

## First Quarter Highlights for FY 2025 – MATP

### A Quick Look at the Numbers

- Demonstrations: 428 device demonstrations from MATP staff and partners, with 517 participants.
- I&A Contacts: 137 contacts were entered into the data system.
- Participants in Training/Education: 18 trainings/educational opportunities, reaching 770 participants.
- State Financing: CCAT grant through the MI Health Endowment Fund helped to fund 132 devices for 33 people, with an approximate value of \$9,829.00.
- Short-term loans: 28 short-term loans with 142 devices
- Open-ended Loans/Reuse Devices: 36 devices with a total savings of \$11,706.00.

### Success Stories

- MATP was contacted by a speech language therapist at a private practice who was looking for assistive technology options to support a client, a young child with a limb difference, with access to her AAC system using direct selection. MATP brought a variety of stylus and grip options for the child to learn about and try. The child's interest in the stylus options and 4 enjoyment of the demonstration was so high, that when the child's school speech therapist reached out to her private speech therapist to establish consistent supports across home and school, that the private speech therapist, with enthusiastic parental consent, helped the school speech therapist connect with MATP to learn more about assistive technology options for supporting their shared student as well as their students in general. MATP is in the process of developing future collaborations with this school team as a direct result.
- Switch-adapt-a-thon: MATP provided a demo of a switch adapted puppy dog toy to a young child, Thomas, with multiple disabilities and his family. Thomas' favorite song is "if you're happy and you know it," which the switch adapted puppy sang as it clapped its hands and flapped its ears. During the demo, Thomas smiled and clapped his hands too! His parents were so excited because it was the very first time that they had seen Thomas clap his hands!

- Gordon, an older blind man, lives in Alma. His wife recently passed away. Now living alone, he wanted and needed resources to help him do things, especially things his wife usually did. MATP staff demonstrated the color indicator, liquid level indicator, and accessibility features of his iPhone. All of these items and features were helpful for Gordon so the CCAT program was used to purchase the color and liquid level indicator.