Syracuse University has significantly advanced its technology resources in alignment with the 2015 Academic Strategic Plan, in support of student success. The plan integrated campus efforts and resources to improve outcomes. High-tech vendors deliver applications to HED through cloud-based services that mostly depend on web browsers as the primary user interface. Orange SUccess, a web-based advising tool was rolled out in spring 2016 and accessibility issues occurred after the contract had been signed. This session will present how a campus-wide initiative managed the expectations of users and vendors, through collaboration, while maintaining compliance. Learn about the challenges we face and how we overcome them.

**Take Aways**

1. Do everything to help students, faculty, and staff.
2. Set up several avenues for obtaining feedback from users. - Refer issue to Hobsons for prioritization.
3. Confirm Orange SUccess meets and in many cases exceeds their commitment.
4. Assume your campus that Hobsons has been highly responsive in prioritizing repairs to aspects of the product that create challenges for our disabled users.
5. Don’t compel faculty members to use any particular piece of technology.

**Ask for Help in Orange SUccess**

Hobson's has committed to conduct voluntary bi-annual reviews of the product which will include:
- Full testing of all pages with all tools (See Scope & Tools)
- Updating of VPAT (with every major release)

“As an ongoing commitment to accessibility for all Starfish users, Starfish will follow WCAG 2.0 AA guidelines. Additionally, we seek to address how testing will be completed, schedule for testing and related tools, and remediation strategies. We will work as a partner with our clients …”

Hobson's Accessibility Commitment

http://OrangeSUccess.syr.edu

**Accessibility For All**

Through the lens of “One University”

1. Trusted, but Verify: “purchase decisions should not be based on VPAT’s alone. VPATs can be out of date or quite inaccurate (note the first word in VPAT is ‘voluntary’).”

**Take Proactive Measures**

**Share Best Practices**

Access to Units Across Campus

**Institutional Challenges Require Institutional Responses**

**Nurture a Community of Practice**

**Outreach to Units Across Campus**

**Syndrome University Community of Practice**

American Sign Language/CART
- Chancellor’s Workgroup on
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Beyond Compliance Coordinating Committee
- Burton Blatt Institute of Disability Studies
- Disability Cultural Center
- Disability Law and Policy Program
- Disability Rights Clinic (College of Law)
- Disability Studies (Program)

Information Technology Analyst - Accessibility
- Technology Accessibility for all
- Office of Disability Studies
- Office of Equal Opportunity, Inclusion & Resolution Svcs.
- Taishoff Center for Inclusive Higher Education
- The Inclusion Institutes (SOE)
- SU Libraries - Accessibility

The Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Accessibility Policy went into effect on January 1st, 2018. The purpose of the policy is to ensure that members of the Syracuse University community and their guests can effectively access University content and information and communication technologies.

**Understand the Values and Culture of Syracuse University**

**How to Partner with the Vendor?**

**Statistics**

US Census Bureau 2010
- 19% of the US Population has a disability - Vision, Hearing, Limited Mobility or Dexterity.
- 1 out of 5 students, faculty and staff may have a disability.