



SOUTH CAROLINA HUMAN
SERVICES PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION

South Carolina as a Technology First State Fact Sheet

Advancing Inclusion Through Technology

The need for services for people with developmental disabilities continues to increase while at the same time resources to keep up with the demand is becoming more and more challenging.

What is Technology First?

Technology First promotes systems where technology is considered first in support options for individuals with developmental disabilities. This framework enhances independence, inclusion, and quality of life.

Benefits

- Greater self-reliance at home, work, and in the community.
- Reduced dependence on paid staff.
- Improved provider capacity despite workforce shortages.

Action Plan for South Carolina

- Pass a resolution declaring South Carolina a Technology First State.
- Define clear goals and values for the initiative.

Call to Action

- **Adopt a Technology First Approach:** Advocate for South Carolina to prioritize technology to improve services for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- **Support Legislative Action:** Advocate for funding to provide technology access for consumers and families, and champion a resolution to declare South Carolina a Technology First State. This initiative will promote self-reliance, inclusion, and equitable opportunities for individuals with IDD.
- **Engage the Community:** Raise awareness about the benefits of integrating technology to expand provider capacity and reduce costs.

By prioritizing technology, South Carolina can drive innovation and improve lives.