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Event looks at tech solutions for blind and visually impaired

TALLADEGA – Persons who are blind or have low vision will be able to try out new cutting-edge technologies at a one-day tech expo at the Alabama School for the Blind in Talladega on June 1.

The 2017 Technology Symposium is a free event sponsored by the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS), the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (AIDB) and the Alumni & Workers Association of the Alabama School for the Blind.

Individuals who are blind or have low vision and professionals who work in the field of blindness will have hands-on access to new and innovative assistive technology devices that aim to improve the daily lives of those with vision impairments, said Dana Barber, ADRS coordinator of Blind Services, who organizes the event and leads the symposium's steering committee.

“The theme for year’s Technology Symposium is ‘In Perfect Harmony,’ and we’re celebrating the past, present, and future of blindness and music and advancements in audio technology,” Barber said. “Sessions at the event will include a 100-year history of blind musicians and a presentation of voiceover technology incorporated into modern Apple devices.”

This year’s symposium will feature a dozen exhibitors and training sessions from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will be open to anyone who wants to attend. Dudley Morris, assistive technology trainer with Vision Rehabilitation Services of Georgia, will lead the opening training session.

The Alabama School for the Blind is located at 205 South St. East in Talladega.

The Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind is the world’s most comprehensive education, rehabilitation and service system serving adults who are deaf, blind or have multiple disabilities.

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services is the state agency whose mission is to enable Alabama’s children and adults with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential.

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