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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.**



### MARCH IS BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

This March, in recognition of Brain Injury Awareness Month, we can raise awareness and spread the word about Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) prevention, recognition, and response. In Tennessee resources to support individuals and caregivers of TBI include: (1) Mid-South Access Center for Technology (Mid-South ACT) Brainiacs Support Group and (2) Brain Injury Association of Tennessee and the Tennessee Traumatic Brain Injury Program's 2013 Annual Conference on Friday, March 22, 2013 in Nashville, TN.

Join Mid-South ACT to learn about kick-off activities for TBI Awareness Month at the Brainiacs Support Group meeting on Friday, February 15, 2013 from 11:30am - 1:00pm. We are featuring guest speaker Dr. Kendra T. Jones, OTD, OTR/L with Finger-Tips Therapy Services, LLC.

[Read More about the TBI Conference, March 22nd in Nashville, TN...](#)

[Read More about Brainiacs Support Group Meeting...](#)



### Accessing GED® for VR clients with physical and/or visual disabilities is Progressing Along

The privilege of an education is often taken for granted. There are circumstances that inhibit students to complete the requirements for a high school diploma. Yet for individuals with physical and/or visual disabilities, attaining a diploma is even more difficult. In 2009, the dropout rate in the U.S. for individuals who are not enrolled in high school and who do not have a high school credential was 8.1% (Trends in High School Dropout and Completion Rates in the United States: 1972-2009, 2011). For individuals 16 through 24 year-olds with disabilities, the dropout rate in 2009 was about twice as large as the rate for their peers without disabilities (15.5%).

To help decrease this statistic among individuals with disabilities and to prepare them for job readiness, Mid-South Access Center for Technology (ACT) provides

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) clients who have not completed the requirements for a high school diploma with access to the GED. This program

for a high school diploma assistance through Accessing GED. This program provides an evaluation, a Request for accommodations to the testing service, assistive technology training, and assistive technology for the actual test.

We have already begun Accessing the GED utilizing assistive technology to refresh and access new knowledge. If you are interested in signing up, contact Betrice Jones at 901.678.1489 for additional information.

[Read More about Accessing GED® ...](#)

[We have also begun Accessing GRE® Read More...](#)



## Spring Support Group Meetings Welcomes All

Mid-South ACT hosts three support groups including BATS (Blind Awareness and Togetherness Support Group), Roll with the Punches, and Brainiacs. BATS meet the second Friday of each month. Roll with the punches meets the fourth Friday of each month. The Brainiacs support group meets every third Friday of the month. This month Brainiacs will host guest speaker Dr. Kendra T. Jones, OTD, OTR/L with Finger-Tips Therapy Services, LLC on Friday, February 20, 2013 from 11:30am until 1:00pm.

[Visit Mid-South ACT home page to read more...](#)

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