



**Division of Developmental Disabilities**

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## Training Announcement

### Assistive Technology and Environmental Accommodations Web Course Registration

**To:** Providers of Community DD Services  
Support Coordination Agencies  
DBHDD Regional Coordinators  
DBHDD Regional Hospital Administrators

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The purpose of this announcement is to describe the Assistive Technology and Environmental Web Course and outline the registration process.

**Title:** **Assistive Technology and Environmental Accommodations Web Course Registration**

**Background:** The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) maintains that all persons diagnosed with developmental disabilities can live in the community with proper supports and services. Assistive Technology and accommodations in workplace, home, educational, and community environments are integral tools of support. Because knowledge of various accommodations and an understanding of how they may best be implemented are essential, DBHDD has partnered with the Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access (CATEA), Georgia Institute of Technology to create mechanisms for imparting that knowledge to those supporting individuals with physical and developmental disabilities.

**Description:** The Web Course was developed with the intent to:

- Convey knowledge related to Assistive Technology and Environmental Accommodations for those with physical and developmental disabilities.
- Support thinking about Assistive Technology and Environmental Accommodations during the Support Intensity Scale and Individual Service Plan processes.
- Support thinking about Assistive Technology and Environmental Accommodations in conjunction with Person Centered Thinking.
- Serve as on-going resource to course users and associated individuals.

The goal of the Web Course is to provide staff with current knowledge of assistive technology and accommodations in workplace, home, educational, and community settings. The Web Course, which is free of charge to anyone with Internet access, is comprised of ten training modules designed to provide grounding in the policy and practical understanding of assistive technology and environmental accommodations, see Attachment A. Where possible, the Web Course emphasizes real-world applications and case studies. The Web Course includes module tests to support the lessons learned as well as resource lists and a glossary of terms.

**User Technology Requirements:** Basic hardware and software requirements to access the Web Course include:

- Personal Computer (PC) or Mac compatible computer with a Windows or Mac operating system (Microsoft Windows 98, XP, Vista, or Mac OS X), Monitor and Printer
- 56K modem or high speed connection (DSL, cable or broadband- allows high speeds of transmission of text, audio and video over telephone lines)
- Internet browser such as Internet Explorer, Netscape Navigator, Safari
- Session Cookies allowed in the Internet Browser
- Pop Ups Enabled

**Audience:** The intended audience for this Web Course includes Support Coordinators, Planning List Administrators, Case Expeditors, select Hospital staff, and providers of Developmental Disabilities Services. The Web Course may also be made available to individuals with developmental disabilities and their family members. The material included in the Web Course may be duplicative for those who attended the on-site Assistive Technology and Environmental Accommodations training from January through October 2009; however, the resource lists and easy access to the information are useful tools.

### **Course**

**Developers:** The Web Course was developed by faculty and staff from the **Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access (CATEA)**, a 30-year-old, multidisciplinary research and technical assistance center within the College of Architecture that provides support to individuals with disabilities. CATEA's primary areas of focus are: 1) development, evaluation, and use of Assistive Technology; and, 2) design and development of accessible environments. CATEA's resources represent a broad spectrum of backgrounds including engineering, industrial design, architecture, rehabilitation counseling, information and education architecture, occupational therapy, and speech-language pathology.

**Registration:** **REGISTER ONLINE:** <http://www.cviog.uga.edu/dbhdd/>

- ***Please register online to obtain access to the Web Course – it's quick and easy!***
- This announcement is posted on the **DBHDD Training website** at <http://www.cviog.uga.edu/dbhdd/>.
- **You must provide an email address** so that we create a profile with your user name, which will be your email address.
- When submitting registration online, an email will automatically be sent to the email address you provided; this email confirms receipt of your registration. At that time you will also receive instructions via email from **Assistive Technology and Environmental Accommodations** [trainingcore@coa.gatech.edu](mailto:trainingcore@coa.gatech.edu) about how to create a password and log on to the Web Course.
- If you have not received an email with log on instructions please email [RegistrationMHDDAD@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:RegistrationMHDDAD@dhr.state.ga.us) to inquire about your status. In that email, please be sure to tell us your question has to do with the CATEA Web Course.
- [RegistrationMHDDAD@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:RegistrationMHDDAD@dhr.state.ga.us) is also the address to which you may send any other registration questions.

**Please Note:** There is **no fee** for this training. Internet access is necessary.

**CEUs:** No CEUs will be given for the training but certificates of completion will be available for those who complete the entire course as well as the course evaluation.

**Contact:** For questions, please contact Chiyana Reaves, DD Training Coordinator, via email at [RegistrationMHDDAD@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:RegistrationMHDDAD@dhr.state.ga.us). Please put CATEA Web Course in the subject line of your email.