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## Mid-South Access Center for Technology E-Newsletter

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Mid-South ACT, where we provide demonstrations, resources, and services for individuals with disabilities throughout the Mid-South area.



### Welcome from Lavonnie Perry-Claybon, Ph.D., Director of Mid-South Access Center for Technology

Mid-South ACT is affiliated with the Center for Rehabilitation and Employment Research (CRER). In this October edition of *Enhancing Abilities*, Mid-South Access Center for Technology (ACT) is featuring our support groups, disability awareness and networking exhibition, and Accessing GED and GRE Test preparation programs. These free events include September's 3-in-1 Support Groups presentation, October's Disability Awareness and Networking Exhibition and the BRAINIACTS support group guest speaker. Both events will offer information, resources and networking opportunities for our clients to utilize, not only our services, but also services the Mid-South area.

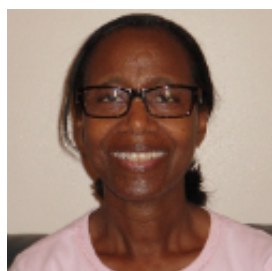
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### Mei Kennedy Advocates for Others, Inspires All

Dr. Mei Kennedy is an inspirational advocate for people who are deaf, parents of children with autism, and education technology. Dr. Kennedy obtained her undergraduate degree in English from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. in 1998. She then received a Master's degree in Instructional Technology from the University of Houston Clear Lake in 2000. Dr. Kennedy then obtained her Ph.D. in Instructional Design for Online Learning from Capella University in 2004.

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### Mary Washington Thrives in Her Role at Mid-South ACT

Mid-South ACT is a small center powered by big talents. One of those talents is Mary Washington, Mid-South ACT's resident speech-language pathologist. Ms. Washington has been a speech-language pathologist for 30 years, part of which she spent in Memphis City Schools. Ms. Washington works with people with developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries and specializes in the

usage of augmentative alternative communication with non-speaking individuals or individuals with severe speech intelligibility.

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## What's happening in September and October?

On Friday, September 14, 2012 we held the 3-in-1 Group Meeting, combined all three of our support groups, in Patterson Hall, Room 456, from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm. The participating support groups included Roll with the Punches, BRAINIACTS and Blind Assistive Technology Services (BATS). The purpose of this event was to increase awareness and provide networking opportunities to the Mid-South area by promoting CAPability instead of DISability. During this event

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## Mid-South ACT Support Groups

Also, in October, the BRAINIACTS Support Group will have a guest speaker, Marney Williams from Open Arms Care Corporation.

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## Resources for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired

If you experience hearing loss, do you feel that you want to optimize the electronics you currently have to better meet your communication needs? Do you want to optimize your participation in your community through technology? If your answer is yes, here are some fabulous suggestions.

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