

**STSN** Speech-to-Text Services Network

**A New Professional Organization**

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Speech - to -  
 Text  
 Services  
 Network

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**Why is a Professional Organization Needed?**

- ◆ Information resource
- ◆ Guidelines
- ◆ Best practices

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**What are Speech-to-Text Communication Access Services?**

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**Speech-to-Text Communication Access Services**


Teacher or presenter speaks



A person &/or software analyzes the sound and turns it into text

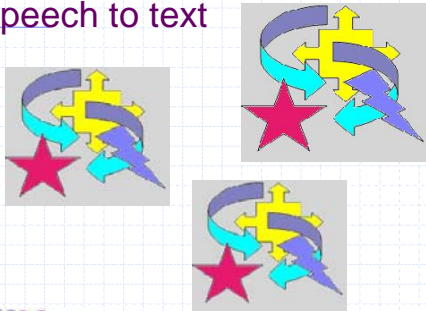
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The reader sees the words immediately on a viewing device, such as a computer.



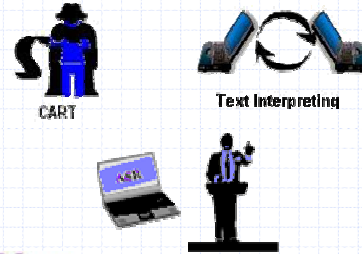
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## Different ways of converting speech to text



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## Current Speech-to-text Services



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## Speech-to-text Services

- How can you match the type of service to the student or situation?
- Where can a service provider go to learn new skills?
- How do you know if the service provider is qualified for the assignment?

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## Speech-to-text Services

Who Can You Contact?  
STSN!

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## STSN – how it all began

April, 2002 – PEPNet Conference  
Kansas City, KS

A handful of colleagues with a dream,  
put out a call for a national professional  
organization

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## STSN – the dream grows . . .

2002-2004

A “Working Group” came together to build the  
new network

Shannon Aylesworth	Sharon Downs
Keith Bain	Pam Francis
Jim Bell	Pat Graves
Judy Colwell	Robert Sidansky
Cheryl Davis	Cheryl Thomas
	Marcia Kolvitz

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## STSN's Mission Statement

To be an information resource for consumers, service providers, and administrators; and to promote quality services, through support of provider credentialing, continuing education, and professional guidelines.

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## STSN Milestones

April, 2004 – PEPNet Conference

**Official Launch of STSN as a new professional organization**

Over 100 Supporting Members, including service providers & administrators from across the country

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## STSN Milestones

2004

- ◆ Denise Kavin becomes first President pro tem
- ◆ Advisory Board established
- ◆ Committees formed
- ◆ 160 Supporting Members registered

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## New Advisory Board

- ◆ Denise Kavin, Chair
- ◆ Sharon Downs
- ◆ Pat Graves
- ◆ Pam Francis
- ◆ Robert Sidansky
- ◆ Marcia Kolvitz
- ◆ Judy Colwell

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## Current STSN Committees

- ◆ Legislative/Legal Committee
- ◆ Membership Committee
- ◆ Continuing Education Committee
- ◆ Financial Structure Committee
- ◆ Public Relations Committee
- ◆ Certification Study Committee

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## Speech-to-Text Services Network

Our website is:  
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Go to the Membership page to join!  
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