

UATP Welcomes New Assistive Technology Coordinator

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"I'm really excited about the opportunity to have a position where I am encouraged to be creative," said Wes Smith, the newest member of the Utah Assistive Technology Program (UATP) team.

Wes joined as the new assistive technology coordinator for the Uintah Basin UATP this January. He was drawn to this position for his love of helping people and his enthusiasm to finding creative solutions for assistive technology. "That's what I'm excited about, is if I had to invent something. ...I like the idea of being able to create something that could revolutionize life for our customers."

His hopes for the UATP lab are to get it up and running and service the people in the Uintah Basin.

Wes has over ten years of experience working with people with disabilities. He graduated USU with a degree in social work in 2006, then spent time working at Options for Independence in Logan—an organization that aims to provide resources and assistance for people with disabilities in northern Utah. His time here gave him insight

to the disability community and the options available for support.

Wes is a Vernal local, and in his spare time he loves gardening, fishing, hiking, anything that keeps him outdoors. He also plays bass electric guitars in a band with his friends.

Overall, what he wants others to know about him? "I love humans. I love to help people. I love a challenge. And I love to problem solve."

We are delighted to have Wes on the UATP team!

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