



## Spotlight on Success:

ABLE Tech operates the Oklahoma Equipment Exchange for individuals to sell or donate gently used assistive technology. The program helped this five year old, who has an anoxic brain injury, obtain a dual switch latch and timer at a reasonable price.

The device has given him greater freedom by improving access to his environment. He is now able to activate and use his switch-adapted toys and environmental controls for a longer period of time.



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*Happy New Year!* As 2014 begins, we are excited to share Oklahoma ABLE Tech's activities and service delivery highlights in our 2013 Annual Report.

You may download the full version by visiting ABLE Tech's website at: [http://okabletech.okstate.edu/Publications/Annual\\_Reports](http://okabletech.okstate.edu/Publications/Annual_Reports)

## 2013 Annual Highlights

### ■ Device Demonstrations: 2,038

ABLE Tech and its partners provided AT device demonstrations to Oklahomans across the state, including **570** demonstrations to children receiving services from SoonerStart.

### ■ Device Short-Term Loans: 1,304

Through the short-term loan program, individuals were able to try AT devices to help them with the decision-making process.

### ■ Device Reuse and Exchange: 873

The Oklahoma Equipment Exchange (OEE) facilitated the exchange of **289** AT devices from seller to buyer for a savings of **\$272,047**. The Oklahoma Durable Medical Equipment Reuse Program (OKDMERP) provided **415** Oklahomans with **584** pieces of AT for a savings of **\$388,569**.

### ■ Low-Interest Bank Loans: 84

The Alternative Financing Program (AFP) made loans totaling **\$383,136** to help Oklahomans obtain needed AT. The Access to Telework Funds Program (ATF) provided loans totaling **\$80,368** to help individuals achieve their employment goals.

### ■ Information and Referral: 2,320

ABLE Tech helped Oklahomans receive information and referral sources on needed AT devices and services, including how to obtain funding for AT.

### ■ Training: 2,667

ABLE Tech served Oklahomans with disabilities, family members, service providers, advocates, and educators throughout events statewide.

A Great Return  
on Investment



FY'13 Federal Investment: \$396,864

Savings & Benefits for Oklahomans: \$4,688,915

## SoonerStart Recognition Winner 2014

**1st Quarter:**  
Tulsa County Team

The SoonerStart team will receive new assistive technology to include in their county kits. Children, ages 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, Tulsa County!**

## Spotlight on Success:

This 19 month old receives therapy services from the Tulsa County SoonerStart team. The team had been working on determining which specific AT could help with her mobility and independence.

The team was able to help her learn self-propulsion by using a ZipZac, which prepared her to use a manual wheelchair. In the near future, she will be using Hip-Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthosis (KAFOs) to use with a walker to begin training for use of Reciprocating Gait Orthosis (RGOs).



## 2013 Service Delivery Highlights

### AT Demonstration Centers

ABLE Tech and its partners provided **11** AT loan and demonstration sites to give Oklahomans an opportunity to touch, try, and borrow AT devices to help improve independence in the community, school, and workplace.

### Device Short-Term Loans

ABLE Tech provided **316** assistive technology device and software short-term loans to Oklahoma schools and students; **133** AT loans were specifically for individuals with print disabilities.

### Information Technology Accessibility

ABLE Tech provided training on accessible information technology including web access, telecommunications, software accessibility, and procurement to **460** state agency and post-secondary personnel.

### AT Device Training

ABLE Tech provided training on AT devices and services to individuals, disability-related organizations, state agencies, and higher education students.

### Special Education Resolution Center

**13** Special Education Due Process hearings were resolved by the Special Education Resolution Center (SERC) - keeping state dollars in the classroom educating students. Due Process proceedings can cost the state an average of **\$300,000**; therefore, resolved hearing requests saved Oklahomans approximately **\$3,900,000**.

### Fire Safety

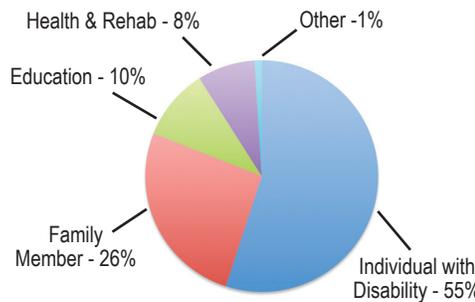
Through the Smoke Alarm Project, ABLE Tech partnered with the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation and Fire Protection Publications to professionally install **1,742** smoke alarms and alert devices in **263** households of Oklahomans who are deaf or hard of hearing.

### Accessible Voting

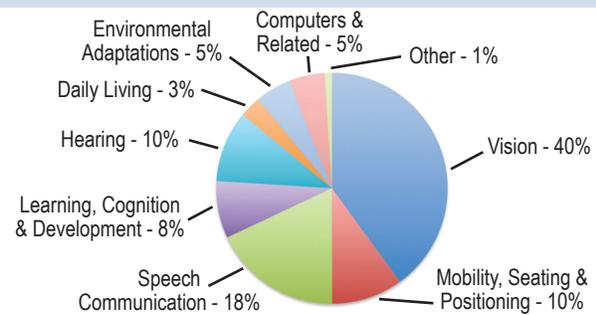
ABLE Tech partnered with the Research Alliance for Accessible Voting (RAAV) to assess the effectiveness of Oklahoma's accessible voting machines. Demonstrations were provided to **52** Oklahomans in an effort to help improve access to and allow individuals with disabilities to vote independently and privately in all polling locations.

Demo & Loan Program 2013

### TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL



### AT CATEGORY



## Oklahoma AT Center Locations

ABLE Tech and its partners operate assistive technology 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 | 405.232.4644



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  
Vocational Rehabilitation Division  
Oklahoma City and Tulsa | 800.845.8476



## AT Support Team Regional Training Recap

Providing Assistive Technology and Information Services to Oklahoma Public Schools

ABLE Tech partners with the Oklahoma State Department of Education to assist educators and families with assistive technology for students with a variety of needs and disabilities.

In December, ABLE Tech hosted a two-day training at Oklahoma State University for AT Support Teams. Over 120 state educators, administrators,

and parents attended to learn about assistive technology resources for the classroom and participate in hands-on training.

National speakers presented on a wide range of topics, such as the Quality Indicators for Assistive Technology, Accessible Instructional Materials, and Bookshare.

The next AT Support Team Regional Training is scheduled for February 18-19 at the Mid-Del Technology Center in Midwest City.

To register for the training or for more details, visit <http://okabletech.okstate.edu> or call ABLE Tech at 800.257.1705.

## 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 list or inquire about available items, 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 on the exchange online!

Item Description	Asking Price
Teletypewriter (TTY)	FREE
Wound Kit Supplies	FREE
Walkers and Wheelchairs	FREE
Raised Toilet Seats	FREE
Software - Boardmaker	FOR SALE

## Oklahoma Durable Medical Equipment Reuse Program Partners with Mobility Plus

ABLE Tech is excited to announce OKDMERP's partnership with Mobility Plus to provide durable medical equipment (DME) services to Oklahomans!

Mobility Plus has five locations in Eastern Oklahoma. These locations will be accepting donations on behalf of OKDMERP. They will be performing the "4R" process of "Receiving" gently used DME, "Refurbishing" the devices (which includes cleaning and sanitizing), "Repairing" the devices if needed, and "Reassigning" to Oklahomans in need.

OKDMERP is a statewide program based in Oklahoma City. Since April 2012, the program has received over 950 pieces of donated DME valued at over \$600,000, and reassigned over 835 pieces valued at \$550,000 back into Oklahoma communities at no cost to the applicants.

## Assistive Device Highlight

**Q: What is the Moshi Voice Control Digital Alarm Clock?**

**A:** Meet Moshi - the voice control digital alarm clock! Simply say 'Hello Moshi,' followed by what you want. Moshi responds to 12 basic commands which include: time, alarm, set time, set alarm, turn off alarm, sleep sound, night light, and more. You can also choose from three different alarm sounds and three soothing sleep sound programs.

Try Moshi today! ABLE Tech now has the alarm clock available to try through its device demonstration and short-term loan program.



For more details on the Mobility Plus partnership and for a list of their locations, visit us online at:

<http://okabletech.okstate.edu>

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## Upcoming Events

- Jan. 10** | The University of Oklahoma Educational Tech Expo; Norman, OK
- Jan. 22** | Oklahoma ABLE Tech Advisory Council; Oklahoma City, OK
- Jan. 25** | On The Road Family Perspective; Oklahoma State Department of Education
- Feb. 11** | Oklahoma State University Health Sciences Center Medical Student AT Simulation; Tulsa, OK
- Feb. 12** | Firefighters Serving Individuals with Disabilities; Ardmore, OK
- Feb. 18-19** | Oklahoma State Department of Education AT Support Team Regional Training; Midwest City, OK
- Mar. 4** | On The Road Family Perspective Conference; Shawnee, OK
- Mar. 25** | Oklahoma Families Conference; Oklahoma City, OK
- Apr. 2** | People with Disabilities Awareness Day; Oklahoma City, OK

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