GENERAL SESSIONS
Friday, November 22, 2002
(10:30 am to 12:00 noon)

HIBISCUS ROOM - A
Assistive Technology Assessments: Get SETT and Put on Your Thinking HAAT
Jill S. Oberstein, MA, OTR/L, Project Director, (Arizona Technology Access Program)

Abstract
This presentation will explore that HATT (Human, Activity and Assistive Technology) and SETT (Student, Environment, Tasks and Tools) models as tools for conducting assistive technology assessments that appropriately facilitate matching of technology to an individual’s needs. These models or frameworks can be applied to the assistive technology decision making process regardless of the consumer’s disability, age, or whether the technology is necessary for the purposes of education, employment, communication, self-care, recreation or mobility.

Learning Outcomes:
Participants will be able to:
1. Identify the basic principles guiding the selection of AT devices and services.
2. Understand how HAAT and SETT Models can be used to make sound AT decisions.

HIBISCUS ROOM - B
Assistive Technology Act (ATA) OF 1998
Brian Shaughnessy, Attorney-at-Law (Honolulu, Hawaii)

I hit the high points of the Act as well as it’s importance to individuals with disabilities, their families and to the community. The ATA is the federal legislation which continues and expands the work of the states’ assistive technology projects to assist individuals with disabilities of all ages to live independently, work, participate fully in community and school, and make informed choices about all aspects of their life. I explain why it had to be enacted and its effect today. Through my presentation I inform the audience of the primary intents of the ATA.

HIBISCUS ROOM - C
The Most Amazing AT in the Lives of Children With Disabilities
Anita Nilmodian M.S.W. Certified Sign Language Interpreter, NMC

Abstract
This workshop will introduce conference participants to a surprising assistive technology for establishing communication of in the lives of Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, as well as children with Autism and Speech Delays.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing people can benefit immensely from assistive technology. In the past five years, there has been remarkable progress in refining devices to provide maximum benefit, including a new internet relay service and wireless communication devices for Deaf People. This workshop will discuss the latest and greatest as well as provide information about recent progress in linguistic research of Sign Language and the importance of professionals not overlooking the need to include this “tool” as an “assistive technology” in the lives young Deaf and Hard of Hearing children.