# TECHNOLOGY FOR INDEPENDENCE





## Welcome to today's talk!

#### Learn About:

- Introductions
- Why we are here how technology can help increase independence and self-reliance
- Local Programs Supporting Technology
- Technology for Employment
- Transition Aged Support with Technology
- Technology for Aging
- Open Forum and Time to Check out Technology

#### Introductions

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## UNDERSTANDING ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

#### FEDERAL DEFINITION

Definition: any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.

#### MN RULES FOR SUPPORT

Assistive technology is not just the equipment, but also includes the human expertise to assess a person's needs, determine or design the best technology to meet those needs, and then train and support its use.

#### Local Programs

Assistive Technology Support Nearby!

#### MN State University Moorhead Regional Assistive Technology Center

https://www.mnstate.edu/academics/colleges-schools/cehs/speech-clinic/ratc/

#### North Dakota Assistive

https://ndassistive.org/

#### IS

## EVERYTHING

## CLEAR SO FAR?

We can have an open discussion for questions or clarifications before proceeding!

## START

## CONVERSATIONS

## EARLY

The sooner you engage all parties in the conversation, the more likely they will gain buy-in and want to say yes

# TECHNOLOGY FOR EMPLOYMENT





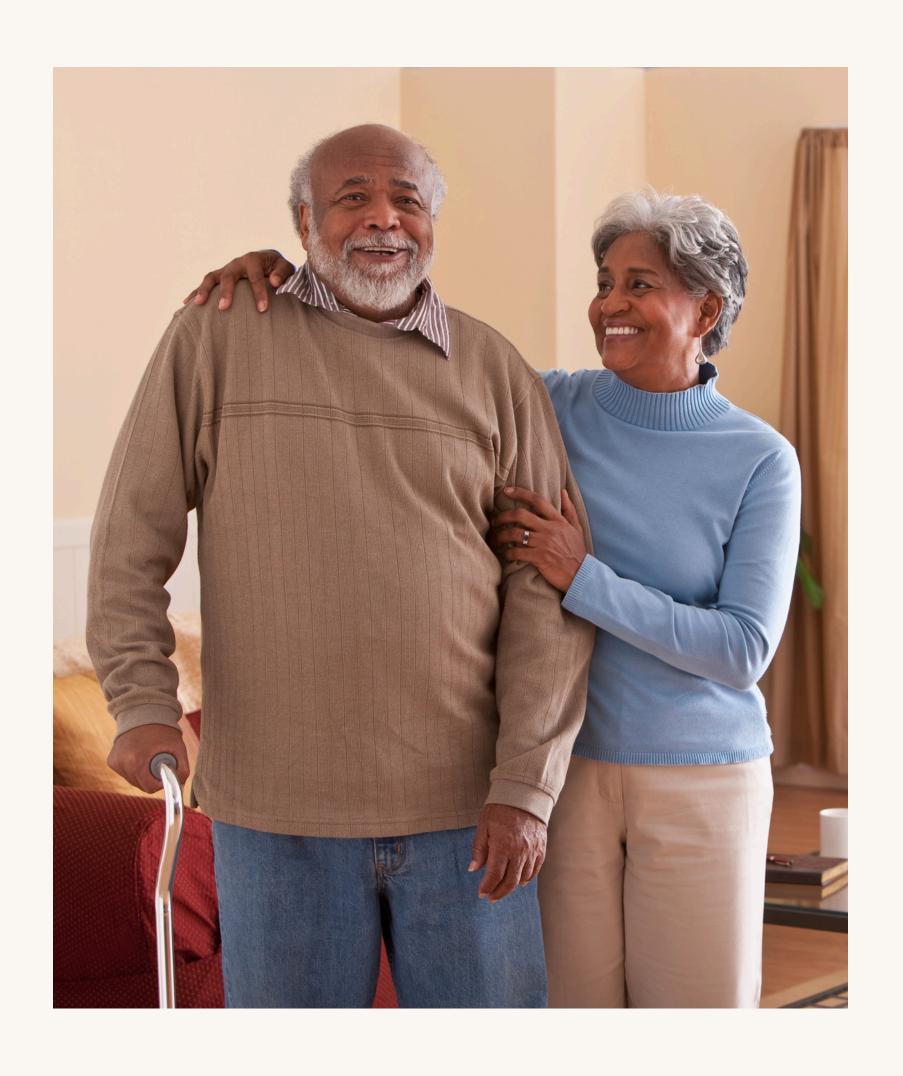


## QUESTIONS?

# TRANSITION AGED SUPPORT WITH TECHNOLOGY



Questions?



# Technology for Aging



### OPEN FORUM

#### RESOURCES



- ARRM Tech Resources
- ARRM Tech 101
- AT4ALL
- MN NEAT
- AT3 Center
- Pacer Simon Technology Center
- Goblin.AI

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