

RI Council on Assistive Technology
July 25, 2013 ~ 2:30 – 4:00 pm
TechACCESS of RI
110 Jefferson Blvd, Suite I, Warwick, RI

MINUTES

Attendees: Chair Michael Matraccia, Elisabeth Hubbard, James Litvack, Sophia Neirman, Teresa O'Brien, Colleen Poliselli, Ying Sun, and Kim Wennermark.

Partners: Kelly Charlebois, TechAccess; Denise Corson, ATEL; Melanie Sbardella (in for Roberta Greene-Whittemore, ATAP Program Director); Lisa Labitt, EBEC; Lezlee Shaffer, and Allen Parent-Wetmore, PARI.

Excused: Flo Adeni-Awosika, Margaret Hoye, and Dan Pieroni.

Welcome: Meeting was called to order by Chair Matraccia at 2:45. Introductions were done by all attendees. Kelly Charlebois was welcomed as the ATAP Partner TechACCESS' new Executive Director.

Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2013: Chair Matraccia made motion to approve minutes as is. Liz Hubbard seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.

New Business: Chair Matraccia asked about new phone numbers at ORS. It was explained that ORS had changed to the 462- exchange. New numbers are listed on the website for counselors and administration. Chair Matraccia asked if there was a reason behind the change. Melanie S. responded that we are now tied into Cranston/DHS/DLT. Denise Corson added post cards were sent out to all her past clients.

Chair Matraccia stated he had handed out RICAT applications to 4 or 5 more people and asked if we had received any back. Sharon DiPinto responded she had not.

ATAP Program Director's Report: Melanie Sbardella stated Roberta Greene Whittemore was still out on sick leave. Everyone wished her a speedy recovery and signed a get well card to be mailed to her. Melanie noted that the ATAP Partner Contracts end on 9/30/14, and they usually begin working on contract development in January. Melanie asked if members had any thoughts on where there might be any gaps. Melanie will be sitting in on contract planning with Roberta and partners this year. Question was asked about grant amount and if sequestration was going to affect amount each partner receives. Unsure and will need to check with Kat Grygiel and respond back. Sharon DiPinto spoke about the

changes the ATAP Partners will need to submit for the ATAP Data Collection Reporting that will be coming into effect October 2013. Chair Matraccia and Kim Wennermark questioned how the form is used. Response was that each partner submits this completed form on a quarterly basis. All data is then merged into one report which is submitted yearly to the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA). Lisa Labitt noted it is a very labor intensive process with regards to the tracking of everything. Chair Matraccia asked to keep a copy of sample reporting form to review.

Partner Reports (reports attached):

ATEL: Denise Corson stated that they have been getting a lot of outreach to the community these past few months. ATEL had a program "Project Endeavor" which was giving people with non-internet access, internet access for CapTel phones where she helped individuals get set up and activated. It was extended until 6/30/13. Postcards with the new phone number were sent to any active members in the last 10 years. Phone activity definitely became more active after that.

EBEC: Lisa Labitt noted that 24 AT devices had been loaned this quarter. She has been working with Hasbro Early Intervention team. They have received multiple professional development opportunities where they have brought her case studies, direct consultations, loans and assessments working with very young children under 3 years old. Lisa also reported 19 AT device demonstrations. She has been working with an Alternative Augmentative Communication group that is driving the process for best practices for students who need communication systems. Subgroup she is involved with pulled together a listserv of people who are speech language pathologists or teachers that work with students with disabilities. Communication and training opportunities are sent through this listserv. Becky Wright from RIDE said that might be something she could use to send out information to. There were 46 device trainings this past quarter. Newport is still using the platform of text reading that they purchased and put in all schools, however, they didn't count for the professional development that needed to go with it. Lisa has been going in assisting them several times during the year. Text reading system they had gone with is the same as the 3 RI colleges use. Technical Assistance – Lisa will be participating in conferences in early Sept. RIDE is having a technology conference she would like to be involved with. Another conference is with Teacher Assistants who Lisa said she likes to work with because they are the direct connect to students. Issues coming up in classrooms that assistance is requested that are coming out in surveys are mental health, social, emotional, crisis management, behavioral health, autism, Aspergers.

OSCIL: Lezlee Shaffer noted that presentations and outreach are in full swing. A statewide annual meeting for resident service coordinators was held recently.

OSCIL's AT Specialist was able to get information out to 50-75 people who are directly connected to the residents. Lezlee explained she had usually only done presentations to individual resident service coordinators, and this was just a great opportunity to have this many in one place. Denise Corson was also in attendance and she added that they received contact information from each coordinator and is currently setting up a database. OSCIL has also participated at a couple of expos.

The Nursing Home Transition Program has been stalled because they lost their transition person in January. Now gearing up for a new position that will be splitting person's time between basic Nursing Home Transition Program and Youth Transition Services, which is a new initiative for OSCIL. Lezlee added that they had not done a lot with the youth population so this will be new for them. Position will be posted Friday a.m. for an OTA.

Melanie asked about funding for the macular degeneration grant. Lezlee said there is still funding available and grant ends in December, 2013. Other people can tie into telecommunications grant "Icanconnect.com" for the Deaf/blind. Lezlee said they will have a little bit of hang-up with AT person being out for about a month.

PARI: Allen Parent-Wetmore stated that program was in hiatus this past month so that they could complete installation of the new POS (Point Of Sale) System. The system provides extensive inventory management, all retail and invoiced sales operations, as well as complete data collection for reporting program activities. Primary usage of the data collection aspect of the system will be to provide ATAP required data and demographic data for CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) purposes. Detailed equipment tracking through the use of barcoded SKU (Stock Keeping Unit) and serialized labels and will enable us to maintain an accurate and instant availability status of home and vehicle modification equipment usually stored off site.

PARI has recently partnered with the cities of Pawtucket and Warwick to provide assessment and installation of home modification equipment to residents of these cities. Utilizing CDBG monies, Pawtucket will provide residents who meet financial guidelines installation of ramps. Warwick will provide ramps and home modifications.

TechACCESS: Kelly Charlebois stated that they will not be holding the Annual AT Conference this year. Instead they will be bringing a national level presenter in. Therese Wilkhomm will do a "Make and Take" Workshop, where participants will pay a lab fee and then make and take away 10 AT devices. New England Tech has donated space to hold this. They have done a lot of collaboration with the RI Society of Technology Educators (RISTE) headed by John Billota and Eric Boutash who has asked them to provide iPad workshops during the summer months. Two

of the sessions have sold out primarily for general educators. They have asked them to participate and support the area of the RIDE Conference they will be participating in as well. Kelly recently applied to the Walmart Giving Council. The focus of the grant is to provide technology services to support individuals who are employed, seeking employment, or attending secondary education programs and need the help of AT. TechACCESS renewed their contract with RIDE for 5 years. The new focus of this contract is on: 1) developing and supporting an AT Share network that will allow school districts to inventory, share, and loan equipment with other districts and 2) developing and implementing a program to provide a Basic AT Credential to RI teachers. Due to the success of the youth group, Gloria Stuart began an adult Cybervision Group which they received an incredible response to. New receptionist hired – Brenda Vecchiarelli. TechACCESS has continued providing AT modules to local colleges including Providence College and Johnson & Wales University. They have gotten many calls from adults looking for augmentative communication devices. They are exploring having people come in for services and then having them go through their own private insurance.

Roundtable:

Melanie brought up the VR Summit being held in Providence this year. People can view agenda and register at www.vrsummit.org. (6th Annual Summit, Vocational Rehabilitation Program Evaluation & Quality Assurance, September 16-17, 2013 Providence, RI.)

Lisa brought up Betsy Dalton who is working on accessible instructional materials – Book Share and Learning Ally for teachers to participate in. Kelly added they just picked the date of October 2nd and 3rd for Book Share to be coming.

Next Meeting Date: October 24, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m., TechACCESS of RI, 110 Jefferson Boulevard, Suite I, Warwick, RI.

Adjournment: Liz Hubbard made motion to adjourn at 3:45pm, seconded by Teresa O'Brien. Motion passed unanimously.

Attachments: Partner Reports

ATEL Partner Report for 7/25/13 RICAT Meeting

Device Demonstrations

We did 84 device demonstrations and had 110 participants.

Anecdote –

I provided demonstrations for 5 individuals that received their Captel phone thru my referral to Project Endeavor. All 5 of these individuals were eligible for the ATEL Program, however for \$50 they could get the benefit of captioning of incoming calls with out having someone call the 800#. Also, 4 of these clients had Verizon Fios with is incompatible with the 840, and due to no internet can not utilize the 840i. Since Project Endeavor utilizes Sprint Relay for its Relay service, our RI Hamilton Relay representative could not assist in the installation and training of these Captel; therefore, I assisted in the installation and the demonstration of the Captel 840i to these individuals. Also, we had one Cox Communication client that we have not been unable to help with consistent captioning, even after Cox had made many visits to her residence; her family also decided to go thru Project Endeavor and was extremely pleased with the 840i.

Public Awareness/Information & Assistance

We did 3 New Technology Demonstration programs on *Technology and Communication Strategies for Persons with Hearing Loss*: April 10th, May 8th and June 12th.

Presentations and Expos/Conferences:

- 4/10/13- We did a booth at the Prime Time Expo
- 4/11/13- We did a presentation for Atria Senior Living
- 4/22/13 – We did a presentation at Allegria Court.
- 4/23/13- We did a presentation at Saugatucket Springs
- 5/2/13- – We did a presentation at Arbor Hill Assisted Living.
- 5/13/13 – We did a booth at Pilgrim Senior Center.
- 5/14/13— We did a presentation at the Village at St. Antoine and Middletown Senior Center
- 5/16/13—We did a booth at the morning and evening CDHH Hearing Loss Awareness Expo.
- 5/17/13- We did a booth at the Bridge at Cherry Hill
- 5/21/13- We did a booth at the RIHAP Conference
- 5/29/13- We did a presentation at the East Bay Manor.
- 6/5/13 – We did a presentation at JCC in Providence.
- 6/27/13- We did a presentation for the Veterans Voc. Rehab.
- 6/28/13- We attended the RISCC meeting.

ATEL was also mentioned in OSCIL's summer newsletter.

State Financing

We serviced 100 clients and issued 106 devices with a retail value of approximately \$25,121.

Anecdote – I went out to one of ATEL current 95 year old client that told me her ATEL phone hasn't rung for 21 days, and she was very upset because she was missing calls, since the ring was too low on her other phones to hear. I went out to visit her, and picked up the ATEL phone she received from our office and heard that there was a dial tone, but the phone would not ring when I called it. I replaced the phone with a brand new phone, but that wouldn't ring either. I told her this was very strange, since this is a new phone too, and it too had a dial tone, but wouldn't ring. I then noticed that the phone was no longer plugged into

the wall jack but a Verizon box. I asked her about it and she told me the problem all started when she switched over to Verizon to combine her cell phone with her home phone, and this is the day the phone stopped ringing. I called the Verizon store that set up her phone, to see what the problem could be. The service representative told me that they were in the process of transferring her old number to the Verizon box, but it was going to take a few more days. I now tried plugging the phone into the wall jack, and called her house and the phone rang; I realized that she currently had 2 different phone numbers working out of her house, but the ATEL phone plugged into the box was a different incoming number; since this was going to take a few days to combine the numbers, I provided her with a 95 db Bell Ringer plugged into the wall jack near her phone. I explained to her that the Bell Ringer will ring to let you know you have a phone call, until your new number is activated in the box, and then your ATEL phone will ring again. She was so happy to be able to hear the phone ring again, and was no longer upset!

Other Activities

ORS switched over to a new phone system, on 6/11/13. We are tying in to the main system located in Cranston. This will be both easier to maintain and more cost efficient. Everyone received a new extension, with the capability to be dialed directly from the outside. The ATEL Office's new telephone number is (401) 462-7857.

Project Endeavor/Sprint CradlePoint was extended until 6/30/13; our office referred many of our clients that did not have access to the internet but needed the Captel phone to this program. Overall, this has been a wonderful program for our clients. However, we did have an issue with connectivity with a lady that lives in Coventry; since the sprint tower covered is only fair, the program was able to send her a satellite to increase her signal.

Respectfully submitted:
Denise Corson

RICAT Meeting Summary June 25, 2013
East Bay Educational Collaborative

The ATAP Children and Youth Resource Center located at East Bay Educational Collaborative provides a Lending Library of Assistive Technology Devices and a Demonstration Center for school age children, educators and families.

Device Loan: Number of devices borrowed this quarter: **24**

Anecdote: The Hasbro Early Intervention Team has received multiple Professional Development opportunities from ATAP @ East Bay. Direct consultation, case study and loaning devices to name several activities that improve the services and knowledge of the Hasbro EI Team- On going

Device Demonstration: 19

Anecdote: RIDE has an Alternative Augmentative Communication Group that is providing leadership and best practices to drive a process of students receiving AAC devices and tools that they need to access the curriculum. Alternative Assessment students do not have all the tools that they require for participation in the standard K- 12 system. Lack of training and AAC professionals are a real problem in RI. RIDE has headed a group of educators and specialists working in the field to better understand needs and provide tools for ALL educators working with low level communicators. Becky Wright from the Department RIDE provides the leadership. I manage the LIST serve and Coordination of information to RI educators of Alternative Assessment students and others needing communication devices/strategies. A listserve will be hosted at

RIDE and maintained between NRIC and East Bay Educational Collaborative providing the content on communicative issues, PD and training opportunities. *** New developing initiative.

Device Training: 46

Newport continues their quest for training and access to reading and writing through their District wide platform of text reading and screen reading for all Newport Middle and High School students.

Technical Assistance:

- Conference planning with RIDE for Teacher Assistants
- Planning with RIDE and for Technology Conference in Fall

Respectfully submitted: Lisa Labitt 6/25/2013



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Report for July 25, 2013 RICAT Meeting

Highlights from Quarter: April - June 2013

- **Demonstrations**

Home visits and assessments continue. Funding for AT & minor home modifications again made available through OSCIL's ***Home Sweet Accessible Home Project***, with a grant from Tufts Health Plan Foundation.

- **Increasing Independence for the Visually Impaired**. Project ongoing and being promoted via OSCIL's newsletter and through collaborations with SBVI and INSIGHT. Funding expanded to include consumers with various kinds of vision loss, in addition to those with Macular Degeneration. Funding will continue through December 2013, providing money for AT and minor home modifications.

- **Public Awareness, Information & Assistance**: During the quarter OSCIL staff participated in the Hearing Loss Awareness Expo in Providence, the Senior Expo at Leon Mathieu Center in Pawtucket and the statewide Resident Service Coordinator Coalition's annual meeting. Information on OSCIL's various programs and services was provided including Deaf Services, Assistive Technology and Home Modification. AT presentations & equipment demonstrations were also conducted at Salvatore Mancini Senior Center and Hill Crest Manor.

- The summer edition of OSCIL's quarterly newsletter, ***Signs of Independence***, included articles on OSCIL's Gift of Hearing Program (in collaboration with URI's Speech & Hearing Center and PARI), an article on ***Accessibility at RI Parks*** (including recreational hand cycles at East Bay Bike Path and Colt State Park), and adaptive equipment funding through ***OSCIL's Home Sweet Accessible Home*** program and its ***Increasing Independence for the Visually Impaired*** grant.

- **Nursing Home Transition**: Several consumers who were in process with previous NHT Specialist have been transferred to other OSCIL staff for services. During the quarter three consumers were successfully transitioned from nursing facilities -- two working with OSCIL's Housing Specialist & Program Director (provided with household furnishings, furniture, security deposit and start-up pantry supplies) for their new apartments and one working with OSCIL's Home Access Coordinator (completing a ramp to address access issues at the home they were returning to). OSCIL is in the process of hiring a part-time NHT Specialist to continue this vital program.

- **Reutilization**. Several small pieces of AT (including a commode, shower seat, and transfer bench) were recycled to consumers in need of these items to address safety issues, eliminating the necessity of their having to purchase these items.

Case Study #1 ~ Consumer is a 76 year old male with Peripheral Neuropathy and heart disease. He recently suffered a massive heart attack leaving him very weak throughout his upper and lower extremities. The consumer was hoping to get back to showering independently and going into the basement where he spent most of his time watching television. It was very important for him to get back to doing these things because he had been doing them for 40 years. OSCIL installed two grab bars in the shower area to assist him in transferring safely ; we also added railings to both sides of the basement stairs so he could continue to go down there without assistance. This consumer and his family have reported that he is now more independent when moving throughout the home.

Case Study #2 ~ Consumer is a 67 year old woman living with her husband in a two story, town house style home. A stairlift had been installed to allow her to move between floors, but she had had a fall in her bathroom. OSCIL completed a home assessment and arranged to have grab bars installed on two walls. These gave consumer safe support while transferring to and from the toilet and tub. A transfer bench was provided, allowing her to safely get into showering position. The bathroom door was reversed so that it now swung out of the bathroom. This not only gave more room in the small bathroom, but also prevented her from becoming trapped behind the door in the event of a fall. Offset hinges were installed providing a wider opening for her to pull further in with her wheelchair. She now can confidently do all her own self care tasks.

Lezlee Shaffer
OSCIL Program Director

RICAT MEETING
Thursday, July 25, 2013
ATAP Partner Reporting: TechACCESS of RI

Highlights from Quarter: April – June 2013

Demonstrations

We continue to offer monthly Technology Demonstrations, with a focus on Technology for those with Blindness/Low Vision, Alternate Computer Access, and Tablet Technologies.

Public Awareness, Information & Assistance

- We continue to answer I&R calls. We have hired a new receptionist, Brenda Vecchiarelli.
- We continue to provide an Assistive Technology Overview module for RI Colleges. This quarter, they were provided for Providence College and Johnson & Wales University.
- We began an Adult CyberVision Program, run by Gloria Stuart. This group meets monthly and has been very well received. It provides an opportunity for members to discuss their current use of technology, network, mentor each other, and receive technical support for minor issues they may be encountering with their technology. Currently, this program is unfunded. We are looking for potential funding streams.
- We provided an AT Overview for the Warwick Local Advisory Committee. This is a group run by parents for parents of children receiving special education services in Warwick. The focus was on how parents can advocate for AT services for their children and included a demonstration of a variety of AT.

Updates

- There will be no Conference this year. We will resume the Conference in November of 2014. We have contracted with national presenter Therese Wilkomm from UNH. She will be presenting on Friday, October 25th at New England Tech. She presented for us last year and we received very positive feedback.
- The ATAP Conference received credit for the "iPad Playground" title we used last year by the Connecticut Tech Act Project, who is using the idea for their Achievement Through technology Conference. It can be seen at <http://www.cttechact.com/conference/iPadPlayground.php>.
- We are collaborating with RISTE (The RI Society of Technology Educators) to provide iPad workshops during the summer months. 2 of the sessions have sold out. They will be attended primarily by general educators, which is a group we have been trying to engage. We will also be collaborating with RISTE for the RIDE Technology Conference in October.
- We have applied for a grant from The Walmart Giving Council. The focus of the grant is to provide technology services to support individuals who are employed, seeking employment, or attending secondary education programs and need the help of AT. Monies would be available to update and enhance the Adapted technology Lab equipment.



- We have renewed our contract with the RI Department of Education for another 5 years. The new focus of this contract is on: 1) developing and supporting an AT Share network that will allow school districts to inventory, share, and loan equipment with other districts and 2) developing and implementing a program to provide a Basic AT Credential to RI teachers.
- We continue to receive numerous calls from adults with needs in the area of communication. Presently, TechACCESS does not accept private insurance. We are exploring options that will allow us to provide services to this underserved population.
- We will continue to offer Professional Development to educators, therapists and families. To support RIMAC (RI Materials Access Center), we have scheduled workshops with Bookshare and Learning Ally. These agencies provide electronic text to eligible print impaired individuals.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Charlebois
Executive Director



RICAT Meeting Thursday, Thursday, July 25, 2013

ATAP Partner Reporting – PARI PAAT Program

Reporting Period April 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013

Device Recycling and Exchange (Reutilization):

The PAAT program provides DME (durable medical equipment) assistive technology equipment to people thru two primary methods, device recycling and device exchange.

112 recycled devices were sold to consumer and their families at an **estimated cost savings of over \$8000.00 dollars**. This equipment consists of durable medical equipment used in daily living and mobility activities.

5 exchanged devices were provided utilizing an exchange database maintained by PARI through which devices are exchanged at no cost to the consumer. The only financial obligations of the recipients are installation charges, if applicable. This equipment consists of stair glides, vehicle modifications and electric hospital beds providing an **estimated cost savings this period to consumers of over \$5000.00 dollars**.

Device Loan:

The PAAT program provides two types of device loans, short term accommodations and very short time loans of durable medical equipment for the purposes of evaluation.

Accommodation Loans:

The objective of this loan service is to provide a short term accommodation while an individual's own equipment is being repaired or are if they are in need of equipment which might be prohibitive to purchase for short term use, such as a portable ramp, electric wheelchair, scooter, transport wheelchair or patient lift. The loan is provided with a \$10.00 charge for each week with an average loan term length of two weeks. Instructions on proper usage and care of the equipment are provided as well as follow-up assessment of the loan.

5 accommodation loans were provided this period.

Evaluation Loans:

The objective of this loan service is to provide the consumer or therapist with the opportunity to bring an assistive device to evaluate in their home environment. Often equipment designed for a particular use does not work in every environment or with every consumer. The ability to simply take one or two types of equipment home and try them prior to purchase rather than accessing all of one's concerns in the showroom and making an immediate decision promotes the right choices being made regarding assistive technology equipment.

5 loans for evaluation were provided this period.

Device Demonstration Center

The PAAT program operates a demonstration center within our sales area, attempting to provide at least one example of all the durable medical equipment that is available through recycling or exchange. Consumers, families and service professionals are able to compare and gain and understanding of the choices available concerning assistive technology equipment.

32 demonstrations of equipment were provided this period, often to families who were for the first time facing the need of assistive equipment. As an example of one of the benefits we provide, after having determined Flora T. did need crutches and properly fitting her we sat at the computer to watch instructional videos of the proper techniques for walking as well as ascending/descending stairs until she felt comfortable.

Information and Referral

Often, quite often actually, people call PARI in need of equipment or services that aren't available nor provided by PARI. In those instances the PAAT program will provide *any* information possible, including referrals to appropriate agencies, searching for the lowest price on a specialty tub transfer chair, calling a therapist to clarify a consumer's needs or simply providing a Denise's number at ATEL to obtain an assistive telephone. Many of the phone calls we receive require just listening to and asking questions of the consumer or family member, determining what their needs are and trying to help as much as possible.

84 I/R's provided this period.

Public Awareness

The PARI PAAT Program (PARI's Affordable Assistance Program) raises awareness among individuals with disabilities and their families to the availability of assistive technology equipment and its ability to remove barriers to independence. Awareness activities include participation in informational exhibits and demonstrations we provide in rehabilitation and support group settings. Additionally, PARI distributes informational pamphlets describing the PAAT program to further enhance awareness of assistive technology and provides information through our website, www.pari-ilc.org. PARI is also an active demonstrator/vendor/participant in several conferences throughout the year

as well as an active presence in statewide legislation hearings and public events. Bi-annually we co-host an Independent Living Conference with Ocean State Center for Independent Living, promoting the public awareness of disability related issues.

Coordination & Collaboration

PARI Independent Living Center collaborates with ATAP partners and other disability related groups to promote the value of, and access to assistive technology; assisting individuals with disabilities and their families in advocating for the acquisition of AT. This is accomplished through regular attendance and participation in ATAP partner meetings, participation in the ATAP advisory committee (RICAT) meetings, active involvement throughout the state with PARI staff service on boards and planning committees of disability-related agencies as well as participation in community events targeting individuals with disabilities. PARI also provides annual logistical assistance and publicity for the Governor's Office on Disabilities public forums held throughout the state.

Community Relationships

The PAAT program has established relationships with several community agencies which have allowed us to find homes for donated items not usually accepted by PARI, such as:

Blackstone Valley Community Health Care

Nebulizers, Ensure liquids and medical disposables

Wheels To The World

Manual wheelchairs, parts, walkers and pediatric equipment.

The Wheelchair Recycler

Electric wheelchairs and scooters we cannot pass on.

Currently

Installation of the new POS(Point Of Sale) System has been completed and undergoing fine tuning and testing. The system provides extensive inventory management, all retail and invoiced sales operations as well as complete data collection for reporting program activities. Primary usage of the data collection aspect of the system will be to provide ATAP required data and demographic data for CDBG(Community Development Block Grant) purposes. Detailed equipment tracking through the use of barcoded SKU(Stock Keeping Unit) and serialized labels

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Financial guidelines(approximate):

Family of One <\$40,000.00 yearly

Family of Two <\$46,000.00 yearly

Family of Four <\$57,000.00 yearly