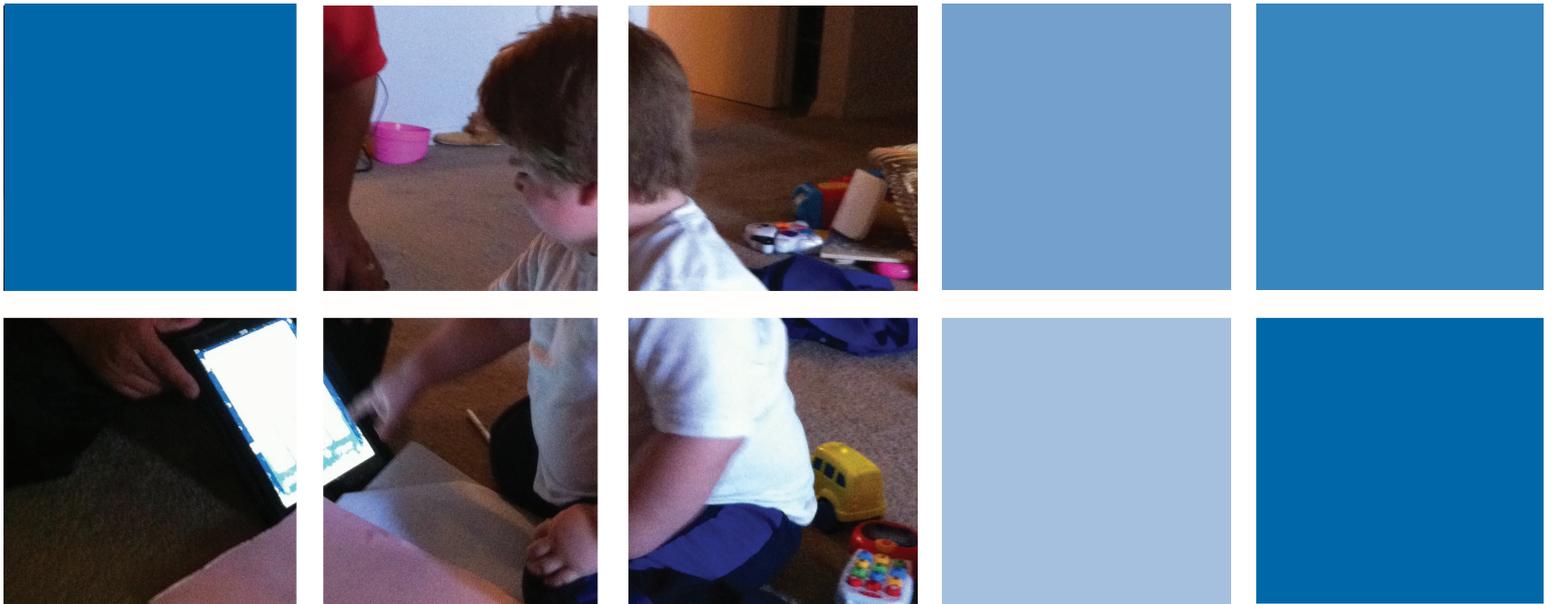


Oklahoma ABLE Tech

The Assistive Technology Act Program for the State of Oklahoma

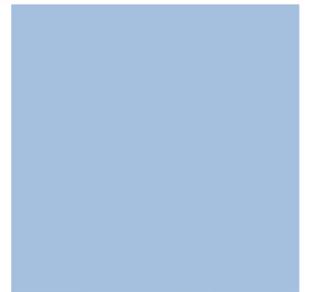
Connecting Oklahomans with Disabilities to
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Key Activities 2012

Oklahoma ABLE Tech Statistics

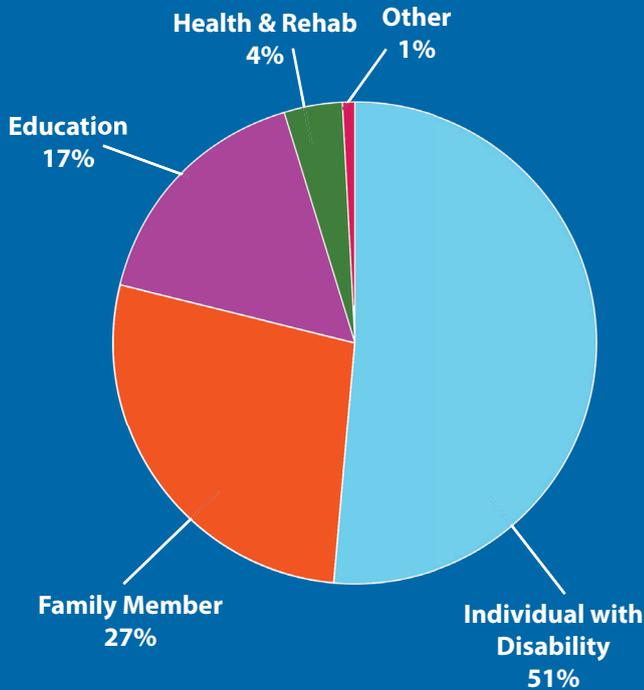
- 809 assistive technology (AT) devices loaned to Oklahomans in the “try before you buy” short-term loan program.
- 597 AT demonstrations to Oklahomans were performed by SoonerStart personnel to children 0-3 years old.
- Another 1,873 demonstrations to Oklahomans of all ages were provided by Oklahoma ABLE Tech and its partners.
- The Alternative Financing Program (AFP) provided \$265,102.98 in AT device low interest bank loans assisting 49 Oklahomans with disabilities.
- 143 AT devices exchanged from sellers to buyers for a savings of \$107,845 through the Oklahoma Equipment Exchange (OEE).
- 883 individuals received information and referral on AT devices and services.
- AT training events served over 2,709 people.
- The Access to Telework Funds Program (ATF) provided AT device loans for 8 Oklahomans, totaling \$109,952.55 for maintaining employment goals.

Highlights

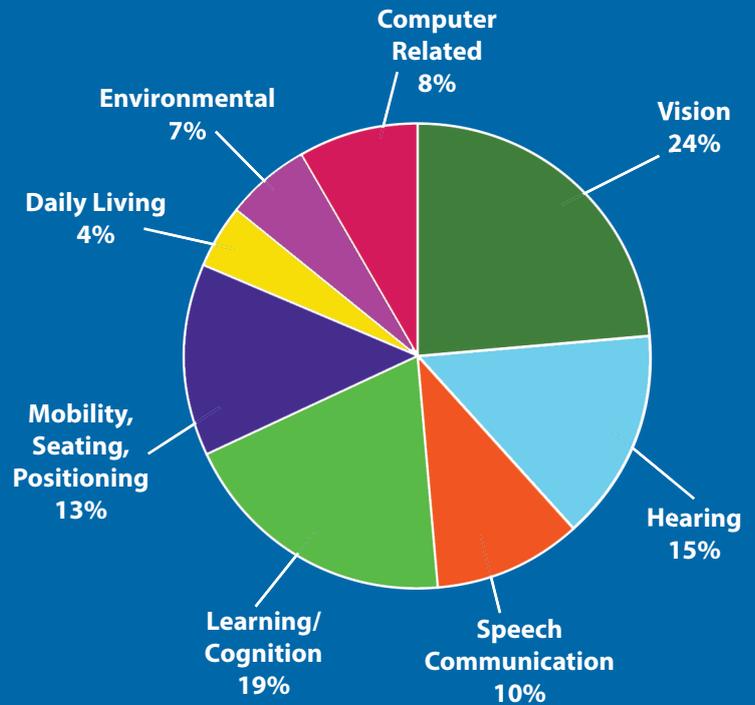
- ABLE Tech and its partners provided 11 AT loan and demonstration sites to give Oklahomans an opportunity to touch, try, and borrow AT devices and improve independence in the community, schools, and workplace.
- ABLE Tech provided 286 assistive technology device and software short term loans to Oklahoma schools and students; 188 AT loans were specifically for individuals with print disabilities.
- ABLE Tech provided training on accessible information technology including web access, telecommunications, software accessibility, and procurement to 677 state agency and postsecondary personnel.
- ABLE Tech provided training on AT devices and services to individuals, disability related organizations, state agencies, and higher education students.
- “Fire Safety for Oklahomans with Disabilities” professionally installed 1,439 specialized smoke alarms in 252 households statewide.
- 13 Special Education Due Process hearings were resolved by the Special Education Resolution Center (SERC) - keeping state dollars in the classroom educating students. Due Process proceedings can cost the state an average of \$300,000; therefore, resolved hearing requests saved Oklahomans approximately \$3,900,000.
- The Oklahoma AgrAbility Project provided education, assistance, and support to farmers, ranchers, and their family members with disabilities or debilitating injuries that limited their abilities to perform farm tasks. ABLE Tech—through its partnership with Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Services (OCES), Langston University, School of Physical Therapy, and the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation—provided direct services to 50 farmers or their family members and completed 36 on-farm site visits.

Demo and Loan Program Assisted Oklahomans

Type of Individual



AT Category



Programs are provided at no cost to Oklahomans.

Oklahoma ABLÉ Tech Coordination and Collaboration

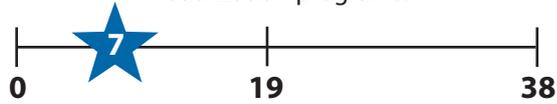
Oklahoma ABLÉ Tech maintains coordination and collaboration efforts among partners that provide funding that will enhance the opportunities for individuals to access and acquire assistive technology.



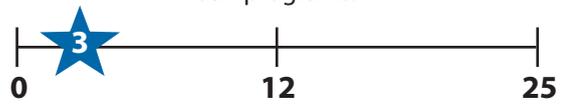
National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard
Special Education Resolution Center

Oklahoma's National Ranking

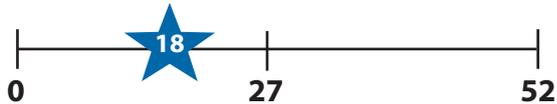
ABLE Tech ranks 7th in the nation for number of devices exchanged out of 38 reutilization programs.



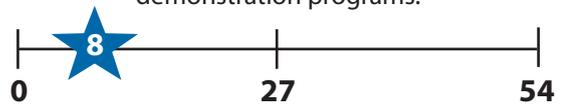
ABLE Tech ranks 3rd in the nation for number of loans made out of the 25 state financial loan programs.



ABLE Tech ranks 18th in the nation for number of device loans out of 52 programs.

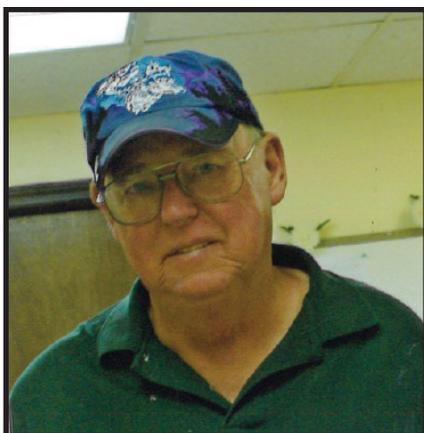
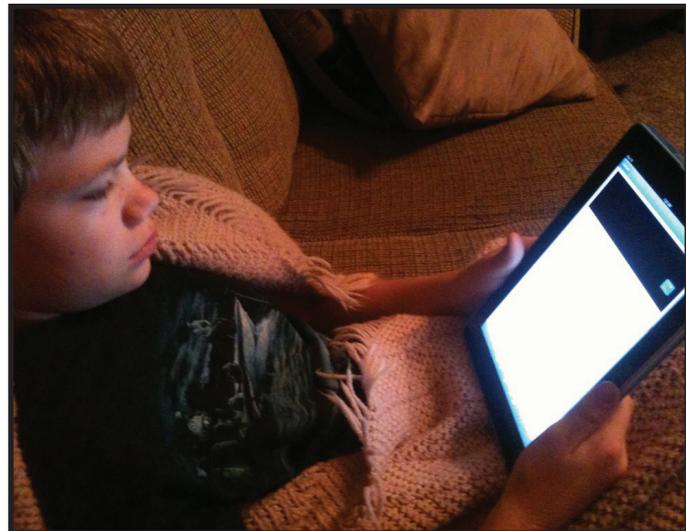


ABLE Tech ranks 8th in the nation for number of device demonstrations out of 54 AT demonstration programs.



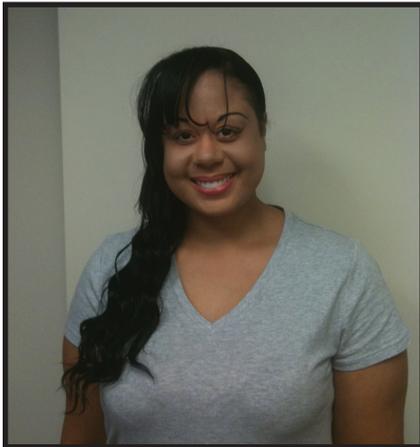
Success Stories in Oklahoma

A 10-year-old student with dyslexia and amblyopia tried several AT devices to help him read books and textbooks. Through the partnership with ABLE Tech and OATC, he borrowed an iPad to try at home and school. Digital books allow him to enlarge the text or turn on and off the audio version of the book. For the first time in his life he enjoys reading and can now be fully engrossed in a story. He can kick back and experience the pleasure of the story without struggling or feelings of failure he experienced when he was expected to read. He discovered how to use the dictionary app to find words he cannot spell and uses Dragon Dictation to produce sentences he needs to write down. His school and family now have a free Bookshare membership which provides free digital books for people with print disabilities.



Oklahoma ABLE Tech, through the Alternative Financing Program, helped a 66-year-old Pawnee resident obtain hearing aids that he would not have otherwise been able to afford. Over the past few years, he had trouble hearing but could not afford to purchase hearing aids on a limited-retirement income. With the low interest bank loan, he was able to purchase the assistive technology he needed. He says he can now hear the wind blow, the TV does not have to be loud, and people do not have to repeat themselves to him. He said, "I missed out on a lot and thanks to ABLE Tech, I don't have to anymore!"

Success Stories in Oklahoma



Oklahoma ABLE Tech is helping Oklahomans find assistive technology (AT) solutions through their demonstration program. This 34-year-old Tulsa resident came to Oklahoma ABLE Tech for AT ideas to help her with vision impairments associated with Grave's Disease. She was able to try out a ZT Magnifier and Screen Reader, a ZT Large- Print Keyboard, a 24-inch Monitor, Senseview, and CCTV Acrobat. She indicated that she had not read a book in over a decade until she tried the equipment. "Now I can read books, magazines, price tags, etc.," she said. "This is a wonderful program. It has helped me tremendously! I love the Senseview and the CCTV Acrobat. I was unable to read text at all before I received these devices."

The SoonerStart program, in partnership with ABLE Tech, provided rehabilitation and AT support for a family and their 13-month-old little girl. The family was referred to SoonerStart while their daughter was recovering from open-heart surgery. Her physical disabilities related to her medical conditions limited the progression of her ability to crawl, walk, and stand. Also, her vocal cords have been damaged by multiple intubations prior to her heart surgery. The dynamic stander allows her to be upright in the kitchen with her family. A small reverse walker added to her AT collection. She uses photos velcroed on a board to make requests. AT is being used as a tool, rather than an end in itself. Each device helps her move to the next level of independence. Her family is appreciative of the demonstration and trial aspects of the program and said, "We are grateful for your support."



This Oklahoma County resident has age-related macular degeneration. With the help of vision rehabilitation and NewView services, she is using hand-held and stand-illuminated magnifiers to continue doing cryptoquotes from the daily newspaper. She also can read from her Bible, recipes, and some knitting instructions. She volunteers for her church bereavement committee, knits prayer scarves for various charities, and is involved with her children and grandchildren. She also started her own support group with two ladies from her church who also have AMD to give each other support. The Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped digital book player has enabled her to enjoy reading again and unwind as she goes to sleep each night.

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