

Technology Supports:

*Opportunities to Build Connections and
Independence*

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Panelists

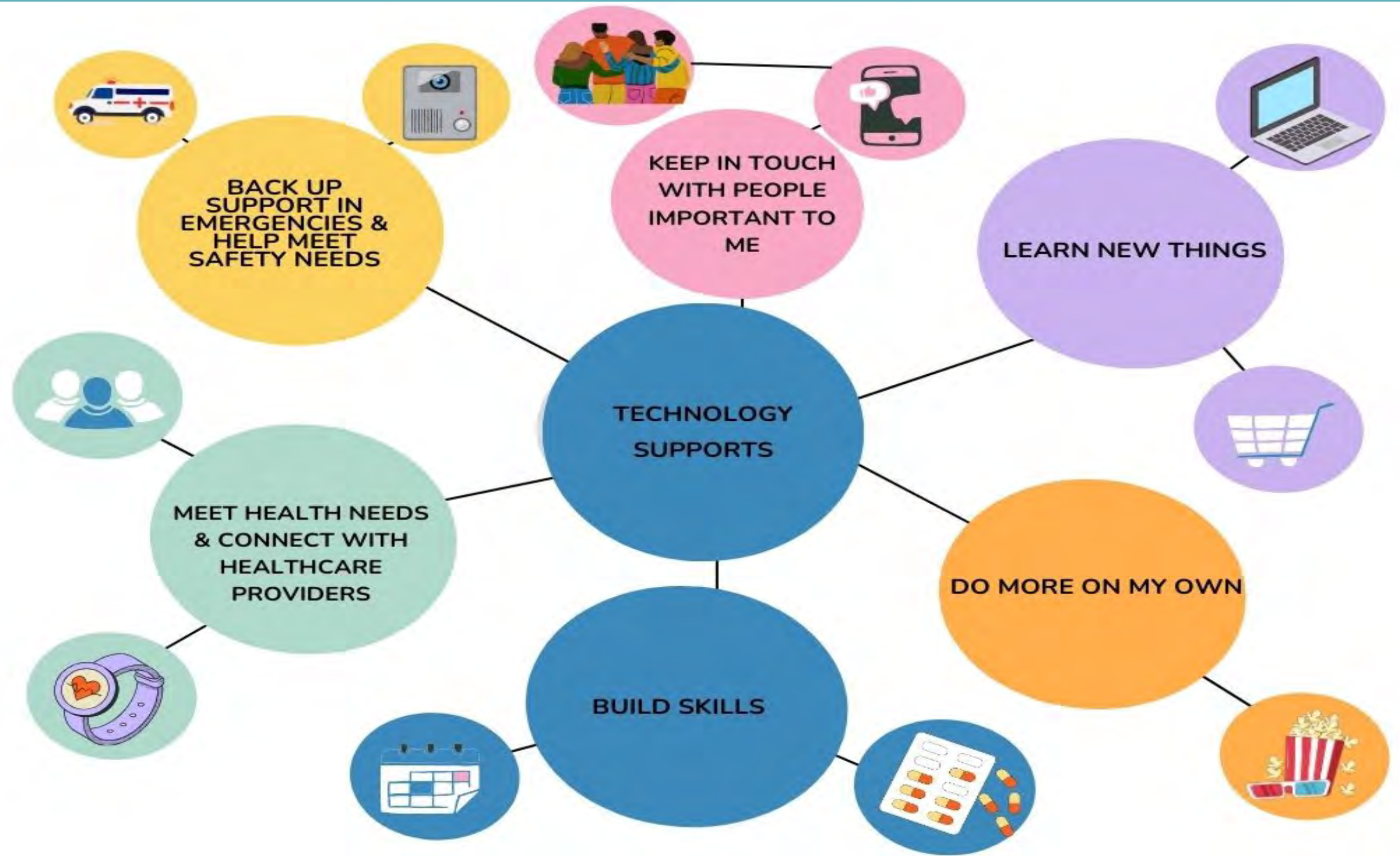
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- Analiese Gaffey, Self-Advocate
- Abbie Ross, Ambassador Cura OS, Self-Advocate
- Felecia Woolens
- Yakima Black, LATAN, State AT Act Program Director
- Hillary Miller, Quality Support Coordination
- Christy Johnson, OCDD Waiver Director
- Amy Greer, PhD (moderator)



Technology can be an important tool to help reach someone's life goals and needs, and build independence in a way that was not possible without technology.



OCDD Technology Supports Survey: Ways I Use Technology



OCDD Technology Supports Survey: Barriers to Using Technology



Cost: purchase & monthly fees



Need help to use tech



Not sure OR Need more information



Nothing stops me OR I use it already and want to learn more

What is Assistive Technology (AT)?

- Supports person to complete activities that might otherwise be difficult or impossible
- Individualized to meet each person's unique needs and goals
- Used in addition to any other supports the person is already using
- Can be combined with a variety of technology options
- The goal is to reach a different level of independence than the person had without technology

How will I know what technology is right for me?

- LATAN is Louisiana's AT Act Program designated to increase awareness and access to Assistive Technology
- LATAN provides demonstrations, consultations, assessments, and conversations with the person and individuals who support the person so that technology consistent with the person's needs and goals can be identified

How do I get technology to meet my needs and goals?

- Discuss potential benefits of technology
- Some technology may require support from an AT professional or allied health professional to identify what type of technology is best fit
- LATAN offers several programs to help the person obtain technology
- There are other funding options for technology & some technology is low or no cost

The Ways Technology Works for Me



Connects me to the people, places and things that matter to me



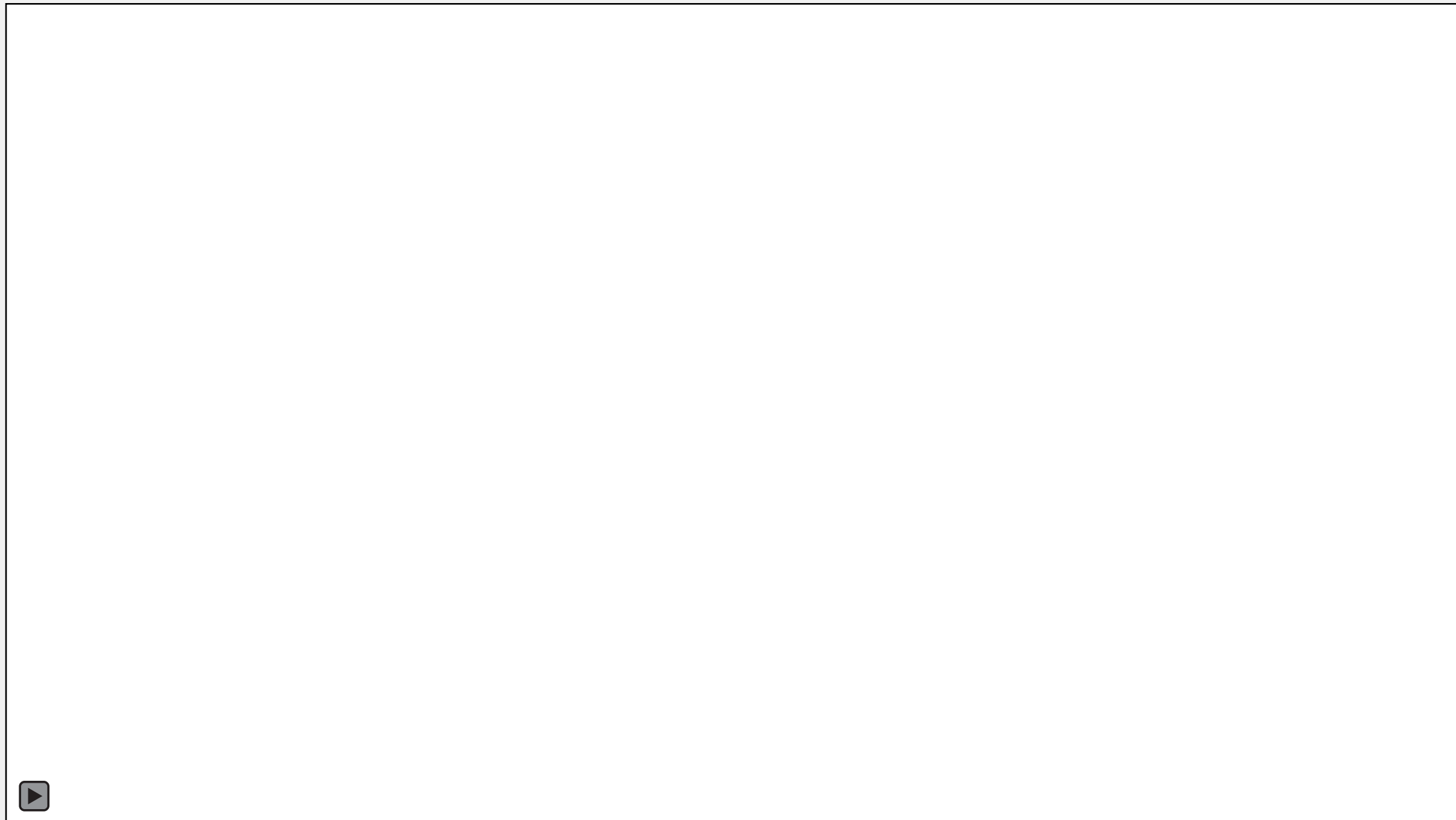
Supports me in my day-to-day activities



Supports me in my day-to-day activities: Apps



Supports me in my day-to-day activities: Power Banks



Connects me to my hobbies and leisure activities

