

# Oklahoma ABLE Tech

Assistive Technology  
Small Changes...Big Differences



## ABLE Tech Launches Two New Websites!

### 2018 SoonerStart Recognition Winners: 1st Quarter

*Creek and Cleveland County  
Teams Win!*

These SoonerStart teams will receive \$500 in new assistive technology (AT) to include in their county kits. 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.

Congratulations, Creek and Cleveland Counties!

### Spotlight on Success



Every quarter, SoonerStart Teams submit success stories and pictures of

infants and toddlers using assistive technology!

To view these stories and pictures from different counties around the state, please visit our website at:

<http://bit.ly/SoonerStart-SS>

### New Online AT Funding Guide Offers Total Accessibility and 24/7 Access

Work on an updated and totally accessible website for Oklahoma ABLE Tech's AT Funding Guide began in April of this year and was "live" online in mid-September. As one part of the total re-design and programming of ABLE Tech's main website, the Funding Guide was ported over to a "behind the scenes" web address in the spring. Nikhil Jain, a graduate student worker for ABLE Tech, with computer programming as his major field, converted pages in the existing Drupal website to a new Wordpress installation. Then, with that conversion in place, Milissa Gofourth, Program Manager, began editing the entire site with up-to-date information on funding sources and their requirements.

"From now on, I can edit the online guide whenever – rather than in two year intervals – and we eliminate the very time-consuming step of creating a hard copy for printing," said Mrs. Gofourth. "When we hear of changes to a funding source or of a NEW funding source – we can make the change right away which means we truly provide Oklahomans with the latest information available."

### New Online AT Curriculum Site Offers Free and 24/7 Training for ALL Educators

From September through April, Oklahoma ABLE Tech's staff annually offers training on assistive technology in several statewide locations. The presentations define assistive technology – what it is, what laws mandate it, and how students will benefit from it by appropriate consideration and assessment in the IEP process. The staff have offered this training schedule for over four years and have impacted Oklahoma's teachers, related service providers, and administrators.

In November of this year, ABLE Tech will launch an online AT curriculum website covering the same content as their "road show" and available for FREE to ANY Oklahoma education-related professional with a computer and internet connection.

"Through our contract with the Oklahoma Department of Education, we are so excited to have the opportunity to offer AT training 24/7 to ALL educators who are interested in making an educational difference for students through the use of AT devices and services," said Linda Jaco, ABLE Tech Director. "Providing this quality training online now makes it truly possible to build statewide AT capacity!"

## October is Disability Employment Awareness Month



Reflecting the important role that different perspectives play in workforce success, this year's National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) theme is "Inclusion Drives Innovation." Observed each October, NDEAM celebrates the contributions of workers with disabilities and educates about the value of a workforce inclusive of their skills and talents.

## New Employee at ABLE Tech!



**Sandra Wright**, PhD, CCC-SLP, joined the ABLE Tech staff in late-September as a part-time employee. As a CCC-SLP, she is a nationally recognized professional in the field of Speech-Language Pathology. Sandra earned her doctorate degree in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Kansas. She has over 15 years of experience working with children with significant communication challenges, developmental language disorders or delayed social language skills. She is an expert in augmentative and alternative communication, social language, and one of only 80 Speech-Language Pathologists in the country who holds the distinction as a Board Certified Specialist in Child Language from the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA). Sandra is married and loves showing her dogs in obedience and agility as well as having them serve as therapy dogs.

## OkAT Loans Increased to \$4,000



The Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation (OkAT), ABLE Tech's financial loan program partner has been awarded a Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI) technical assistance grant to enhance the direct loan program.

OkAT recently announced they have increased their direct loans for assistive technology to cover loans up to \$4,000. The direct lending program has positioned OkAT to reach out for additional resources through CDFI.

## DRS and ABLE Tech Partner to Enhance Access for All

The Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) and Oklahoma ABLE Tech



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partner to bring Access for All to the Oklahoma Workforce Development System. The goal of Access for All is to make the Workforce Development System inclusive of Job Seekers with disabilities. As part of this effort, DRS and ABLE Tech will provide a set of assistive technology to one comprehensive American Job Center (AJC) in each of the 8 Workforce Development Areas in the state.

Each kit is outfitted with a variety of low-tech, practical assistive technology devices such as large print computer

keyboards, assistive listening devices and magnifiers.

Each item in the kit is intended to be placed at the

comprehensive AJC so that area staff are better prepared to deliver individual accommodations to Job Seekers that use the facility. The kits will also demonstrate some of what is possible with low-cost, low-tech assistive technology. DRS and ABLE Tech will deliver kits to each area throughout the fall. While in the area, DRS and ABLE Tech will provide a training that spotlights the AJC assistive technology kits as well as disability etiquette and an overview of the statewide technology accessibility certification program under the Access for All initiative.

## Moore Autism Center Joins ABLE Tech as a Partner

Moore Autism Center is a new MOA device demonstration partner effective October 1st. They will specialize in providing Alternative Augmentative Communication (AAC) devices to their clientele as well as south central Oklahomans. The Moore Autism Center is a multi-specialty clinic comprised of six autism specialist psychologists, two speech-language pathologists, and two occupational therapists. The Moore Autism Center functions as a comprehensive one-stop evaluation and treatment option for children, adolescents, and adults on the autism spectrum. Welcome!



## TCCRH Awarded ABLE Tech's Partner of the Year!



Shelby Sanders presents award to Erin March from TCCRH

The Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital was awarded ABLE Tech's Partner of the Year. Milissa Gofourth shared at the recent partner meeting, "Since the TCCRH device demonstration and loan partnership began in 2010, they have continually met all of the Memorandum of Agreement's requirements and beyond.

They have provided so many great success stories throughout the years because of their true commitment to provide the children they serve with the needed and appropriate assistive technology devices and services. Erin March and her team of professionals have done a great job."

## 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 800.257.1705 (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!

Available Items	
CCTVs (Desktop Magnifiers)	For Sale
Pediatric Gait Trainer, Wheelchair/Stroller, Shower/Toileting Chair	For Sale
Bed Assist Rails	FREE
All Types of Braces (Back, Ankle, Knee, Walking Boots)	FREE
Disposable Underwear, Underpads, etc. (All Sizes)	FREE

There is a desperate need for *Oxygen Concentrators*, *Portable Concentrators*, and a *BIPAP* - please call Diana at 405.744.9748 if you have one to donate!

## Assistive Technology Device Feature



### Prodigy Connect 12 with Distance Viewing

More than a powerful digital magnifier with desktop and distance viewing, the Prodigy Connect 12 is the ideal solution for students of all ages to open the window to an intelligent Android world, allowing free and open access to more than a million apps.

The Prodigy Connect 12 is perfect for low-vision users looking to enlarge print and images with the added benefit of instant connectivity in the classroom.

## Partner Success Story

Daniel is a 4 year old from Tulsa, who has sensory processing disorder and coordination difficulties. He wanted to learn how to "pump" his legs and be able to swing in the park. Pathways has the Frog Swing for therapeutic use and has allowed Daniel the opportunity to learn how to swing in a smaller, less stimulating environment. It has given him self-esteem and an opportunity for social interaction.



## Webinars to Watch

Join ABLE Tech for our next AT Discovery webinar on December 5th, 2017. "Chromebooks and Chrome Browser" with presenter Kimberly Berry, AT Teacher.

Full details available here! or <http://bit.ly/AT-webinars>

## iDevice App Feature



### KNFB Reader

Digital photography coupled with state of the art hardware makes access to print materials faster and more efficient than ever with KNFB Reader.

Simply take a photo of the text you need to read and the app reads the text in clear synthetic speech. The app also has synchronized text highlighting which reads along with the displayed text, a benefit for people with dyslexia and other reading disabilities.

## Oklahoma Equipment Exchange (OEE) Success Story

Doris contacted the Oklahoma Equipment Exchange (OEE), inquiring about the availability of a lift chair. Her 91 year old mother was rarely getting out of bed as it was too difficult to get in and out of a chair. Lift chairs are in high demand. However, OEE had one available at the time of the phone call, creating a perfect match for her. She is now able to get out of her bedroom and be with her family.



## 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: [at.okstate.edu](http://at.okstate.edu)



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The Children's Center



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Moore Autism Center

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## Events and Training

- OCT 28 | 1st AT Boot Camp in OKC
- NOV 2 | AT Team Workshop #3 in Sand Springs
- NOV 6 | DRS Workforce Initiatives Meeting - Career Planning Center - OKC
- NOV 10-14 | NCSRC/CSAVR/NCSAB Conferences - Greenville, South Carolina
- NOV 13 | DRS Commission Meeting - DRS State Office - 2nd Floor - 10:30 am
- NOV 14 | Accessing Higher Ground Workshop
- NOV 16 | ABLE Tech Tour for Meridian Technology Center Faculty
- NOV 16 | ORC Quarterly Meeting - DRS State Office - 2nd Floor - 9:30 am
- DEC 5 | Webinar on "AT Meets IT"
- DEC 11 | DRS Commission Meeting - DRS State Office - 2nd Floor - 10:30 am

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