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Debra, an Allen, Oklahoma resident, came to ABLE Tech looking for a way to communicate with family and friends. Her speech is very soft and hard for others to understand.

She tried using the iPad to type messages and then have them read out loud to others and a Chattervox to amplify her normal voice. Both of these devices worked great for her.

Debra was happy to be able to contribute to ideas and conversations again.

Partnership Success

Wayne W. is a 37 year Depew resident who is quadriplegic. He has a vehicle that was recently adapted with a fold-up manual ramp to make his vehicle safe for transporting, loading, and unloading.

In order to accomplish this, Wayne first consulted with ABLE Tech's partner, Saxon Moore, where it was determined that his vehicle could be modified easily to accommodate his wheelchair.

Due to his disability, he has limited income, but was able to qualify for the loan program. He applied for a low interest financial loan to cover the cost of the modifications. Using the low interest financial loan, he is able to make low monthly payments that he can afford within his budget.

His vehicle was modified by adding a hydraulic lift and floor modifications to allow for wheelchair tie downs.



SoonerStart Recognition Winner 2017

1st Quarter: Tulsa County Team

This SoonerStart team will receive new assistive technology (AT) to include in their county kit. Infants and toddlers under 3 years old and their families will be able to receive demonstrations of the new AT items. These services help families determine appropriate accommodations for children and decide whether or not they need AT.



Spotlight on Success

This SoonerStart team demonstrated a Koosh switch connected to a switch-activated robot toy to a 2-year-old with deaf/blindness in Tulsa County. This setup allowed the boy to have independent play time regardless of his vision, hearing, and motor impairments.

New Accessible Meetings Website

In partial fulfillment of ABLE Tech's contract with the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services, a new website titled "Guide to Planning Accessible Meetings, Events and Conferences" is online at: www.workforce-access-for-all.org.

The website offers comprehensive information and best practices for planning and conducting a gathering of any type that will be accessible to attendees and presenters.

The content of the site was actually created by Mid-Atlantic ADA Center in Rockville, Maryland. They agreed to let ABLE Tech copy the entire site and modify it for Oklahoma's standards. Rob Carr, Accessibility Coordinator for Sponsored Programs, used the website for his October 12th webinar titled "Inclusive Trainings and Events."

NewView Oklahoma Upcoming Events

Windows 10 Class for Visually Impaired

NewView Oklahoma and Microsoft Store are partnering to hold classes on Windows 10 for people who are visually impaired! Participants will learn how to use Windows 10 with built in zoom and narrator to operate Windows 10 on the surface tablet.

9:00 A.M. to 10 A.M.

Dates: 11/12/16, 12/10/16

Microsoft Store, 1901 NW Expressway, OKC

ABLE Tech's AT Support Team Workshops Underway

ABLE Tech kicked off the 2016-17 AT Support Team Workshops with two Beginner AT Workshops. Approximately 100 educators from 30 school districts throughout the state participated in the beginner-level training to learn how to consider and assess the assistive technology needs of students on IEPs. ABLE Tech also presented AT Feature-Matching Workshops in September to provide hands-on experience with AT devices to advanced-level teams. Registration is open for the intermediate-level workshops to be held in the spring semester.



These intermediate-level sessions will focus on effectively and consistently implementing assistive technology (AT) with students, which is often the most overlooked step in successful AT integration.

As always, AT Support Team Workshops are free, and the Oklahoma State Department of Education is offering reimbursement for expenses such as travel and paying for substitute teachers. As an incentive for participation in the workshops and

The Special Education Resolution Center (SERC)

The Special Education Resolution Center (SERC) works collaboratively with the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) to help parents and school districts resolve disputes regarding the special education of students.

SERC provides stakeholder training in effective communication skills at the Prevention stage of Conflict. Once conflict has reached Disagreement, SERC provides innovative programs to assist parties in resolving their differences at the earliest stage possible.

SERC provides highly trained mediators to assist the parties in coming to an agreement. IEP facilitations or mediations may be a process to help them resolve the situation.

Fair, impartial, and knowledgeable hearing officers conduct administrative hearings to settle the differences of the parties in a timely manner. These processes are in place so that Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment will be available to Oklahoma children.

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and the Consortium of Appropriate Dispute Resolution (CADRE) have identified Oklahoma as one of four exemplar alternative dispute resolution programs in the United States.

Visit <http://serc.okstate.edu> for more information on services available to families and school districts. If you need individual assistance, contact us at 1-888-267-0028.

TechAccessOK Conference Recap



Oklahoma ABLE Tech was thrilled to host the first ever Technology Accessibility Oklahoma, or TechAccessOK Conference on September 8th.

The event took place at the Moore-Norman Technology Center, South Penn campus. This conference brought together state and national speakers to talk about accessible technology from several points of view.

Thanks to the Southwest ADA Center out of Houston, TechAccessOK did not cost attendees a penny and over 160 people attended. By all measures, the first year of the event was a tremendous success.

The day began with Shawn Henry, who works for the World Wide Web Consortium, introducing technology accessibility concepts. Then, Ricky Steele from the Oklahoma State Regents' office talked about his office's approach to accounting for accessibility in technology purchase and use decisions. The afternoon sessions included Travis Hurst from Rose State College on do-it-yourself captioning, Jonathan Whiting from WebAIM on web accessibility testing and Justin Devero from the Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Services on accessible web development using ARIA.

Oklahoma ABLE Tech thanks the Southwest ADA Center, all of the conference speakers, and everyone that made the trip to Oklahoma City for TechAccessOK!



Upcoming Webinars

Full details available at: www.bitly/ABTwebinars

11/08/16	Speech Communication
01/10/17	Daily Living
02/14/17	Hearing
03/07/17	Vision
04/11/17	Seating, Positioning, & Mobility

associated activities, ABLE Tech will award nine teams with \$250 worth of assistive technology devices. Recipients will be drawn from the list of teams completing assignments by deadlines, and awards will be presented in the spring.

Our new web section, AT Discovery (<http://www.bitly.ATdiscovery>), is contributing to our workshops and we are also offering webinars each month that focus on a specific topic. You can see the schedule to the right.

Oklahoma Equipment Exchange

The Oklahoma Equipment Exchange (OEE) is a FREE program to help Oklahomans with disabilities acquire affordable equipment. To donate, sell, or locate equipment, visit our website or call us at 888.885.5588 (v/tty).

In Oklahoma City, you may call the Oklahoma Durable Medical Equipment Reuse Program (OKDMERP) at 405.523.4810 for FREE durable medical equipment such as canes, scooters, and hospital beds. Donations are always welcome!



Items For Sale

Child's Equip. - Specialized car seats/ Wheelchairs/Protective Underwear
Bioness Foot Drop System, Large/ for Right Leg
Bone Growth Stimulator
Pebble Magnifier
Portable Ramps
Transfer Board
Wheelchair Lifts for Vans
Manual Wheelchairs

Oklahoma AT Center Locations

Oklahoma ABLE Tech and its partners operate device demonstration and device loan programs to increase access to AT. Inventory is available and searchable online, and individuals may borrow devices for up to six weeks at no cost. Please go to: <http://oec.okstate.edu/loan>



Oklahoma ABLE Tech



Hearing Loss Association



NewView Oklahoma



Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders



Total Source For Hearing Loss and Access



The Children's Center



Pathways Therapy Center



John W. Keys Speech and Hearing Center

The partners below are mobility dealers offering vans, scooters and adaptive equipment for your current vehicle. They don't loan vehicles but can demonstrate all capabilities of the equipment.



Handicapped Vehicle Services, Tulsa



Newby-Vance Mobility, Guthrie



United Access Mobility, Oklahoma City

Assistive Technology Device Features

ChatterVox Voice Speech Amplifier



ChatterVox is a portable voice amplifier that can boost your volume by as much as 18 decibels. It consists of a rechargeable "fanny pack" amplifier and speaker unit along with a comfortable headset microphone.



Voice Dream Reader App

Voice Dream Reader is an app that reads articles, documents, and books out loud. It has advanced text-to-speech software and a highly configurable visual layout.

Pathway's Therapy Center - Partner of the Year

Congratulations Pathway's Therapy Center! In their first 11 months as a partner, they reported 20 loans and 230 demonstrations! Way to go!



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Events and Training

- OCT 29 | AT Bootcamp for OSDE
- NOV 1 | OUHSC Audiology Student Class - OKC
- NOV 4 | Thunder Plains Conference Session on Accessibility
- NOV 9 | Kiamichi Technology Center - District Guidance Team
- NOV 14 | Accessing Higher Ground Conference - Denver, CO
- NOV 17 | OK Rehabilitation Council Meeting
- NOV 17 | Stillwater Area Human Resource Association ADA, AT, and Accessibility

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