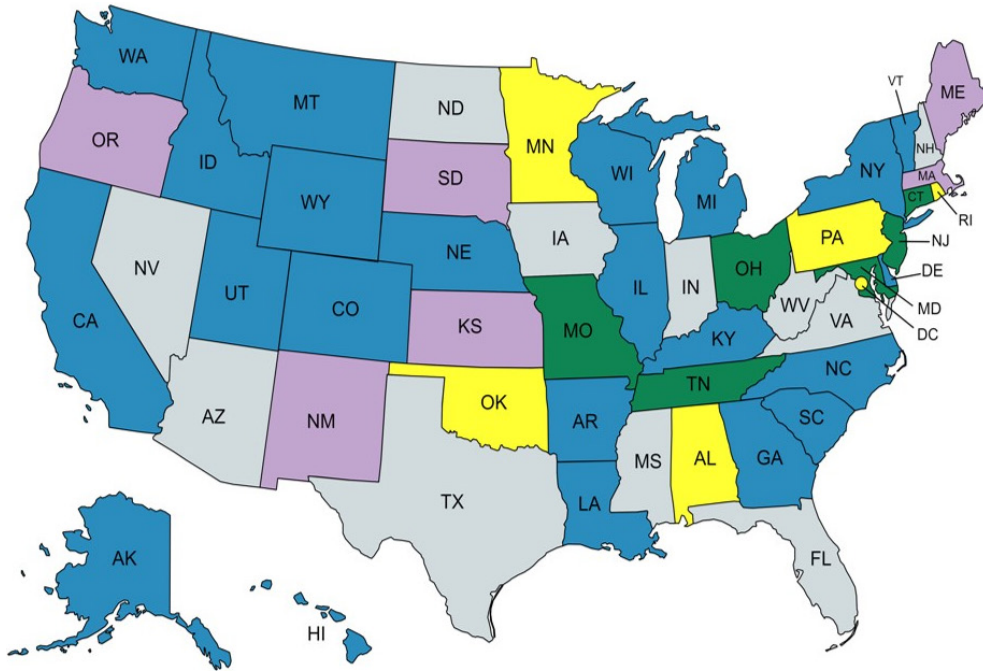


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## What are the 9 Technology First Benchmarks?



### Technology First Benchmarks by State

- Expert States (9-7 Benchmarks)
- Advanced States (6-5 Benchmarks)
- Intermediate States (4-3 Benchmarks)
- Novice States (2 or Fewer Benchmarks)

### Technology First Benchmarks

- 1 Implementation or advancement of statewide legislation
- 2 Modernization and harmonization of policies to support technology access
- 3 Regularly convening a statewide group focused on technology access, services, and programs (ex. Technology First Council)
- 4 Considerations of technology solutions as a requirement within the Individual Service Plan (ISP) or person-centered service plan
- 5 Pilot programs for evaluating technology impact for people with I/DD
- 6 Statewide evaluation of technology needs
- 7 Statewide data collection plan or protocol for impact evaluation
- 8 Statewide capacity building for providers and consumers
- 9 Communications strategy for sharing Technology First enforcement of statewide legislation



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