

## **Yes I can....**

Learn to use technology to support self-determination in independent living, employment , memory and scheduling and socialization!!!

Join us for this action packed event to add to your toolbox of supports for those with ID/DD and those with other memory and cognitive challenges! Bring your tablets and smartphones for “hands on” fun

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Opportunities to sign the “The Rights of People with Cognitive Disabilities to Technology and Information Access” (the Declaration) will be provided at each event.

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## The Project

Expanding the potential of technology to increase independence for individuals with cognitive disabilities across Colorado through education and experience

## The Partners

Families at the Forefront of Technology

The Arc of Colorado

The Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disability

Alliance -non profit statewide association of CCB's (community centered boards) and PASA's (program approved service agencies)

## The Scope

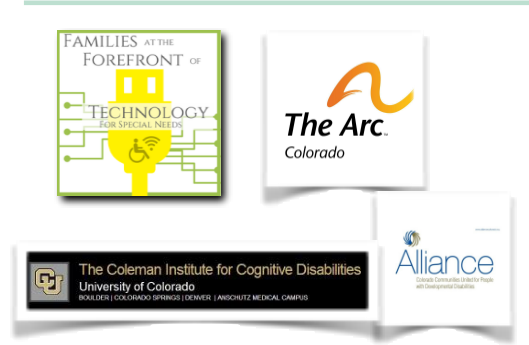
### Trainings throughout Colorado

Present 6 mini-conferences across Colorado

Provide an additional training as a prelude to our 2018 FFT Conference

Present the Declaration and provide opportunity to sign

Utilize social media to highlight Declaration and our project.



## WHY

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## Target Audience

Case managers of Agencies (CCB and PASA's )  
Direct Service Providers  
Individuals and families  
Educators  
Employers  
Legislators

A primary focus is on the Rural areas of Colorado -education is needed for areas of the state not otherwise served or supported.

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## The How's

We will highlight the Coleman's *Declaration* as the impetus for our learning labs

**FFT and the Arc** will provide six mini-conferences across Colorado -one in each far corner of the state and two along the Front Range corridor. These four hour conferences will feature highlighted content from our previous FFT conferences.

**Alliance** to assist in securing the location and dates for these learning labs and gaining access to CCB's and PASA's - particularly those who might have limited access to attending a training.

### Learning labs will provide a “Hands on” experience -

which will decrease the fear factor and break down barriers preventing the use of technology..

Every mini -conference will include individuals with cognitive disabilities demonstrating the use of technology for day to day support.

Emphasis throughout will be on person centered planning and self determination and the role technology can play.

FFT and the Arc websites will have information about this project as well as direct links for signing the Declaration.

# Schedule

May 7, Weld County

June 22, Garfield County  
(FFT conference June 23)

Routt County  
June 24-28

Montezuma, Huerfano & La Junta  
July 9-13

- Families at the Forefront of Technology is holding 6 express (4 hour) FFT conferences and Learning Labs across the state of Colorado as well as a presentation at the FFT annual conference .
- Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities helped us develop the training and will attend and assist in trainings/learning lab whenever possible.