

20<sup>th</sup> Annual GSAT Assistive Technology Conference  
Friday, March 28, 2014 ; 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
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**Conference Survey**

**Number of Surveys: 114**

**Number of Attendees (based on the sign in sheet-attached): 202**

**Status**

Individual with Disability	<b>38</b>
Representative of Education	<b>22</b>
Representative of Employment	<b>8</b>
Representative of Technology	<b>1</b>
Family member, guardians, or authorized representative	<b>12</b>
Representative of Community Living	<b>0</b>
Health, allied health, and rehabilitation organization	<b>11</b>
Other	<b>17</b>
Blank	<b>1</b>
Other: UOG Student	<b>2</b>
Other: UOG Student (SOE-Sped Program)	<b>1</b>
Other: From Email	<b>1</b>

**On a scale of 1 to 5, 5 being the best, please rate the following:**

**The Conference was organized**

1	<b>3</b>
2	<b>3</b>
3	<b>10</b>
4	<b>31</b>
5	<b>67</b>

**The objectives were clearly stated**

1	<b>2</b>
2	<b>2</b>
3	<b>12</b>
4	<b>34</b>
5	<b>64</b>

**The conference provided important information**

1	<b>5</b>
2	<b>6</b>
3	<b>6</b>
4	<b>27</b>
5	<b>70</b>

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**The conference increased my understanding of the topics**

1      **7**  
2      **1**  
3      **9**  
4      **31**  
5      **65**  
Blank **1**

**The presenters were prepared**

1      **5**  
2      **1**  
3      **7**  
4      **31**  
5      **70**

**What were some of the HIGHLIGHTS (strengths) of the conference?**

- **19** Blank
- **2** GDOE
- NEW INFORMATION REGARDING AT AND ADA COMPLIANCE
- Needs to be more understanding for parents who are new to having children w/disabilities
- new technologies on the rise that make life skills easier and more friendly wise to use for all. Info for 504 w/students in a school system uses. Informative presenters on topics & insites of need or updated technovative system
- Guest speakers really good information
- Clear Visual Aids, agency tables w/knowledgeable attendants
- assistive technology
- most improved GSAT technology
- knowing that you can find more help/needs thru this program w/ disability people. Educate me in some ways that I know I can help other people with needs
- assistive technology not only assist a person w/ disability but also great assist to everyone to explore technology
- the presentation and friendship
- durable medical equipment
- opportunities for loan for self-employed business ventures
- GDOE Then & Now
- GSAT RESNA Skype presentation
- Examples of latest AT -visual presentations and portrait gallery. Good turnout of participants

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- -As applicable to my work, GDOE's presentation. -Professionalizing the Field of AT I like how we are able to get certification in AT
- Different types of Assistive Technology for the disabilities. Future technology for homes, cars
- Presenters Information
- Assistive Technology today
- GDOE Awareness
- Very informative
- GGT / Guam SBDC
- Carla Torres put her energy in her presentation
- glass presentation of Carla Torres
- I like GDOE's presentation
- THE PRESENTERS WERE COMPETENT AND EASY TO UNDERSTAND. THE AT UTILIZED WERE SUPRISINGLY ACCESSIBLE AND EASY TO "GET"
- The Past, Present, Future presentation. It highlights and stresses the importance of AT in real life experience and living
- Experts in their field of law, Assistive Technology, and Special Education
- This conference is geared more towards information for existing professionals
- The AT provided seemed sufficient
- AT at the Conference
- The new technology on the rise. The persistant advocacy for technology
- AT devices for the future - what's next to come?
- Showing what AT will become & what is moving towards in the future
- Tech for Medicare Cosumer requirement explained by Laura Cohen. Tech today and the needs of the consumers and not for the family or professional
- Laws, equipments, materials & sbdc for the Disabled Consumers to do as any human being could do.
- Satisfied
- Learning the availability of legal services
- Connecting Assistive Technology w/programs . - Availability of vendors/agencies that were present
- ALL OF THE ABOVE
- glass video
- Laura Cohen presentation via Skype
- Dynamic presenters such as Carla Torres & GDOE. Videos to demonstrate topic ideas / concepts.
- Informations
- THAT TECHNOLOGY IS IN GOOD NEEDS
- The information given to people w/disabilities was very informative

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- The Loan Program
- THE PRESENTERS WERE COMPETENT AND EASY TO UNDERSTAND. THE AT UTILIZED WERE SUPRISINGLY ACCESSIBLE AND EASY TO "GET"
- Presenters were very knowledgeable about the info. they were presenting
- Handouts
- Good
- Education (DOE) presentation of video with kids
- Having more people
- The glass video and providing descriptive movies and the usage of skype
- the concept and the glass video
- The changes
- questions and answers
- Medicare need add insurance
- dragon text/ interpreters/ large community of Deaf and H.H. and other disabilities
- clear visual screens to see text and read and script talk to help reduce mistakes with participants
- GSAT, past present and future, great job Shawn Lizama!
- the lack there off
- great
- all the great info
- DOE: AT Info. Loan for people w/disability for loan for business, personal use.
- The use of technology throughout the conference. Presenters are knowledgeable of their topics. Access to conference info and presentations
- The collaboration with the different agencies
- The different accommodations for all types of disabilities
- Informations of availability of assistive technology
- The law and available technology
- The law and available technology
- AT use
- History, future technology, resources
- History of GSAT, access to local resources DOE, DVR, GLSC, SBDC, UOG, etc., future use of technology
- Provided good information
- New technology; possible concepts for the future
- Small businesses assistance, especially that its FREE! Nobody knows about that. Fun videos, especially glass video. Make it happen!
- programs availability
- Learning the new technology that the consumers will want or need. Understanding the laws barriers of the consumers, knowing how to obtain certification and learning the

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difference of the certification and licensure. Learning or seeing new equipments for the ADA usage.

- Loan programs and self-employment topics
- Carla's presentations on the latest in AT b)GLSC's presentation on the legal aspects of AT c) the video presentation of GSAT's history was very informative
- For disables and for those who are disables
- How to set loans for self-employment
- Increase and we wants more
- The video call with Laura
- Assistive technology professional with Laura Cohen
- Presenters used real life examples, folder of schedule
- none
- video re-cap, DOE's stats -progress
- programs awareness
- Professionalizing the field of AT
- Most of them, lecture are good information

### What changes in the conference would have made things better

- 25 Blank
- 4 N/A
- 11 None
- 2 no changes
- I WAS SATISFIED
- needs to be broken down for younger children w/disabilities
- Additional Screen of presentation for those in the back area asside from the screen of text to screen
- the use of assistive technology
- hold conference on weekends like Saturday or Sunday
- nothing; but it should be more address towards the public
- could, if possible to have more conferences in a year for better awareness for small empowerment
- alls good
- better accomodation for wheelchairs, ADA
- how about including agencies / vendors that sell AT for people with disabilities in the next conference
- Need brochures on each topics presented
- less distractions, since this conference was open to the public these individuals kept going in and out or kept having there own discussion at there table. Could not really focus on the conference

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- Another Screen for people in the back side of the room
- With the legal portion maybe consolidate the info. The information was important, but here were too many. 10 examples would be enough
- More interesting topics or more interaction
- THERE WERE TOO MANY PEOPLE TALKING AND APPEAR UNINTERESTED IN THE PRESENTERS AND INFORMATION. IT WAS TOO DISTRACTING
- Spotlight on the vendors. Provide them time to showcase what Ats' are available on Guam. 2. Breakout sessions
- Breakout sessions would have made this conference more lively
- There could be more interactive sessions
- more relatable topics to the audience. There were many family members, ind. w/disabilities, etc. how are these topics valuable & useful to them. - Localize the topics
- I think the conference should have been more interactive and the participants should have been given the opportunity to choose what topics were discussed
- There should be choices for seminars to attend
- More excitement in the presentations. More visual aids in the powerpoint.
- Case examples that can be related to Guam/Marianas - were any filed in the local community
- Have breakout sessions in which individuals can have the opportunity & choice in which presentation they would like to sit in
- Conference accommodation --usher to provide late comer a seated area. Conference room - more larger area accommodation
- Highly Satisfied
- More interactive w/participants & engaging. Provide reserve area/tables that are accessible for those in wheelchairs
- NO CHANGES. BETTER TO EXCELLENT.
- more outreach
- more orgation, more outreach
- Good Job
- Table set up/ slightly cluttered, not enough room
- The food was great but not brought out fast enough
- Tables accessible arranged for wheelchair
- Reserves accessible tables for the (people) wheelchair users
- Should have been more accessible to persons with disability- wheelchair bound
- Presenters must stick to their own expertise and not offer information about other organizations. This information has also been presented in the past. Maybe new info about AT and how to access it w/out obligating any specific orgs. and agencies
- Screen presentations or guide presenters on topics to discuss for redundancy of subject presented is avoided and presentations too long

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- nothing
- More providers
- Better seating arrangements
- Nothing
- More improvement arrangement
- DVR talk about what they have done to help and what they are willing to do to improve and more
- timeline
- more samples of AT which can participants use as hands on; have some vendors be available for resources listing.
- Deaf improve and explain
- Engaging hands on and set ups/displays ASL GCC
- I would make the conference room more wheelchair accessible. The room's tables and chairs were too close- it made it difficult to navigate in and out of the room. Give more info on AT on Guam not so much stuff we cannot get!
- information pertaining to accomplishments/ challenges
- great
- some activities
- None, well organized and topics very informative
- More interaction w/audience
- Because of seating arrangements, wheelchair-bound consumers had hard time entering room: Need better accessibility
- Not so much and AT history but services available and future goals
- Chocolate cookies. Where are PPTs posted?
- accessible for wheelchairs needed better
- To keep up the good works and thank you all for bringing up or showing other consumers about the new technology that they can use for themselves. Add more of new things to the agenda for more people will be familiar.
- Bigger venue- possibly Marriott or Hyatt Ballroom
- I would have liked to have Ms. Cohen here in person b) AT Devices for use, see and use.
- no comment
- It is improve all the evaluation or whatever we learned about GSAT today
- Too many disruptions, more visual/hands on presentations
- Maybe have a biomedical engineer present or physical therapists, Bring in examples of assistive technology
- Presentations could use more life, very boring handheld models to demonstrate efficiency
- DVR-NOT useful!
- sticking to schedule

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- Unfortunately, if the table that was next to mine was placed in the corner way front or back, it would have been much better, there was a couple or a few people who were extremely loud, made it difficult to hear Dr. Cohen during the skype presentation

**Which of the following best describes how satisfied you are with the information provided at this conference (CIRCLE ONE)**

Highly Satisfied	<b>51</b>
Satisfied	<b>48</b>
Somewhat Satisfied	<b>11</b>
Not Satisfied	<b>3</b>
Blank	<b>1</b>

### Other Comments

- 67 Blank
- 6 none
- 2 N/A
- Biba GSAT!
- Make it easier for first time parents to understand the progress better for our children
- Venue chosen was at times restrictive to wheelchair bound individuals. Felt confined to outskirts of the room because of closely gathered tables and chairs
- thanks for inviting me
- keep up the good job! Job well done
- only wish conference, such as this will be communicate to all person w/disability. I whom these are some disability that are not aware of such conference. Though you for things you do for better things
- overall very good
- I highly recommend a conference especially for GDOE administrators and teachers as the target audience. These are relevant information to them
- :) I Like!!!
- THERE WERE TOO MANY PEOPLE TALKING, TOO DISTRACTING
- Thank you for providing such a unique conference to the people on Guam. Advocacy- make it relevant to the people on Guam, perhaps, cite some cases w/out disclosing the names, how we can successfully work thru' the advocacy groups to receive what is need for persons with disabilities
- There conference was not very attention grabbing. I'd say this conference had maybe 20% of the audience's attention
- Presenters were rather boring
- Thank you for this opportunity!
- still a great Tech Conference -- well done !!! :)

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- Great job again!
- Thank you for providing an opportunity for agencies & community members to meet & interact
- EXCEEDED ADVANCE TECHNOLOGY, MOST ESPECIALLY VERY CONVENIENT. NETWORK WITH APPRENTICE PROVIDER FOR JOB SITE PURPOSES
- You should do more presentation via Skype. You can invite more professionals not available in Guam
- Great job! There's always room for improvement, but being a first time here, enjoyed the information and presentations that were very enlightening
- no comeit at this time
- Carla Torres was great!
- Carla is on fire
- Carla is a great presenter and plate service is awesome!
- Carla does an excellent presenting. And plate service is excellent
- Love CEDDERS/GSAT keep improving and increasing
- good to see other service providers present to showcase their products
- need more goal improving topics
- this conference was wonderful. I learned so much, and now I know to advocate for myself and my family members
- improvements for the island
- I found that this conference was very informing. I could maybe, be helpful to some of my family members with all this info.
- Maybe provide handouts for powerpoints at end of conference instead of having to go on website for retrieve. Not everyone one has computer access or printers
- Such a learning experience
- Recommend that GLSC provide info on what they are doing to increase access to AT. Then focus on what other states P&AAT are accomplishing. Recommend that DVR staff respond to participant q&a.
- need more topics of internet
- we are very thankful for letting us know some of assistive technology
- good idea having a "parking lot" for questions
- Have more engaging lectures
- Will have to submit CEDDERS website survey 2014 at a later time