TFL – Grants and Contracts – 2017 – State & National Focused



- **The Total of New Funding is \$2,200,242!**



Questions?





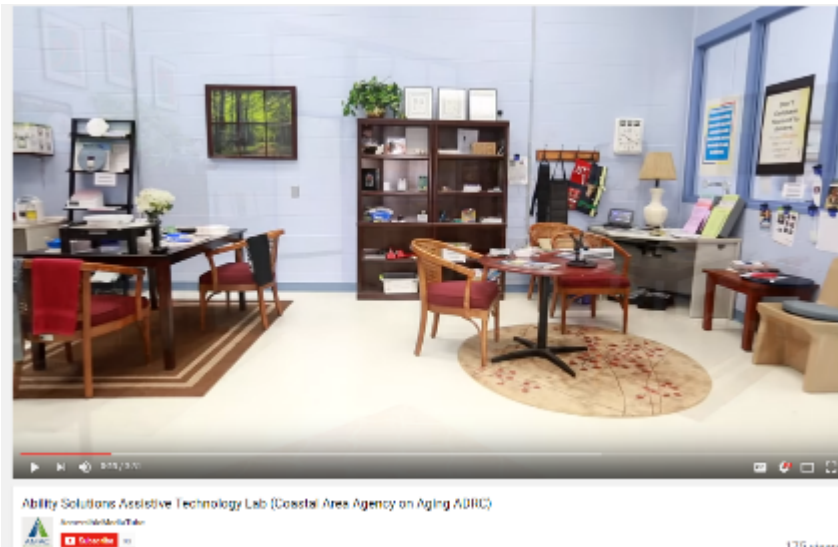
AT and MFP – Success!

- AT Evaluation Pilot program began August 2015:
- Proof of Concept – AT is a Key Factor to Success
- Started in 2 Regions:
 - Atlanta Region (Urban)
 - Southeastern Georgia Region (Rural)
- TFL Customized AT Evaluation Process for MFP:
 - In home and/or in nursing home
 - AT Research support to determine appropriate AT to meet needs of individuals
 - AT Report/Roadmap - extensive written report with AT recommendations and resources
 - Follow-up and follow-along consultation
- Building on these AT Services for MFP:
 - AT Demonstration
 - AT Lending Library – “Try Before You Buy”
 - AT Reuse - Bridging Gaps for smoother transitions

Success – Expanding to All Regions in Georgia in 2017

AT and MFP – Expanding AT Access

- **Lead to AT Tool Kits in all AAA /ADRCs**
 - AT from all areas to support people with disabilities and the natural aging process
- **AT Solution Lab at MFP and Aging-related Conferences**
- **AT Solution Lab at the Coastal Area Agency on Aging Georgia**
 - Coastal AAA/ADRC Won the *2016 AIRS Distinguished Service Award* for their work with the AT Lab!!
 - Presented at the Awards Luncheon at the 2016 AIRS Conference in St. Louis.
 - AIRS is the premier professional membership association for community I&A with over 5000+ national and international members



MFP Updates

- National Webinar held this past March:
 - 1 of 3 states invited
 - Focused on our pilot program that has now extended across GA providing person-centered AT Assessments with nursing home transitions into home of choice
 - Lessons learned
 - Success stories
- Completed 21 MFP AT assessments since inception
- Partners who responded across state completed 45 AT assessments and helped get individuals off waiting lists!



DAS Updates:

- **AT Mini Grant Extension:**

Southern Regional

NWGA AAA

ARC (Cobb)

Three Rivers AAA

Open Houses

Health Fairs

Community events: Fall prevention, healthy living

ADRC Healthy Community Summit in Augusta, Ga

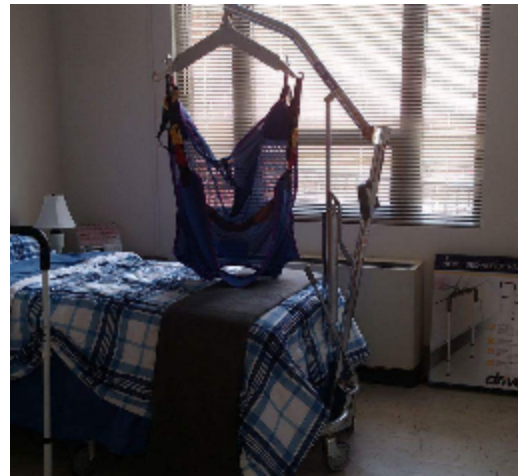
June 7-9

Expanding AT Labs 2017

Cobb County Senior Center



Northwest GA
AAA



AT Labs across the state!





Success Stories!

Our partners shared:

- One of my clients was having great difficulty getting in and out of the car on her own, even with the assistance of family. I was able to obtain a swivel seat and door bar for this client. Her family told me that this has been a great benefit to her, and has made their lives easier as well!
- I had another client who could not reach to put her socks on. I was able to give the client a sock aid, which enabled her to put on her socks on without assistance!



Lunch and then – What's New – AT Demonstrations

Ben Jacobs



What questions do you have?



IDEAS 2017 Update



Thank You – for keeping it Going & Growing!

Direct Service Activities, Data & Ideas

AT Demonstrations

AT Equipment Loans

AT Reuse

State Financing

SLP Activities

- Emory ALS Clinic – evaluations, support and training with donated devices, building ties with ALSA Association (Symposiums)
- Established new relationship for pALS with UGA Speech and Hearing Clinic
- 13 AAC Evaluations in process (evaluation, funding, implementation, or training); 9 funded through insurance; 4 school systems
- The SMILE Project Study

Credit-Able Updates



- **Welcome to JR!**
- **First \$tep Program**
 - Pilot at disABILITY LINK May 10th
 - Second round at GLASS Atlanta
 - Criteria for eligibility
- **Online form for Credit-Able and First Step**
- **AFP funding from HHS coming soon!**
- **Website coming in the next couple months**



Credit-Able By the Numbers



- 120 loans currently active (Direct and Guaranteed
 - 40 direct (38 Credit-Able 2 rescue)
 - 80 Guaranteed and other programs
- \$629,862 currently loaned out
- Lifetime:
 - \$2,047,032.46 loaned
 - \$1,468,026.47 in principal received
 - \$384,074.64



Credit Able Logo Proposal

Option 4 and 5: CreditAble



gTrade



Option 3: gTrade



Georgia's Assistive Technology Equipment Exchange



Georgia's Assistive Technology Equipment Exchange



Dollars and Sense

Option 3: Dollars & Sense



TFL Totals (11/1/2016- Today)



- Device Demo- 393
- Device Loans- 31
- Reutilization- 2396

*Make sure you add in demos from conferences/ tours/ events that you do!!

Assessments



- GROWING!!!
- ALS
- Communication-growing!!
- DEI- already getting in referrals
- Moving forward with DBHDD
- DAS
- K-12
- Kennesaw



State Leadership Training & Public Awareness Activities & Ideas

Trainings

Webinars

Website

Conferences

- TRAINING
- FUNDING
- PUBLICATIONS
- TFL WIKI
- MEET THE TFL TEAM
- MEET THE ADVISORY COUNCIL
- DIRECTIONS/MAP
- JOIN OUR MAILING LIST
- SCHEDULE A TOUR

Welcome AT Services Try AT Get AT AT Guides Research



Stay up-to-date on the latest assistive technology strategies and solutions with customized individual and group trainings.



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Tools for Life and the TFL Network work collaboratively together to accomplish our mission through:

- [AT Demonstration](#)
- [AT Evaluations and Assessments](#)
- [AT Funding Options & Education](#)

GATE 2016

DEC 9 Georgia Tech Student Center

WEBINARS

SEP 14 [Assistive Technology Instructional Specialist Certification](#)

OCT 6 [Apps for Communication](#)

- Current Webinar Schedule
- Webinar Archives

TOOLS FOR LIFE APPFINDER



...for Living, Learning, Working, and Playing.

AT ONLINE EXCHANGE



AT FUNDING GUIDE

DOLLARS & SENSE
NAVIGATING THE AT FUNDING STREAM



Training Resources & Tools

1. **Training:** Learn more about TFL training protocols, policies, procedures and review training archives from years past.
2. **Schedule a Tour:** ALL tours and meetings must be scheduled. Use this link to enter a request for a tour. Your request goes to the TFL Training Coordinator to review. Someone from the TFL Training Team will contact the individual with the request.
3. **Calendar of Events:** View all TFL and TFL Network trainings (we need you!).
4. **Social Media:** Stay connected with us on Facebook and YouTube. You can find our events, webinar announcements and much more on our Facebook page. The TFL YouTube channel contains videos focused on assistive technology and best practices. TFL is on Twitter and Instagram will be coming soon!
5. **Events:** Learn more about diverse trainings from the TFL Team, Assistive Technology professionals, TFL Network, community partners, etc.
6. **Webinars:** View the current webinar schedule and all webinar archive.



Where have we been?

- disability LINK Job Fair
- GATE 2016 – Over 500 participants!
- SERID 2016 - South Eastern Regional Institute on Deafness
- ATIA – ATIA Bootcamp, National AT Aging & Dementia Decision Tree Workshop
- International LDA – Learning Disabilities Conference
- Dyslexia Day at the Capital





Oh! The Places We've Been!

- Cherokee County Interagency Transition Fair
- National Aging in America Conference
- Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Service, KLAS Users National Conference
- COABE 2017 - Coalition on Adult Basic Education
- And more!



Public Awareness Activities



November 1, 2016 to Today

Public Awareness Activity	Individuals Reached
Internet information	930937
Other	368137
Other print materials	1105231
Presentations / expos / conferences	1860
Psa / radio / tv	106000
<u>Total</u>	2512165



Public Awareness Recipients



November 1, 2016 to Today

Recipient Type	AT Device / Service	AT Funding	Related Disability Topics	Total
Individuals with disabilities	26	46	30	102
Family members, guardians, and authorized representatives	8	17	15	40
Representatives of Education	9	13	17	39
Representatives of Employment	10	23	9	42
Representatives of Health, Allied Health, and Rehabilitation	3	6	4	13
Representatives of Community Living	16	21	12	49
Representatives of Technology	18	10	6	34
Other	0	0	2	2
Total	90	136	95	321

Group Trainings Data



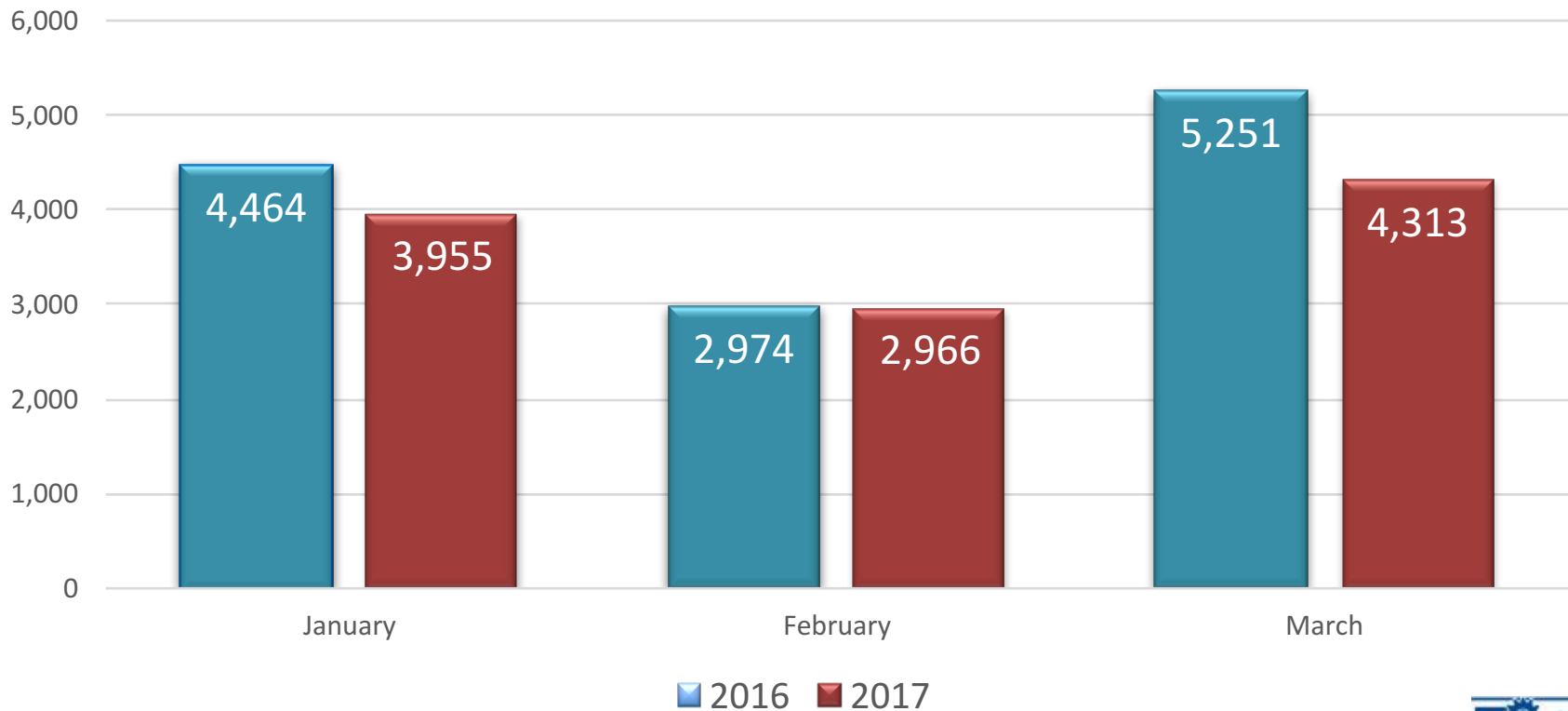
November 1, 2016 to Today

Recipient Type	Number
Individuals with disabilities	273
Family members, guardians, and authorized representatives	2
Representatives of Education	99
Representatives of Employment	52
Representatives of Health, Allied Health, and Rehabilitation	0
Representatives of Community Living	21
Representatives of Technology	1
Other	0
Total	448



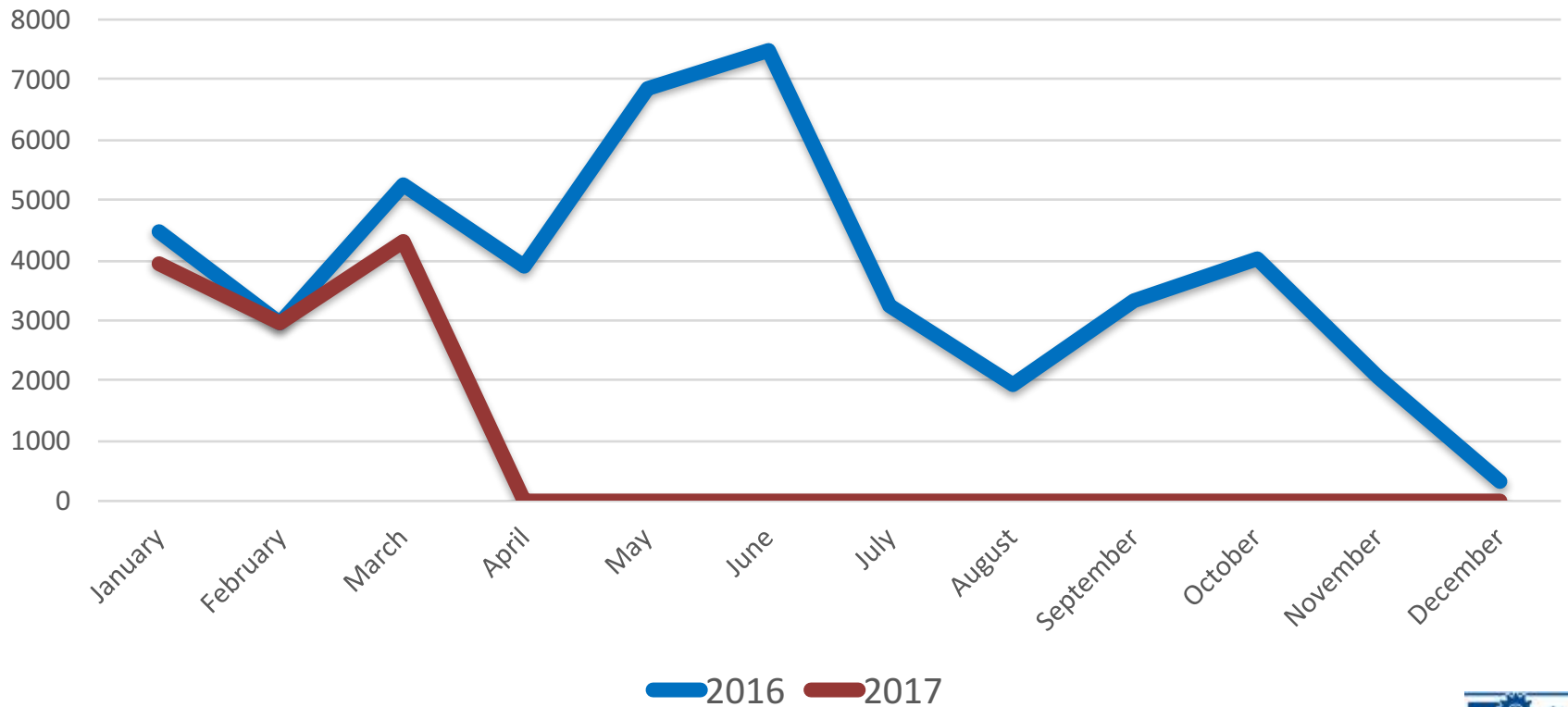
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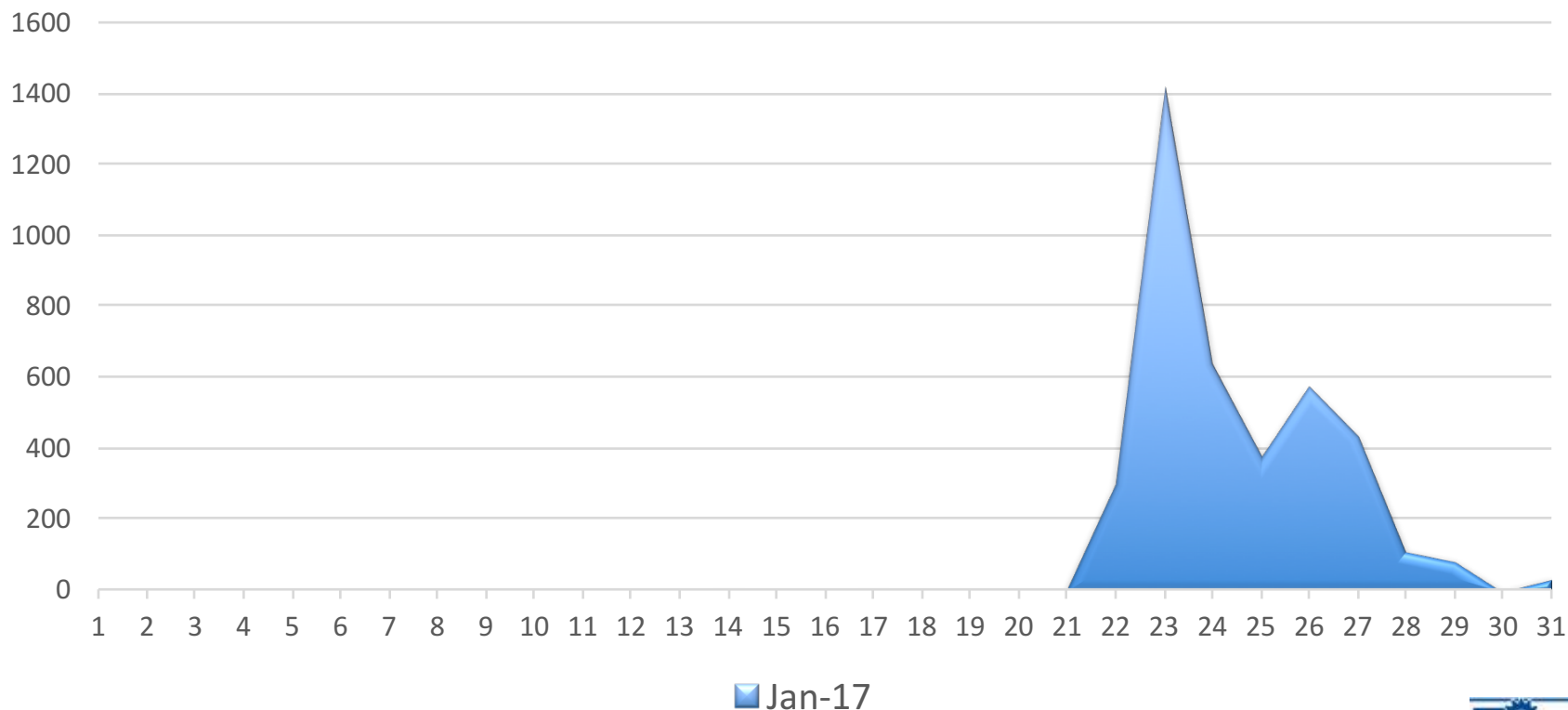
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Facebook Post Reach – January 2017

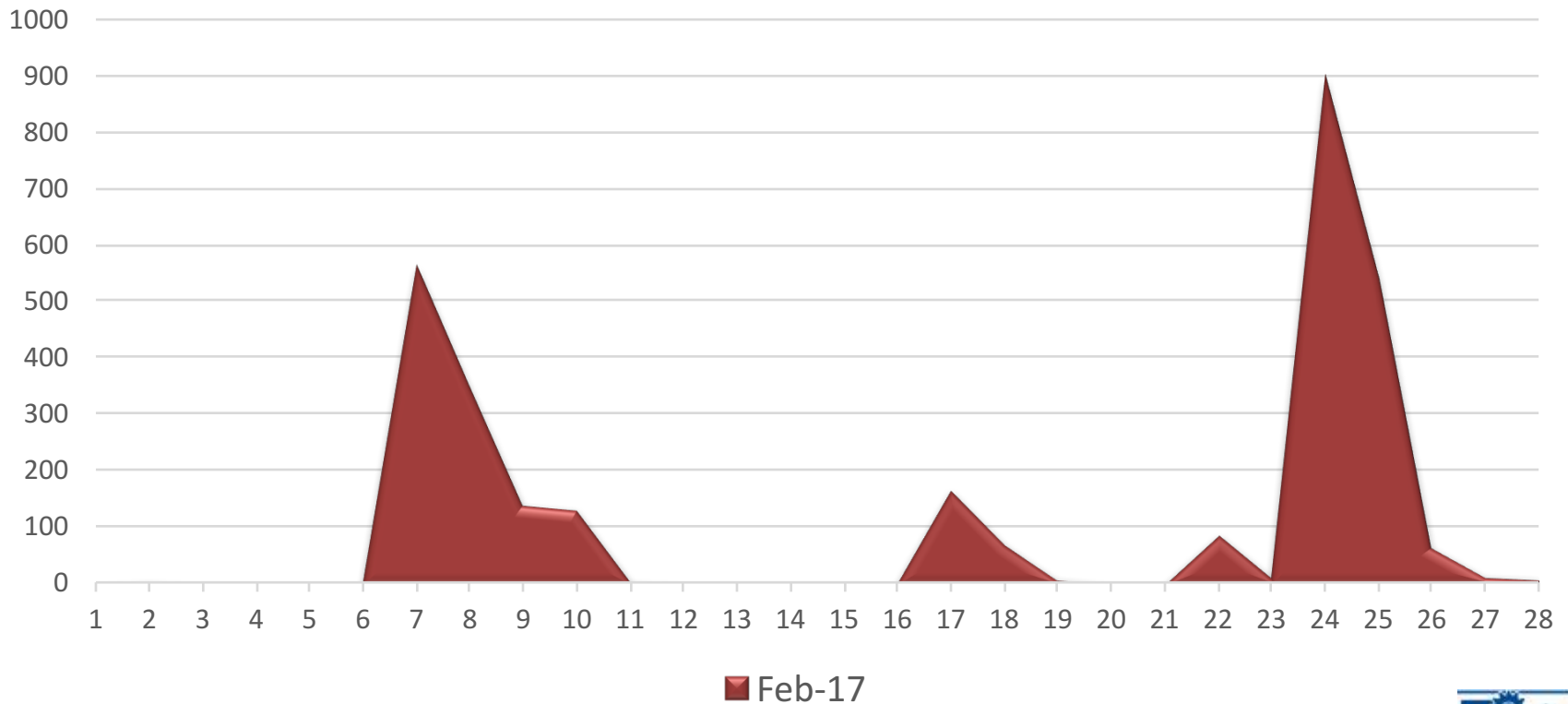


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Facebook Post Reach – February 2017

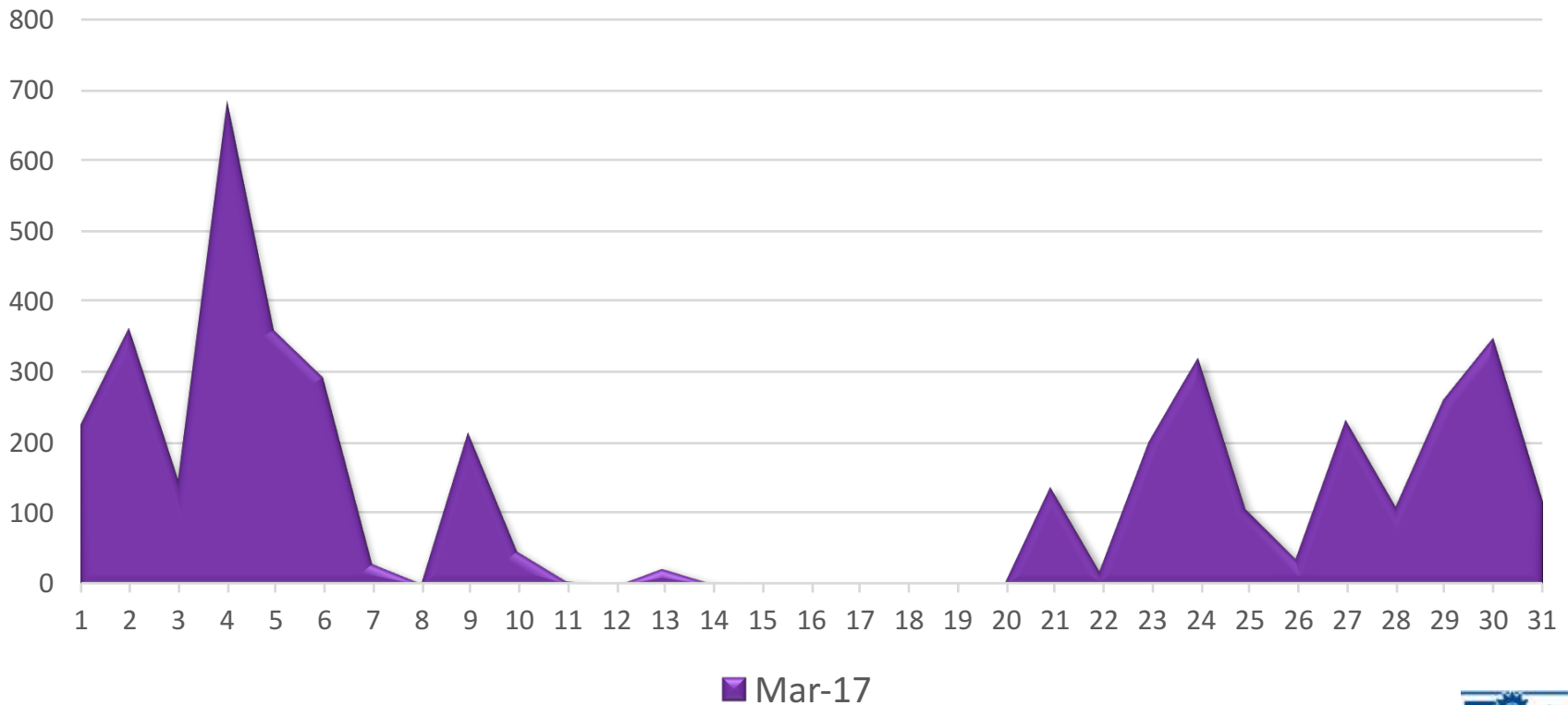
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Facebook Post Reach – March 2017



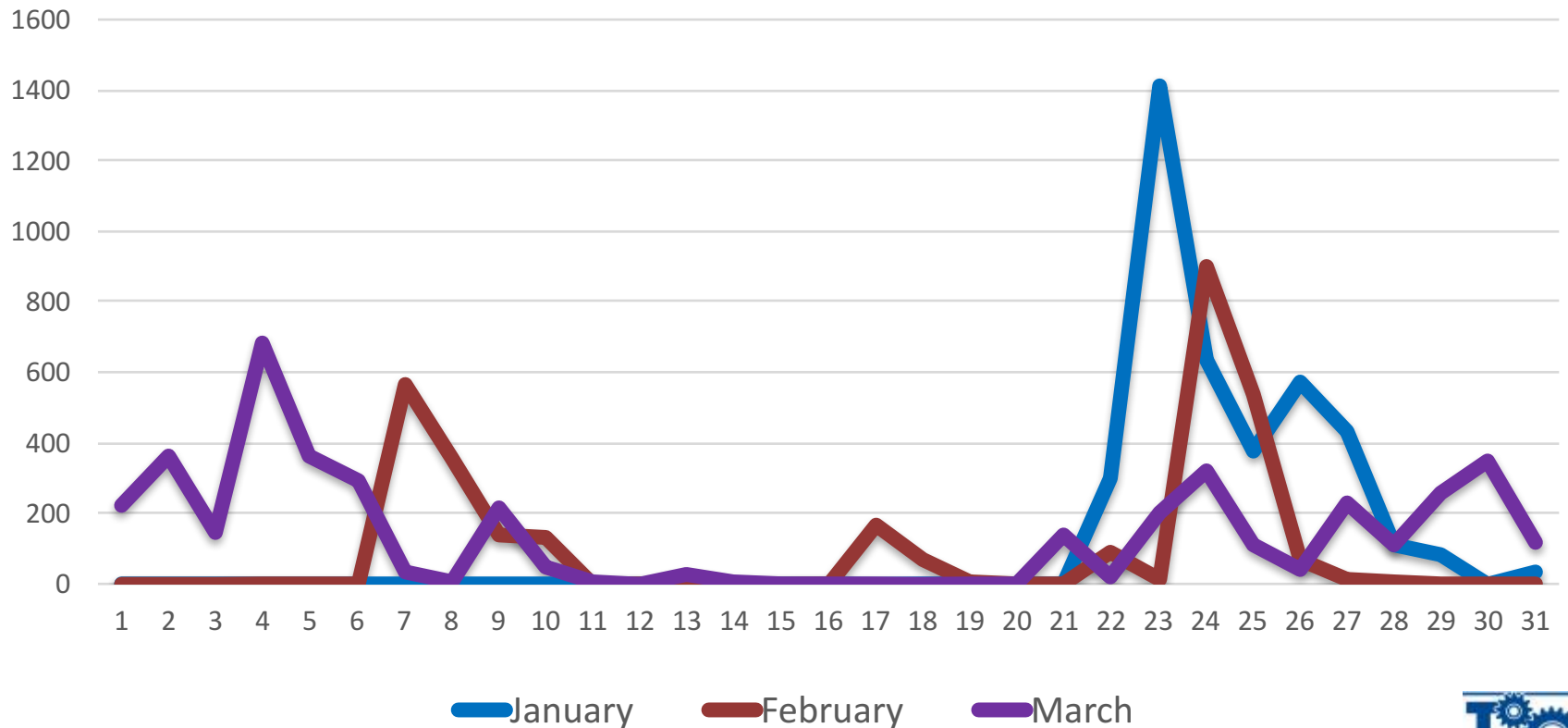
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Facebook Post Reach in 2017



POST REACH 2017





Updates from the Tools for Life Network

Everyone



KSU Universal Design Lab



- Greater collaboration with Inclusive Ed and IT faculty, including Masters in Education, ESOL programs
- Impact of collaboration with Writing Center, Inclusion Academy, Disability Services – main and Marietta Campuses
- More classes are coming to the lab – Inclusive education, Instructional technology, Online classes
- Open lab hours 4 days/week (including evening hours once a month for community) with Inclusion Academy students serving as “experts”
- PD for K-12 teachers in the future



KSU Universal Design Lab



- Great support from Dr. Corrie Davis, (Interim Chair)
- Recent visit of the KSU Presidential Commission on Disability Strategies

Action Plan:

- Plans to move ahead with grant writing for long term sustainability and conference presentations
- Move to Lesson Plan focus during the summer
- PD for faculty; pre- and post-visit activities for students
- Website, other publicity
- Help other universities set up a model classroom!



Transition Research Getting Attention



Four presentations have been made with research findings from the National Longitudinal study as well as our AMAC study:

- ATIA (2 presentations)
- C4ATX-TFL webinar
- I CAN Conference (Middle GA State - Cochrane, GA)
- South Carolina AT EXPO

Interest generated has been substantial!



Thank You!

thank you



Tentative Dates for Next Meetings:

June 7th - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at IDEAS Conference on St. Simon's Island

September 15th - 10:30 am - 3:30 pm at FODAC

December 7th - 10:30 am - 3:30 pm at TFL State Office at AMAC