

TRUMBULL COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Policy

Section 8.48

TECHNOLOGY FIRST

Purpose:

This policy ensures the Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities complies with ORC 5123.025 Supportive Technology and OAC 5123-2-01 Technology First Rule which requires technology be considered as a part of all services and support plans for people with developmental disabilities to improve their quality of life and experience more independence and personal freedom.

Policy:

The Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities (TCBDD) will ensure that technology is considered as a part of all services and support plans for people with developmental disabilities to improve their quality of life and experience more independence and personal freedom. Remote support must be considered as a first option when authorizing services for a person with disabilities before authoring on-site Homemaker/Personal Care staff.

Supportive technology, as defined in ORC 5123.025 and the Technology First Rule OAC 5123-2-01, is any product, device, equipment, and the related supports and services that may be used to maintain, increase, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with developmental disabilities and afford them maximum control over their daily life, activities, health, and safety.

TCBDD will ensure that supportive technology solutions are explored and documented throughout the initial and ongoing person-centered assessment and planning process and used to the greatest extent possible to support the outcomes in an individual service plan.

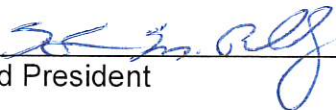
TCBDD will identify ways to increase capacity for use of technology solutions and outline specific steps to be taken to establish benchmarks for increasing the number of individuals who benefit from the use of technology solutions.

TCBDD will ensure staff receive adequate and ongoing training about technology options to increase the level of knowledge, skill and comfort when assessing how technology may help meet needs or achieve outcomes.

TCBDD will annually review and update, as applicable, its goals and objectives related to increasing the use of technology solutions by individuals served.

TCBDD will collaborate with individuals served and their families, providers of services, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, and community partners such as schools, mental health agencies, Area Agency on Aging, Trumbull County Job and Family Services, public transit authorities, vocational rehabilitation centers and employers to expand awareness and use of technology solutions by individuals served.

Board President



Superintendent



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Reference:
ORC 5123.025
OAC 5123-2-01