

Spotlight on Success:

This Oklahoma resident is currently receiving services from the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services. He recently completed an AT evaluation at the Visual Services Assistive Technology Lab to help determine what type of AT would benefit him with his school work and employment.

ABLE Tech and DRS Visual Services partner to provide Oklahomans opportunities to see, touch, try and borrow AT. DRS exposed him to new AT and purchased the equipment he needed to finish school and gain a better employment opportunity.



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Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

July 26, 1990-July 16, 2015

July 26 will mark the 25th anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). In 1990, President George H. Bush signed the ADA in order to ensure all Americans living with disabilities were granted civil rights and equality.

Twenty-five years is an exciting milestone, and the ADA's support system has made sure this year's celebration reflects that. The anniversary celebration started last July with a yearlong Legacy Tour.

The ADA Legacy Bus Tour traveled across 18 states to spread awareness and create a sense of unity among those living with disabilities. The tour aims to inspire today's generation of leaders with disabilities to pursue their passions and make a difference in the Americans with disabilities community.

The Legacy Bus Tour has made stops at city halls, schools and disability organizations across the country to spread awareness of the ADA's 25th anniversary.



In addition to the Legacy Bus Tour, the ADA National Network also has several other ways for people to show support. There is an online pledge supporters can sign to express their recommitment to the ADA. The ADA Legacy Project is also selling T-shirts, wristbands, buttons and car magnets as an easy way for anyone to celebrate this historic anniversary.

For more information about the Americans with Disabilities Act, visit:

<http://adaanniversary.org/home>



SoonerStart Recognition Winner 2015

3rd Quarter:
Comanche 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 their children and decide whether or not they need AT.

Congratulations, Comanche County!

NEW Oklahoma Equipment Exchange Partner:

Oklahoma ABLE Tech is proud to announce a new OEE partner - the Bling Barn. It is located in Dewey, Oklahoma, and provides quality equipment that has been donated to the program. Check out free devices available in Dewey by going to <http://oec.okstate.edu> "View Items Available" tab. In the "Within Miles" box, select "5", put "74029" for the zip code and click "Go." The Bling Barn is located in Dewey at 503 E. 9th St. and their phone number is (918)534-3737.



Program Spotlight: The Special Education Resolution Center (SERC)

The Special Education Resolution Center (SERC) contracts 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 agreement.

For instances in which the parties are unable to come to a resolution, SERC provides a fair hearing system. Impartial and knowledgeable 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 in Special Education (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 the Exemplar Project.



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>



Oklahoma ABLE Tech



Hearing Loss Association



The Children's Center



NewView Oklahoma



Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders



Total Source For Hearing Loss and Access



Department of Rehabilitation Services
Visual Services Center Division

SEARCH OUR ONLINE INVENTORY!

ABLE Tech's Direct Financial Loan (up to \$1,500)

Quick & Easy Application • 5% Fixed Rate • Low Closing Cost • 12-Month Repayment

Oklahoma ABLE Tech, along with its partner the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation (OkAT), is introducing a **new low interest Direct Loan option.**

The Direct Loan allows individuals with disabilities to borrow money to purchase assistive technology and specialized devices that are \$1,500 or less, at a 5% fixed interest rate with a \$15 closing fee. The low monthly payment (usually for one year) allows a qualified borrower to pay off the loan, build their credit and own the assistive technology.

This program complements the current financial loans being provided in partnership with OkAT and BancFirst to

provide financial assistance for assistive technology valued over \$1500. All loans require a qualification process, but continue to allow flexible underwriting guidelines for applicants who do not meet the typical banking loan criteria, due to credit or income issues from disability-related expenses.

For more information, visit <http://www.ok.gov/abletech/>, or call 800-257-1705.



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).

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

Item Description	Asking Price
Golden Power Lift & Recline Chair	\$750.00
Pediatric Crib/Bed	\$850.00
Switches for Toys	FREE
Shower Bench	FREE
Grab Bars for Bathroom	FREE

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 needed for items such as: wheelchairs, commodes, and walkers.

Assistive Technology Highlight (AT)

Modular Hose Two-Arm Tablet Holder

The Modular Hose Two-Arm Tablet Holder is great for wheelchairs, tables and other locations. It features dual-spring clamps with a 2" opening and an adjustable tablet holder.

This tablet holder is compatible with Apple iPads and other tablets measuring diagonally up to 14.25" (362mm).

The Modular Hose Two-Arm Tablet Holder is designed for tablets weighing 2 lbs or less and comes assembled and ready to use - just insert your tablet and you're ready to go.

For a six-week trial, visit:

http://oec.okstate.edu/loan/detail.php?item_id=2993



EngageOK: A Summer Education Event

On July 7-9, the State Department of Education hosted "EngageOK" at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. This educational event was for parents, teachers, and school administrators.

Oklahoma ABLE Tech actively participated by hosting a "Technology Playground" and five training sessions.

ABLE Tech, OETA and the University of Oklahoma provided the "Technology Playground" so teachers and other educational professionals could explore the newest technology available for the classroom environment.

The training sessions were hosted by ABLE Tech staff and included Accessible Educational Materials and Free Bookshare

Resources, Funding Assistive Technology and Low-Cost Solutions, Assistive Technology Solutions and Resources for the Struggling Reader, Assistive Technology Round Robin, and Conducting Assistive Technology Assessments for Students: the IEP Team's Role.



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Events and Training

July 26 | ADA's 25th Anniversary

July 30 | OK Rehabilitation Association Conference

Aug. 4 | CareerTech Conference; OSU Tulsa

Aug. 12-16 | OSU Welcome Week ABLE Tech Presentations

Aug. 18-20 | OK Emergency Management Association Conference

Sept. 2 | Bookshare Workshop; Woodward, OK

Sept. 8 | ABLE Tech Partner Meeting; Stillwater, OK

Sept. 17 | Deaf Awareness Day; OKC Fairgrounds

Sept. 24 | AT Team Workshop; Oklahoma City

Sept. 25 | AT Team Workshop; Stillwater, OK

Oct. 6-7 | OTA Encyclomedia Conference; Oklahoma City

Oct. 12-15 | Transition Institute Conference; Oklahoma City

Oct. 19 | AT Team Workshop; Ada, OK

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