



## STAY CONNECTED

# Helping Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities connect with medical providers, community, family and friends during COVID-19

### Objective

To connect adults aged 18 years of age with a disability or older adults sixty years of age with the most appropriate Assistive Technology (AT) to foster improved communication with medical professionals, family/friends and the community during COVID-19.

### Screening

All five Area Agencies on Aging and Centers for Independent Living will use a validated 6-question screening tool during calls to their agency to select individuals who would gain the most from technology help. Those eligible, will be referred to one of three CT Tech Act partners for a technology consultation and training.

### Connection and Training to Technology:

The CT Tech Act partner will conduct a remote consultation with the identified individual to find the best selection of AT device based on the person's needs and preference. Guidance on the price/purchase location for the AT device/internet will be provided to the individual. When needed, an internet ready device will be mailed to the home for this consultation and training and applications for the device may be uploaded onto recommended AT devices once the device has been bought. The individual will get training and support after the device is in the home. A connection to community supports will be made for future training support. Individuals who need only training and support for existing devices will be eligible for the grant.

### Referrals

Refer appropriate individuals who would benefit to the "Get Connected" program to their Area Agency on Aging (1-800-994-9422) or Center for Independent Living Program.

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