



Spotlight on Success:

NewView Oklahoma partners with Oklahoma ABLE Tech to provide a device demonstration and short-term loan program. The program recently assisted an Oklahoman with glaucoma and macular degeneration. She was able to try needed assistive technology, such as magnification software, an Ott-light, and bump dots for her appliances and entrance doors.

She also received safety and mobility training to help determine what her needs are when she's in her apartment or in the community. The services she received have increased her independence, allowing her greater freedom with her daily living activities.



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Legislative Update



After years of waiting for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) to be reauthorized, it appears there MAY be a reauthorization on the horizon as

congressional members are trying to reach agreement on a compromise between the House and the Senate WIA/VR bills, H.R. 803, the SKILLS Act, and S.1356, the Senate version of the WIA/VR reauthorization bill during the 113th Congress (2013-2014).

Why is this important? The WIA contains the Rehabilitation Act and S.1356, as proposed, would make significant changes to the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program, how its success is measured, how VR professionals are qualified, how services are delivered, and how citizens with disabilities have a voice in the shaping of this legislation.

In addition to moving the VR Program from the U.S. Department of Education to the U.S. Department of Labor, it would also move the Assistive Technology (AT) Act Programs from the U.S. Department of Education. The Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs (ATAP) has worked diligently with Congress to ensure an appropriate federal location for the AT

Act Programs should the statute be reauthorized. ATAP has worked with Congress on the following language revision to the statute, which would strike, 'the Assistant Secretary' of the Rehabilitation Services Administration and replace it with 'the Administrator of the Administration for Community Living, acting through a unit under the direct control of the Administrator', which is housed in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council has done an excellent job with posting up-to-date and accurate information on the pending reauthorization. <http://ok.gov/orc>



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SoonerStart Recognition Winner 2014

2nd Quarter:
Jackson 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, Jackson County!

Spotlight on Success:

This 14 month old receives therapy services from the Jackson County SoonerStart team. The team had been working with the family to help find a surface she could use as a play table in an effort to strengthen her core.

With assistance from Oklahoma ABLE Tech, the team demonstrated a cube chair. She was able to sit on her mom's lap while using the chair as a play table. This allowed her to utilize her core strength while reaching and grabbing for toys.



Smoke Alarm Project Partners with Local Fire Departments

Firefighters serving people with disabilities



The Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation (OkAT), in partnership with Oklahoma ABLE Tech and Fire Protection Publications at Oklahoma State University, are pleased to announce they have expanded the counties that can be served under the 2013 Smoke Alarm Grant.

With the partnership of six local fire departments, including Drumright, Jenks, McAlester, Norman,

Olive, and Rolling Hills, they are able to install smoke alarms into the homes of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Each fire department has had at least one professional successfully complete the four-hour course "Firefighters Serving People with Disabilities" as well as a two-hour course "Smoke Alarm Installer Training," making them qualified to receive smoke alarms and

specialized alert devices to install in their local community.

To be eligible to have free smoke alarms and alert devices installed in your home, you must live in one of the communities listed above or in one of the 18 counties located in central Oklahoma. To submit an application or for more details, call 888.885.5588 or visit us online at <http://okabletech.okstate.edu>.

Oklahoma ABLE Tech Welcomes New Staff

ABLE Tech is excited to announce the addition of Haley George to its staff. She will assume the position of Administrative Assistant for the Oklahoma Durable Medical Equipment Reuse Program and the Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council. **Welcome Haley!**



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





Assistive Technology Expo 2014

"Very informative and eye opening!"

Oklahoma ABLE Tech and the Oklahoma State Department of Education hosted a free Assistive Technology Expo on April 4, 2014 at Tulsa Community College. Oklahoma's educators, health care professionals, and families who support students with disabilities were in attendance to learn about the latest in AT.

Attendees heard from presenters during break-out sessions on topics such as AT for the Classroom, Universal Design for Learning, SETT Framework, AIM Navigator, Quality Indicators for Assistive

Technology (QIAT), and Bookshare "Train the Trainer" workshop.

Exhibitors were also on-hand to showcase their products and services, including CaptionCall, DynaVox, Kurzweil/Audio Optical Systems of Austin, NanoPac, Inc., NewView Oklahoma, Oklahoma Assistive Technology and Educational Associates, Inc., Oklahoma Parents Center, Inc., Prentke Romich Company, RJ Cooper & Associates, Inc., and the Special Education Resolution Center.

Special Education Resolution Center

The Special Education Resolution Center (SERC) contracts with the Oklahoma State Department of Education to manage the special education due process hearing system for the State of Oklahoma. SERC provides:

- IEP facilitation
- Mediation
- Due process hearings
- Stakeholder training



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 |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Oxygen Accessories | FREE |
| Diabetic Supplies | FREE |
| Canes - all types | FREE |
| CCTV | FOR SALE |
| Wheelchairs | FOR SALE |

Exciting projects coming in 2014!

SERC is working with stakeholder groups (parents and schools) to develop web-based resources to assist in conflict resolution. Stakeholders are helping to recommend important topics and information for those seeking assistance with a special education conflict. The resources will consist of a series for parents and another for schools.

While these exciting projects are in the works, SERC continues to assist families and schools in resolving disputes. The IEP facilitation is currently a program gaining wide acceptance by families and schools.

Questions?
Contact SERC at:
888.267.0028 or
918.270.1849 or online
<http://serc.okstate.edu>

Assistive Device Highlight

Q: What is MagWin?

A: MagWin screen reading software enlarges your computer screen while maintaining clear images and text. Its breakthrough technology features are:

- Works on any computer
- Reduces glare
- 100% portable
- No administration privileges required

- Font smoothing for clear text
- Zoom scroll bars
- XP/Vista/Windows 7/8 compatible



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Upcoming Events

- Apr. 15** | Oklahoma Parents Center Regional Institute; Okmulgee, OK
- Apr. 16** | Oklahoma Parents Center Regional Institute; Shawnee, OK
- Apr. 17** | Firefighters Serving People with Disabilities; Del City, OK
- Apr. 23** | Oklahoma ABLE Tech Advisory Council; Oklahoma City, OK
- Apr. 29** | On The Road Family Perspective Conference; Tulsa, OK
- May 7-8** | Workforce Oklahoma Conference; Oklahoma City, OK
- May 10** | Firefighters Serving People with Disabilities; Del City, OK
- May 12-14** | John Slatin AccessU Conference; Austin, TX
- May 19** | Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Council on Information Technology Summit; Oklahoma City, OK
- May 20-22** | Oklahoma Aging Conference; Norman, OK
- May 30** | Oklahoma Parents Center Annual Conference; Midwest City, OK
- Jun. 5** | Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administration Conference; Midwest City, OK
- Jul. 15-17** | Oklahoma State Department of Education Vision 2020 Conference; Midwest City, OK

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