



## Spotlight on Success:

NewView Oklahoma recently assisted a 28-year-old living with optic atrophy. Her main concerns were being able to read magazines, identify labels on cans, and set her dials on kitchen appliances. She has learned how to utilize accessibility features built into her android phone as well as access various apps that can help her with money identification and portable magnification.

She is now able to read her favorite cooking magazines with her 5X stand illuminated magnifier, that she borrowed from Oklahoma ABLE Tech, to fix her favorite recipes.



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*Happy New Year!* As 2015 begins, we are excited to share Oklahoma ABLE Tech's activities and service delivery highlights from our 2014 Annual Report.

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

## 2014 Annual Highlights

### ■ Device Demonstrations: 2,096

ABLE Tech and its partners provided AT device demonstrations to Oklahomans across the state, including 558 demonstrations to children receiving services from SoonerStart.

### ■ Device Short-Term Loans: 1,605

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

### ■ Device Reutilization: 1,741

The Oklahoma Equipment Exchange (OEE) facilitated the exchange of 1,033 AT devices from seller to buyer for a savings of \$249,722. The Oklahoma Durable Medical Equipment Reuse Program (OKDMERP) provided 602 Oklahomans with 708 pieces of AT for a savings of \$378,816.

### ■ Bank Loans for AT & Employment: 65

ABLE Tech provided loans totaling \$392,816 to help Oklahomans obtain needed AT devices and services to help them live, work, and learn independently.

### ■ Information and Referral: 2,914

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

### ■ Training: 4,689

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

A Great Return  
on Investment



FY'14 Federal Investment: \$417,706

Savings & Benefits for Oklahomans: \$5,267,533



## SoonerStart Recognition Winner 2015

**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 2-year-old was recently introduced to an AmTryke tricycle by a Tulsa County physical therapist working with SoonerStart.

SoonerStart worked with her family using the local Ambucs partnership with crowdise.com to generate funds to purchase the AmTryke through family, friends, and social media. She can now independently participate with her peers and gain strength and endurance using her AmTryke to zoom around the play area!



## 2014 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 **507** AT device and software short-term loans to Oklahoma schools and students; **85** AT loans were 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 **1,060** state agency and post-secondary personnel.

### AT Device Training

ABLE Tech provided training on AT devices and services to **4,689** individuals, disability-related organizations, state agencies, and higher education students including **2,381** public school educators.

### Special Education Resolution Center

**15** 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 **\$4,500,000**.

### Fire Safety

Through the Smoke Alarm Project, ABLE Tech partnered with the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation and Fire Protection Publications to professionally install **2,096** smoke alarms and alert devices in **400** households of Oklahomans who are deaf or hard of hearing; a cost savings of **\$138,995**.

### AT Training for Educators

Through a partnership with the Oklahoma State Department of Education, ABLE Tech provided training and technical assistance to **200** educators from **45** school district AT teams. Through a series of webinars and regional workshops, teams learned more about the consideration and implementation of AT for students with disabilities.

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<http://weba.im/Newsletters>



## 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



the children's center  
REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

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

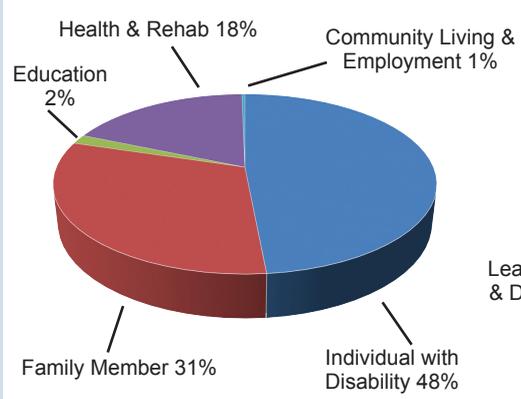


Department of Rehabilitation Services  
Visual Services Center Division  
Oklahoma City and Tulsa | 800.845.8476

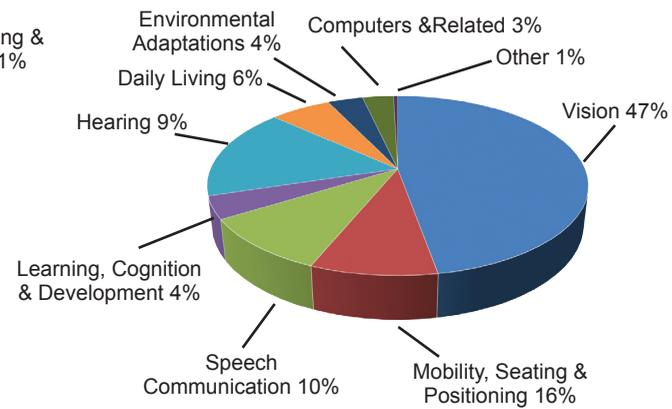
# 2014 AT Demonstration and Loan Program

Demo & Loan Program 2014

### Type of Participant



### AT Category



## ABLE Act

Individuals can now utilize the ABLE Act savings plan to help purchase assistive technology. With such few funding options available for adults to assist with the purchase of AT, the ABLE Act allows family members to contribute without penalizing the individual's benefits.

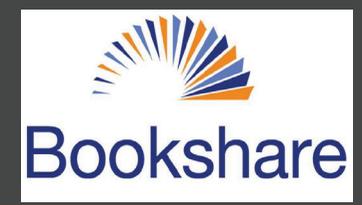
Along with an ABLE Account, individuals can also take advantage of Oklahoma ABLE Tech's bank loan program to obtain needed AT. This is a great way to combine funding resources to make purchasing AT an achievable goal which minimizes the amount financed and extends loans to those with limited income, such as those receiving SSI, SSDI, or Medicaid.

Visit **okabletech.okstate.edu** for details.

## Bookshare: Professional Development Opportunities

Oklahoma school districts have taken advantage of ABLE Tech's free Bookshare training sessions, learning how to provide free accessible digital books to students who have difficulty reading standard print.

Call 888.885.5588 to learn about upcoming trainings.



## Oklahoma Equipment Exchange



<http://oec.okstate.edu>



Here is a quick preview of items you can find online at the 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).

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 things like: wheelchairs, commodes, and walkers.

Item Description	Asking Price
Ostomy Bags	FREE
Portable CCTV Traveller	FOR SALE
Power Drive Wheelchair	FOR SALE
Bath Items (safety rails, grab bars, toilet seat risers, etc.)	FREE

## Assistive Device Highlight

### Q: What is the Chromebook?

**A:** ABLE Tech recently added Chromebooks to the Short-term Device Loan Inventory. Chromebooks are gaining in popularity because they are light weight and relatively inexpensive.

The Chromebook has many basic accessibility features along with extensions and apps for success including text-to-speech, speech to text, high contrast mode,

screen magnification, sticky keys, highlighters, and switch access.

To request a six week trial, visit us online at:

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



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## Events and Training

**Jan. 23** | Oklahoma Directors of Special Services Winter Conference

**Jan. 30** | ABLE Tech presentation at ATIA National Conference

**Feb. 6** | Bookshare Train-the-Trainer; Oklahoma City, OK

**Feb. 23 & 26** | Workforce Access for All Academy; Oklahoma City, OK

**Mar. 1** | OK-AHEAD Scholarship Applications Due

**Apr. 4** | Durable Medical Equipment Donation Drive; Stillwater, OK

**Apr. 9-10** | OK-AHEAD Spring Institute Conference; Edmond, OK

### Learn more about Information & Communication Technology Assistance

ICT ACCESSIBILITY  
**webinar**  
SERIES

Upcoming trainings include:

- February 25 @ 3 PM [Document Accessibility in Word 2010](#)
- March 25 @ 3 PM [Accessible PowerPoint Presentations](#)
- April 29 @ 3 PM [Considerations for Multimedia Accessibility](#)

Register online to attend any of these trainings at [www.ataporg.org](http://www.ataporg.org)



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