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CENTER FOR ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY (CFORAT)

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– ORGANIZATION AND PROJECT OVERVIEWS –

Name of Organization	<p>CENTER FOR ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY (CFORAT)</p>
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Name of Program or Project	
Geographic Location or Focus of Program or Project	<p>The Center for Accessible Technology (CforAT) provides direct service to people throughout the Northern California area and provides information and referral on assistive technology and digital accessibility nationwide. CforAT’s business consulting services has served clients throughout the US and Canada.</p>
Demographic Overview of Focus Community or Population	<p>CforAT serves clients as young as 3 and as old as 98.</p>
Description of Program or Project	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Goals, Objectives, Strategies, Actions, Outcomes 	<p>CforAT provides access to computers for people with disabilities.</p> <p>CforAT does this work so children with disabilities can succeed in school, adults with disabilities can find (and keep) jobs and all people with disabilities can use the internet, email and benefit from the digital revolution.</p> <p>CforAT also provides business consulting services to corporations, libraries and government entities. CforAT provides assistance on creating accessible websites and has a test bank of users with disabilities to test products and services. CforAT is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Brief History (when founded or launched) 	<p>CforAT began life in 1983 as the Disabled Children's Computer Group, a grassroots organization founded by a group of parents of children with disabilities who recognized that personal computers would have an enormous impact on the lives of their children, and that computers could be a tool for if appropriate accommodations could be identified. The name was changed to the Center for Accessible Technology to reflect that not only children with disabilities were being served.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Size or Magnitude of Program or Project 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of People Served, Involved, Impacted ▪ Budget and Staff 	<p>CforAT serves approximately 2000 people per year.</p> <p>There are 9 people on staff.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding Sources and Partners 	<p>CforAT offers Open House services where people can come to the Computer Lab and see various assistive technology solutions, works directly in homes with seniors, and provides fee for service to school districts, employers and clients of the California Department of Rehabilitation. Approximately 70% of CforAT income comes from fee for service work, and the rest from foundation grants and individual gifts.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Results and Evidence of Success 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metrics for Evaluation Progress 	<p>Each program is evaluated and best practices are gathered to share with staff for continued improvement of services. Many of the consulting services are difficult to evaluate: for example, when performing assessments of children with disabilities in schools, there is often little chance for follow up, to evaluate whether or not AT usage has increased, if the child is being more successful or not, and if the child is more integrated into the educational setting. This is because CforAT is brought in as a consultant to schools, and often clients want as quick a turn around as possible. CforAT provides feedback opportunities, and gathers anecdotal information, but full feedback is not always possible.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change in Outcomes/Metrics Over Time (How long does it take to secure results?) 	<p>Each program has its own unique evaluation and metrics. As an example, below is the program evaluation component of the project AT Coalition, which built capacity among CTCs to serve clients with disabilities.</p> <p>OUTCOME OUTCOME INDICATOR OUTCOME STANDARD</p> <p>Extend the reach and availability of AT to underserved communities and Community Technology Centers</p>

	<p>CTC staff are familiar with the use of AT in achieving computer access and can relay information to clients Increase in the staff's knowledge and delivery of AT (demonstrated by survey results)</p> <p>Increase the capacity of Community Technology Centers to serve clients with disabilities The number of people with disabilities using the CTC's services will increase 50% increase in the number of clients with disabilities served in one year</p> <p>Increased use of AT for people who do not identify as disabled or have "situational disabilities" i.e. illiteracy, age related disabilities, undiagnosed learning disabilities, acquired disabilities The number of people with unidentified disabilities using technology will increase 100% increase in the number of these clients in a one year period</p>
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