Around the Curve: Circumventing Roadblocks & Detours

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What, exactly, is a "Technology First" approach to services?

Key Tenets:

- The person *always* comes first.
- *Every* person is a candidate for enabling technology.
- A Technology First Approach *does not* equate to eliminating in-person support.
- The balance of in-person support and technology *is different for every person*.

Enabling Technologies

Products, devices and services that that promote independence & encourage self-determination

Person Directed Planning Must Be Firmly Established

Training Opportunities are Limited

**Assumptions &
Misinformation
are Prevalent**

Funding Technology Can Be Complicated

New Initiatives Require Tremendous Amounts of Time and Effort

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