

Spotlight on Success:

The Children's Center (TCC) recently assisted a Custer County resident who is diagnosed with bilateral schizencephaly. He enjoys reading, group activities, and playing on the computer. He tried the bookworm with the gooseneck mount positioned on his wheelchair for switch and voice output activities.

The gooseneck was successfully used for computer and various cause-and-effect activities. He is now happier and less frustrated with increased ease of participation.



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Partner of the Year Announced

Oklahoma ABLE Tech is proud to announce the Hearing Loss Association (HLA) of Central Oklahoma as its assistive technology (AT) device and short-term loan Partner of the Year.

Not only has FFY'14 been another great year in which HLA continued to provide over 100 demonstrations and 75 loans, they also provided their volunteers an AT training and hosted the AT booth at the statewide Aging Conference.

Their true mark of being an outstanding partner goes back to March 27, 2006, when the Hearing Helper Room volunteers were first trained on becoming an ABLE Tech

partner; in their first month of operation they reported 12 loans and 30 demonstrations. Through the years, HLA has continued to meet every standard, utilizing all volunteers - as they have no paid staff.



An Oklahoma Workforce System for All

Oklahoma has gaps to fill when it comes to employment of individuals with disabilities. The Oklahoma Workforce System has a great opportunity to help to close those gaps.

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, a national campaign that raises awareness about disability employment issues and celebrates the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. ABLE Tech is proud to partner with the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation

Services (DRS) to provide training to Oklahoma's Workforce System. Our shared goal as a Workforce System is to provide access to employment to everyone, ultimately increasing household wealth.

ABLE Tech and DRS have scheduled Workforce System Accessibility Academies in Oklahoma City to help increase awareness and employment opportunities for Oklahomans. Call 888.885.5588 for more details or visit www.okabletech.okstate.edu.



SoonerStart Recognition Winners 2014

4th Quarter Winner:
Tulsa County Team

Annual Winner:
Oklahoma County Team

These SoonerStart teams will receive new AT to include in their county kits. Children, aged birth to three years, 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 a piece of AT will be needed.

Spotlight on Success:

This three-year-old has Phelan-McDermid Syndrome, and is now able to successfully communicate better with her parents and daycare providers because of the work from the Oklahoma County SoonerStart team. Through ABLE Tech's short-term loan program, the child had access to AT devices giving her an understanding of direct cause-and-effect with toys, and then on to the more abstract skill of requesting food and drink using an iPad with the TalkBoard app.



Donations Needed. How Can You Help?



Donate your gently-used durable medical equipment (DME)

help Oklahomans be able to live, work, and learn more independently.

Donations are tax-deductible

Drop-off or pick up available for FREE

Gently-used DME accepted

If you have gently-used durable medical equipment and are wondering what to do with it, don't cart it to the curb for trash pickup. The Oklahoma Durable Medical Equipment Reuse Program may be able to refurbish it for use by someone in need. Donations

What Type of Equipment is Accepted?

- Bath Benches
- Blood pressure monitors
- Commodes
- CPAPs
- Gait trainers
- Hospital beds
- Knee walkers
- Nebulizers
- Patient lifts
- Quad canes
- Scooters
- Shower chairs
- Standers
- Walkers
- Wheelchairs



Walk-in donations are accepted every Wednesday 8:00a.m. - 4:30p.m. at the Oklahoma City office or call to schedule a free pick up.

Oklahoma Durable Medical Equipment Reuse Program
3325 N. Lincoln Boulevard • Oklahoma City, OK 73105
Phone: 405.523.4810 or 800.257.1705 (v/tty) • Email: atreuse@okstate.edu

Oklahoma AT Center Locations

Oklahoma ABLE Tech and its partners operate device demonstration and short-term 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. <http://oec.okstate.edu/loan>



Stillwater | 888.885.5588



Oklahoma City | 405.717.9820



Bethany | 405.789.6711



Oklahoma City and Tulsa
855.811.9699



Department of Communication
Sciences and Disorders
Stillwater | 405.744.6021



Mary K. Chapman Center
for Communicative Disorders
Tulsa | 918.631.2913



Tulsa | 918.832.8742



Department of Rehabilitation Services
Visual Services Center Division
Oklahoma City and Tulsa | 800.845.8476



Free AT Training for School Special Education Teams

Dr. Penny Reed presents "AT Assessments Made Easy"

ABLE Tech and the Oklahoma State Department of Education offer free AT training for Oklahoma school special education teams. Trainings occurred on October 6 and 7, with the next training set for November 3.

The featured trainer is Dr. Penny Reed, a nationally-recognized teacher, consultant, and administrator in the field of special education. Reed specializes in helping school districts improve their delivery of AT services. Reed is the recipient of several awards for her work, including Clinician of the Year from the

Oregon Head Injury Foundation, and the National Leadership Award from the Technology and Media Division of the Council for Exceptional Children.

Dr. Reed's training presentation, "AT Assessments Made Easy," will teach teams how to consider AT and other accommodation ideas for all students needing support through special education services.



Weekly AT Feature

Each week ABLE Tech will feature one of the many AT devices available for trial through the short-term loan program. Individuals have the ability to see, touch, and try AT to help them in the decision-making process by providing: hands-on exploration of devices, information on the latest technology, low-tech solutions and adaptations, and vendor sources.

Check out the weekly AT feature archive at: <http://weba.im/WeeklyAT>

Oklahoma Equipment Exchange



<http://oec.okstate.edu>

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.

In Oklahoma City, you may contact the Oklahoma Durable Medical Equipment Reuse Program (OKDMERP) at 405.523.4810 for FREE mobility equipment such as canes, scooters, and hospital beds. Donations are needed for the following bariatric equipment: wheelchairs, commodes, walkers, and rollator walkers.



Here is a quick preview of items you can find online at the exchange!

Item Description	Asking Price
VPAP	FREE
Boardmaker Accessories	FREE
Teletypewriter (TTY)	FREE
Portable CCTV	FOR SALE
Adult Standing Frame	FOR SALE
Child's Gait Trainer	FOR SALE

Assistive Device Highlight

Q: What is the Tobii I-15?

A: The Tobi I-15 is a speech-generating device that incorporates eyegaze technology, and allows for voice output, environmental controls, and computer access as well as long distance communication, like email. A wide range of software is included that enables the user to communicate via speech, email, text message, and Skype. The device is optimized for those with Cerebral Palsy, Rett syndrome, ALS, or Aphasia.

The Tobii I-15 is available through ABLE Tech's free short-term device loan program. To request a six-week trial, visit us online at:

<http://oec.okstate.edu/loan>

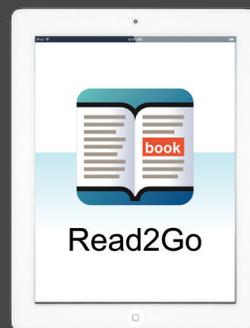


Special Education Resolution Center

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

SERC provides highly-trained mediators to assist the parties in coming to an agreement. In instances where the parties cannot resolve their dispute, SERC provides a fair and impartial hearing system.

For more details, call 918.270.1849 or visit <http://serc.okstate.edu>.



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Events and Training

October | National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Oct. 21 | SoonerSUCCESS On the Road Family Perspective; Shawnee, OK

Oct. 22 | Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services Expo;
Oklahoma City, OK

Oct. 22 | Oklahoma ABLE Tech Advisory Council; Oklahoma City, OK

Oct. 24 | Oklahoma Directors of Special Services Conference;
Midwest City, OK

Oct. 28-29 | Oklahoma Transition Institute; Norman, OK

Oct. 30 | OpenRange RoundUp; Norman, OK

Nov. 3 | Oklahoma State Department of Education AT Support Team
Regional Training; Lawton, OK

Nov. 12 & 14 | Oklahoma Workforce Development System Training;
Oklahoma City, OK

Nov. 18 | SoonerSUCCESS On the Road Family Perspective; Choctaw, OK

Nov. 17-21 | Accessing Higher Ground Conference; Westminster, CO

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