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LATAN provides access to assistive technology (AT) for Louisiana residents.

Helping Louisiana Residents to Access Assistive Technology (AT)

1,844 People

LATAN provided 439 device demonstrations to 1,844 people.

1,568 Devices

438 people made informed decisions about 1,568 devices.

1,115 People

LATAN reached 1,115 people through 50 educational events.

Income

\$490,888 represents **56%** of LATAN's funds received under the **AT Act Grant of 1998 as amended (P.L.108-364)**.

\$248,440 represents **28%** received through **Louisiana State Appropriations**.

\$91,500 represents **11%** derived from **Grants & Contracts**.

\$34,983 represents **5%** donated by **Donors & Event Sponsors**.

Expenses

Programming **\$721,955** or **77%**

Administration **\$182,870** or **19%**

Fundraising **\$33,329** or **4%**



Success Stories

*"I love this story! What an upbeat bunch of people."
-Carmelite N., commenting on LATAN's Facebook page.*

A LATAN Device Demonstration Gave Charleigh Her Voice

Charleigh was born with a speech impairment. After struggling to interpret her sounds, facial expressions, and gestures, her parents brought her to LATAN. In the AT Demonstration Center, Charleigh tried out different communication devices. Her parents chose one for her to try at home. A month later, they happily reported that she was making great progress in using the device to communicate!



LATAN received \$75,000 from the **Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation** to begin a new project, **"Stand Up, Louisiana!"** to help people with paralysis to realize the benefits of standing by providing loans of standing frames for eligible individuals.

This LATAN Service Helped Patrick After His Stroke



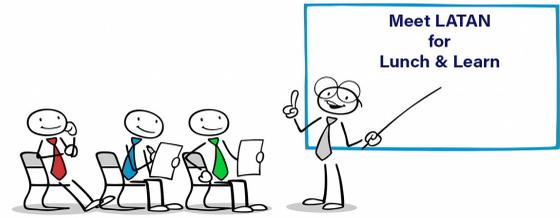
Forty-three year-old **Patrick** of Bossier Parish survived a stroke that affected the entire right side of his body and his ability to speak. Patrick's speech therapist borrowed an iPad with an app called **"Constant Therapy"** through LATAN's **AT Device Loan Program**. Patrick used the app at home in between therapy appointments. It tracked his progress and allowed his therapist to make adjustments as needed. Patrick, his wife, and his therapist were all thrilled with the results and were grateful that LATAN was there to help him with a device loan.

LATAN donors did it again! Through LATAN's annual signature "A Cause for Hope" fundraiser and year-round efforts, donors met a \$25,000 challenge issued by the **Huey and Angelina Wilson Foundation**. After the Wilson Foundation matched that dollar-for-dollar, a grand total of \$50,000 was raised in **support of LATAN!**



Public Awareness

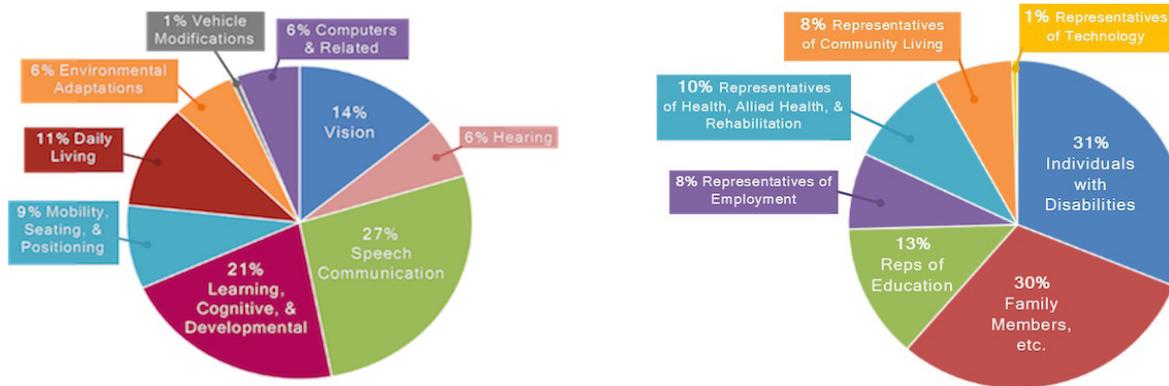
LATAN's public awareness series, **Meet LATAN for Lunch & Learn**, educated over **160** individuals and representatives of schools, nonprofit organizations, and agencies such as Department of Health & Hospitals, Department of Children & Family Services, Governor's Office of Disability Affairs, Louisiana Workforce Commission, and the Developmental Disabilities Council. The series was sponsored by **Baton Rouge Rehab Hospital**.



LATAN reached **849,867** people through its website, eblasts, print material, and social media.

LATAN staff responded to **445** people seeking information and assistance.

Demonstrations & Loans



Assistive Technology Financial Loan Program



LATAN's AT Financial Loan Program approved 9 low-interest, extended-term, guaranteed-rate loans totaling over **\$126,129**. Thanks to that financing, Louisiana residents with disabilities were able to purchase assistive technology that they needed. Their purchases included modified vehicles, specially designed eyeglasses, hearing aids, and other assistive technology devices.

The AT Marketplace, Emergency Preparedness, & Disaster Response

LATAN's reuse program, **The AT Marketplace**, is an online database that connects individuals who need AT with those who have devices to sell or donate. The program helped 34 people save over \$50,000 this year! **The Emergency Preparedness Program** educates AT users and their support networks on disaster preparedness and provides ongoing technical assistance to emergency management agencies in Louisiana. When disasters hit, LATAN helps people replace lost or damaged AT devices through coordinated **response efforts** with state agencies and other disability organizations in Louisiana and nationwide. LATAN responded following the March 2016 floods and continues to assist survivors of the August 2016 floods.

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