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**Kratochwill Earns Assistive Technology Professional Accreditation**

Madison, WI – Jeff Kratochwill, Lead Rural Rehabilitation Specialist at Easter Seals Wisconsin, has earned the Assistive Technology Professional (ATP) certification by the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America, (RESNA). An assistive technology professional analyzes the needs of individuals with disabilities, assists in the selection of the appropriate equipment, and trains the consumer on how to properly use the specific equipment. The ATP certification recognizes those who have reached an internationally accepted standard of knowledge in assistive technology and who demonstrate a commitment to provide only the highest ethical standards of practice.

To become certified, one has to establish eligibility (through work and education), and then successfully pass a rigorous exam that tests competency in the field of assistive technology. The exam covers main principles of assistive technology including: psychology and sociology; human anatomy, physiology, kinesiology and biomechanics; basic etiologies and pathologies; learning and teaching; assessment procedures; service delivery systems and funding for assistive technology; design and product development; product knowledge of assistive technology devices; integration of person, technology and the environment and professional conduct.

Jeff has an Associate's degree in Occupational Therapy, a Bachelor's degree in Business Management, and has worked with persons with disabilities for his entire career, including the last 10.5 years with the FARM Program at Easter Seals Wisconsin. Easter Seals Wisconsin Farm Program and UW-extension partner to form AgrAbility of Wisconsin, which provides services to farmers with disabilities across the state of Wisconsin.

There are almost 4,000 rehabilitation engineers, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech and language pathologists, suppliers, educators and other professionals who have successfully received their certification.

**About RESNA:** RESNA, the Rehabilitation Engineering & Assistive Technology Society of North America, is the premier professional organization dedicated to promoting the health and well-being of people with disabilities through increasing access to technology solutions. For more information on the ATP certification, visit [www.resna.org](http://www.resna.org).

**About Easter Seals Wisconsin:** For over 90 years, Easter Seals Wisconsin ([www.EasterSealsWisconsin.com](http://www.EasterSealsWisconsin.com)) has provided services that help children and adults with disabilities gain greater independence. Easter Seals' primary services – vocation rehabilitation, respite services, camping and recreation, information and referral, and public education – benefit close to 10,000 individuals with disabilities and their families each year throughout Wisconsin.

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