

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY

To: **Qualified Providers of Assistive Technology Services**

Subject: **Professional Development Opportunities for Assistive Technology Certifications**

Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is pleased to announce an opportunity for professional development aimed at enhancing the skills and expertise of DDS qualified providers of assistive technology services. DDS recognizes the importance of ongoing education and certification in the field of Assistive Technology, and we are committed to supporting providers' professional growth.

Training and Certification Funding Opportunities

DDS has funding available to qualified providers of Assistive Technology for the professional development of agency staff. We invite members within your organization to participate in courses designed to enhance professional competencies in Assistive Technology. Qualified provider agencies may receive funding to cover costs related to the qualifying certifications or courses listed below by applying. Each qualified provider agency may request funding for up to (3) three staff, limited to one course per staff member.

Qualifying Certifications or Courses

The following professional opportunities are recognized for this initiative:

- Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA) Assistive Technology professional (ATP)
- Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) Assistive Technology coursework ([SED 713](#), [SED 714](#), [SED 715](#), [SED 716](#))
- CSUN ATACP (Assistive Technology Access Certification Program)
- CLIPP (Certified Living In Place Professional)
- Technology First SHIFT LLC
- Other certifications or courses not listed above may also qualify. If you are pursuing a certification or course not mentioned, please submit your request for approval to dds.assistivetech@ct.gov for consideration.

Funding

Funding is available for coursework or certification exams. To be awarded funding, providers should submit a plan listing the chosen course/exam(s), the employee who will complete the course, and the target date of completion. **Target dates must be prior to December 31, 2026.** Awarded providers will receive start-up funding for certification covering the cost of the course and a flat fee to compensate for missing staff time. Providers who do not submit proof of successful completion by target date will have up to their entire awarded balance recouped.

Interested individuals should:

1. Review the certification programs and identify those they wish to pursue.
2. Submit applications to dds.assistivetechology@ct.gov no later than April 22, 2026.

Contact dds.assistivetechology@ct.gov for more details.

Thank you for your dedication to professional excellence and for your commitment to improving the lives of those who rely on assistive technology.

