



Spotlight on Success:

This Creek County resident who has multiple sclerosis and is also hard of hearing, recently took advantage of several programs and services offered at Oklahoma ABLÉ Tech. Through the device demonstration and short-term loan program, he was able to try specialized software for his computer, which gave him the ability to access the internet on his own.

Next, he was able to affordably purchase a modified vehicle with a bank loan from ABLÉ Tech. The technology has increased his mobility, happiness, and satisfaction. Finally, through the fire safety program, he and his family applied to have free smoke alarms and alert devices installed in their home.



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Assistive Technology Training for 2014-15 School Year

Oklahoma ABLÉ Tech is putting the finishing touches on training plans for the 2014-15 school year. ABLÉ Tech partners with the Oklahoma State Department of Education to provide an assistive technology (AT) and information services program to school districts and families of students with disabilities.

AT Support Teams can look forward to exciting training opportunities this year! ABLÉ Tech is pleased to bring to Oklahoma another nationally recognized AT leader and special education consultant to help support

teams throughout the year at regional trainings and webinars. ABLÉ Tech's training and resources will provide teams with confidence for the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and consideration of AT processes.



New Workforce System Initiative

ABLE Tech is proud to partner with the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) to provide training and technical assistance to agencies that are part of Oklahoma's Workforce System. Together with DRS, ABLÉ Tech will help the Workforce System partners as they develop and implement a statewide, regional certification program.

ABLE Tech's training and technical assistance will focus on accessibility in the Workforce System, including both physical and information technology

accessibility. We are very excited that accessibility is one of three tracks that Workforce System regions must complete in order to receive certification. This systematic approach, with an emphasis on accessibility for individuals with disabilities, creates a fantastic opportunity to improve employment outcomes throughout the state. Oklahoma still has an employment gap between individuals with disabilities and individuals without disabilities, and we look forward to helping close that gap by contributing to this initiative.



SoonerStart Recognition Winner 2014

3rd Quarter:
Canadian County Team

The SoonerStart team will receive new assistive technology 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.

Congratulations, Canadian County!

Spotlight on Success:

This 10 month old receives therapy services from the Canadian County SoonerStart team. The team worked with her family to find floor seating that could accommodate her tight hamstrings and help her learn to lift her arms and head.

The team combined a bath seat, a bench, and a wedge to create a seating system. She is now able to sit and play while working to strengthen her muscles.



Bank Loans for Assistive Technology and Employment

- Quick and easy application
- Low-interest fixed rate
- Special guaranty consideration

Oklahoma ABLE Tech bank loans help individuals with disabilities obtain needed assistive technology devices and services to help them live, work, and learn independently. Loans can be used to purchase items like: communication devices, hearing aids, home modifications, medical devices, vision devices, modified vehicles, computer software, and more.

Based on typical loan amounts provided through ABLE Tech's loan program, we

have put together an example of how affordable monthly payments can be for an applicant over 3-5 years.

ABLE Tech bank loans also feature no application fee, no down payment, and no prepayment penalty.

For financial resources and to download your application, visit us online at <http://okabletech.okstate.edu> or call 888.885.5588.

Example of a 5% Secured Loan:

The example to the right shows what the estimated monthly payments would be on a loan repayment of 3-5 years.



Loan Amount	3 Year Loan	4 Year Loan	5 Year Loan
\$3,000	\$90	\$69	\$57
\$5,000	\$150	\$115	\$94
\$10,000	\$300	\$230	\$189
\$20,000	\$599	\$461	\$377

Oklahoma AT Center Locations

Oklahoma ABLE Tech and its partners operate device demonstration and short-term loan programs to increase access to assistive technology. 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





Celebrating the 24th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

July 26, 1990 - July 26, 2014

Celebrations of the July 26, 1990 signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act by President George H. Bush will take place across the nation during the week of July 21-27, 2014.

The ADA and ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA) give civil rights

protections to individuals with disabilities similar to those provided to individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, and religion. The ADA and ADAAA also assure equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities for access to businesses, employment, transportation, state

and local government programs and services, and telecommunications.

Visit our website at <http://okabletech.okstate.edu/ADA> to learn more about the ADA and its history, anniversary events, trainings, and publications.

Free Smoke Alarms and Alert Devices for Oklahomans with Hearing Impairments



If you are deaf or hard of hearing or know of someone who is - you may qualify for FREE smoke alarms and alert devices with home installation.

The specialized equipment features a bed shaker, a loud low frequency bedside alert signal, and in some homes, a strobe light to waken and alert individuals of a fire.

Apply today! Call 888.885.5588 or visit us online at: http://okabletech.okstate.edu/Fire_Safety.

NewView Oklahoma - New Tulsa Location

Oklahoma ABLE Tech partners with NewView Oklahoma to provide a device demonstration and short-term loan program to Oklahomans with visual impairments.

NewView recently opened a new low vision center at 5986 S. Yale in Tulsa. Call 855.811.9699 for an appointment today!

Oklahoma Equipment Exchange



<http://oec.okstate.edu>

The Oklahoma Equipment Exchange 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 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
Communication Devices	FREE
Diabetic Supplies	FREE
Portable Ramps	FREE
Boardmaker Activity Books	FREE

Assistive Device Highlight

Q: What is the Liftware Stabilizer Spoon?

A: The Liftware system is designed for individuals whose hand tremors interfere with activities of daily living (ADLs). Typically, these hand tremors are caused by a medical condition such as essential tremor or parkinson's disease.

Check out user testimonials at: www.liftlabsdesign.com

The device is available through Oklahoma ABLE Tech's free short-term device loan program. To request this device, visit us online at: <http://oec.okstate.edu/loan>.



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Events and Trainings

- Jul. 26** | Firefighters Serving People with Disabilities; Perkins, OK
- Jul. 31** | Firefighters Serving People with Disabilities; Concho, OK
- Aug. 13** | OSU Welcome Week "AT Supports for Students;" Stillwater, OK
- Aug. 19-21** | Oklahoma Emergency Management Association Conference and Trade Show; Norman, OK
- Sept. 12** | The Children's Center Conference; Oklahoma City, OK
- Sept. 16** | On the Road Family Perspective Conference; Poteau, OK
- Sept. 19** | Deaf-Blind Conference; Norman, OK
- Sept. 25** | Career Technical Educational Equity Conference; Tulsa, OK
- October** | National Disability Employment Awareness Month
- Oct. 6** | Oklahoma State Department of Education AT Support Team Regional Training; Norman, OK
- Oct. 7** | Oklahoma State Department of Education AT Support Team Regional Training; Sand Springs, OK
- Oct. 9-12** | Self Advocates Becoming Empowered Conference; Oklahoma City, OK

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