



# City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

## Agenda - Final-revised

### Equity, Inclusion, Youth, & The Arts Committee

*Chairperson Chris Seelbach  
Vice Chair Greg Landsman  
Councilmember Jan-Michele Kearney*

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Tuesday, April 27, 2021

3:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

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## PRESENTATION

### Lifting Up Our Neighbors with Developmental Disabilities Through Assistive Technology

#### Xavier University Philosophy, Politics, and the Public Student Group

[202101569](#) **PRESENTATION** submitted by Councilmember Seelbach regarding Lifting up our Neighbors with Developmental Disabilities through Assistive Technology.

**Sponsors:** Seelbach

**Attachments:** [EYA 04-27-2021 PRESENTATION](#)

## AGENDA

1. [202101225](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, WE MOVE to appoint Anthony Johnson to the Salary History Working Group.

**Sponsors:** Kearney

**Attachments:** [Appointment](#)

ADJOURNMENT

# Lifting up our Neighbors with Developmental Disabilities Through **Assistive Technology**

Xavier University Philosophy, Politics, and the Public Students





# Our Group



**Abby White**  
PPP & Communications



**Annalese Cahill**  
PPP & Theater  
PR Minor



**Daniel Kelly**  
PPP & Finance



**Kenny Schneider**  
PPP & History



**Annie Gregg**  
PPP



**Peter Justen**  
PPP



The background of the slide is a photograph of a large, ornate fountain in front of a multi-story building. The fountain has several tiers and water spraying upwards. The building behind it has many windows and a classical architectural style. The overall image is dimmed and serves as a backdrop for the text.

# The goal:

To implement a technology first model of disability services to promote independence and foster community engagement.





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# Our Research

Year long policy development and research

## **Crisis in the DD community**

- Increasing cost with increasing dependence on care
- Shortage in DSP (direct support professionals)
- Increasing need independence and sustainability
- COVID has catalyzed the crisis



“There seems to be a shortage of personal care assistants... It’s a national epidemic.” - Suzanne Hopkins, Director of Programs at Center for Independent Living Options (Oct. 2020)

The need for services is set to rise from

**12 million to 27 million**

by the year 2050

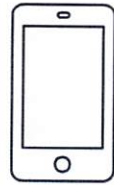


# LADD's Smart Home

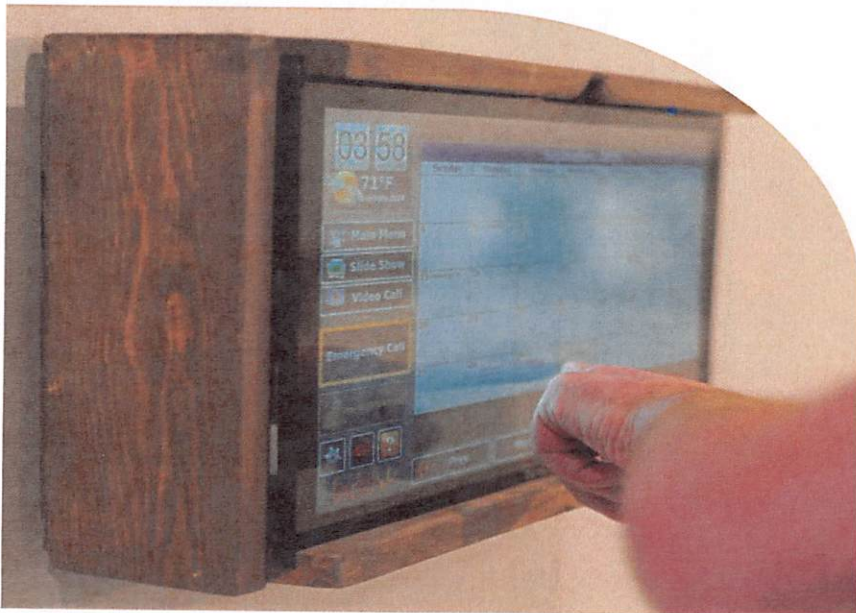




# Assistive Technology



This integrated technology system is the backbone of LADD's smart home and serves as a way to schedule daily tasks, connect with a healthcare professional, and even make emergency phone calls.



This smart fridge allows individuals to organize food, meals, and plan a grocery list for the week.



# Primary concerns in the DD community

## Independence:

- Living without 24 hour care
- Travel to and from work
- Personal cooking and cleaning
- Getting ready for the day
- Sense of belonging, friendship, and community

## Safety:

- Concerned family and neighbors
- Safe homes, locks, and security systems
- Advanced technology and home protection
- Feeling of safety and security in the community



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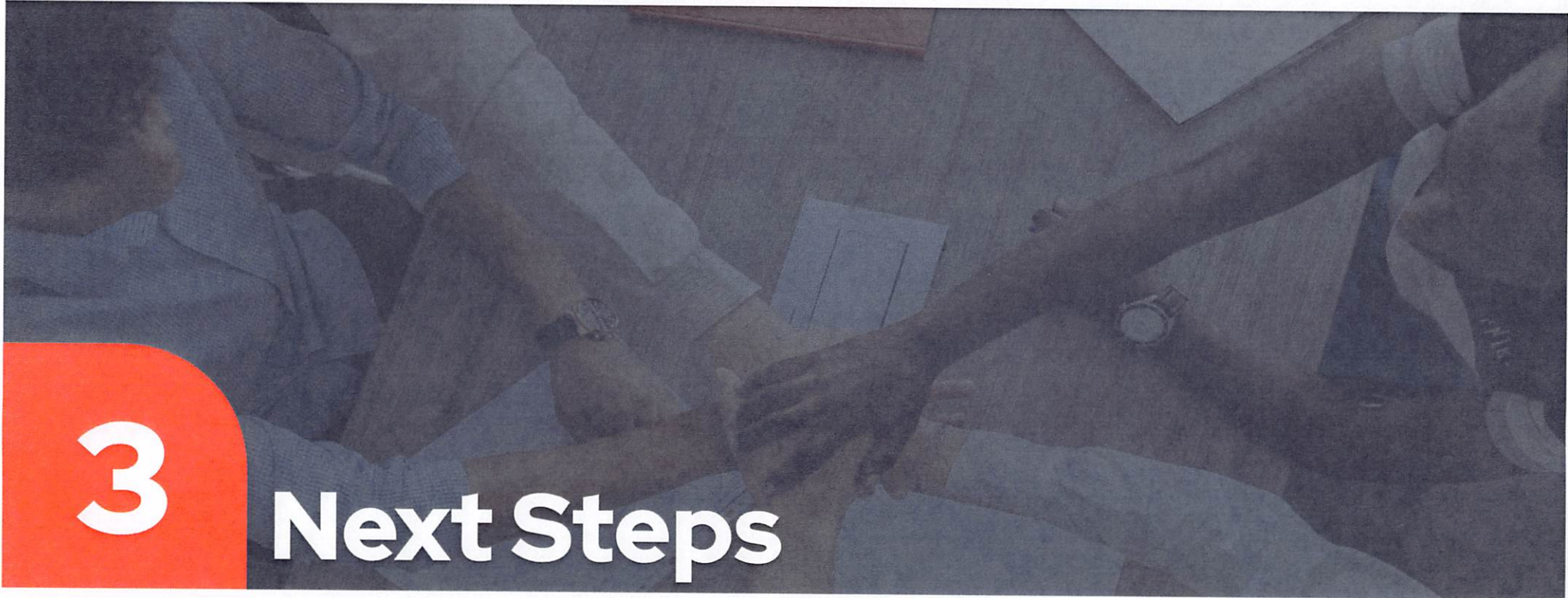
# Community Engagement

How community engagement and understanding will impact involvement.



## Long term **benefits** of assistive technology





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## Next Steps

Community, policy, and legislative next steps.



# Short Term:

American Rescue Plan

# Long Term:

Integrated assistive technology, community support, city involvement



# Thank you!

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**Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney**  
*Councilmember*

3/22/2021

**MOTION**

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*Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney*

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