

Oklahoma's Assistive
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A Year In Review

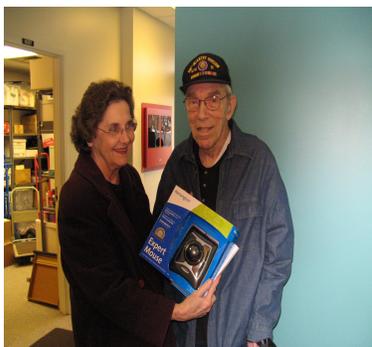
We are pleased to share Oklahoma ABLE Tech's highlights and key activities reported in our 2008 annual report to be published and distributed to Oklahoma's legislators. ABLE Tech serves individuals of all ages and all disabilities in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma ABLE Tech Statistics

- 460 assistive technology (AT) devices loaned to Oklahoman's in "try before you buy" short-term loan program
- 1057 AT demonstrations to Oklahomans
- The Alternative Financing Program provided \$484,699 in AT device low interest bank loans assisting 86 Oklahomans with disabilities
- 104 AT devices exchanged from sellers to buyers for a savings of \$218,297
- 417 computers recycled and donated to Oklahomans with disabilities for a savings of \$333,600
- SoonerStart personnel demonstrated 545 AT devices to children 0-3 years old
- 447 individuals received information and referral on AT devices and services
- AT training events served over 1,069 people

Highlights

- ABLE Tech serves individuals of all ages and all disabilities in Oklahoma.
- ABLE Tech and its partners provide 8 AT loan and demonstration sites to give Oklahomans an opportunity to touch, try, and take home AT devices and improve independence in the community, schools, and workplace.
- ABLE Tech provided training on accessible information technology including web access, telecommunications, software accessibility, and procurement to 565 state agencies and postsecondary personnel.
- ABLE Tech provided training on AT devices and services to individuals, disability related organizations, and state agencies.
- "Fire Safety for Oklahomans with Disabilities" professionally installed 217 specialized smoke alarms in 131 households statewide.
- ABLE Tech's partner, Sooner AMBUCS Share4Life Komputers, donated 417 recycled computers to individuals to improve independent living and vocational skills.
- The Special Education Resolution Center settled 87% of special education due process hearing requests, saving an estimated \$330,000 to \$2,100,000 in taxpayer dollars.
- Oklahoma AgrAbility Project provides education, assistance and support to farmers, ranchers and their family members with disabilities or debilitating injuries that limit their abilities to perform farm tasks. ABLE Tech, through its partnership with Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Services, Langston University and the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation provided direct services to 21 farmers or their family member and closed 7 cases successfully while providing continued case management until the others complete services.



Search the inventory:
<http://oec.okstate.edu/loan>

Oklahoma AT Center Locations

Over 1400
 devices!

CareerTech
 Stillwater
 405-743-5162

Hearing Loss
 Association of OKC
 405-717-9820

Mary K. Chapman
 Center for
 Communicative
 Disorders
 Tulsa
 918-631-2913

Total Source for
 Hearing-loss and
 Access (TSHA)
 Tulsa
 918-823-8742
 Sorenson: 918-832-8742

Total Health, Stillwater Medical Center
 Stillwater
 405-624-6592

AT Center for Blindness
 and Low Vision
 Oklahoma City
 405-522-3442 or
 Toll Free: 1-800-845-8476

Oklahoma League for the
 Blind
 Oklahoma City
 405-232-4644

ABLE Tech
 Stillwater
 405-744-9748 or
 Toll Free: 1-800-257-1705

A Phone For You



Is it difficult for you to use a telephone due to a hearing, speech or physical limitation? When a standard phone no longer works for you, it is time to explore a more specialized phone so you can stay in touch with your friends and family, as well as, increase your security and peace of mind. There are many different types of phones that can help you.

A common request is for amplified telephones. There are many reasons people lose some of their hearing, including the aging process, making hearing a conversation on the telephone difficult. Amplified phones come with different levels of amplification, up to 60 decibels, and have bright ring flashers and super loud ringers. They work the same way as typical telephones, only louder. The amplification feature can usually be turned down/off so others can use the phone as well.

For the person who can speak but not hear, there is a voice carry over phone. The user speaks to the other party but reads their incoming message on a screen that is part of the phone. For the person who cannot speak but can hear, there is a hearing carry over phone. The number pad on the phone is used as a keypad to type a message to the person on the other end of the line. Both of these phones place calls through a toll-free relay service. The TTY is used by someone who does not speak or hear; their conversations are typed and read. These calls are also placed through the free relay service or can be directed to another TTY.

The photo phone works well for people with low vision or memory difficulties. It has memory frames in which you can insert pictures and program a number to coincide with the picture. One touch on the photo dials the number. The emergency connect phone is used for safety purposes. It comes with a wristwatch or pendant style remote control with programmable contact numbers. The numbers are activated by pressing the control button on the remote.

There are amplification devices for cell phones. People are also using text messaging instead of voice. We have yet to find a large button, easy to use, amplified cell phone that is available through local service providers, but continue to look. Some individuals with moderate to severe mobility limitations need hands-free phone activation. There are several different types of phone products that allow individuals to make and receive phone calls either by voice control, whistling, or sip and puff methods.

There are other types of phones that may fit your specific need. For Oklahoma residents, the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) offers a telecommunications program, which provides certain phones and TTYs free to eligible individuals. Oklahoma ABLE Tech may have the phone for you in their demonstration and loan centers. Please call ABLE Tech's INFO-line at 1-888-885-5588 for more information about the telephone service that is right for you or take a look at our online inventory at <http://oec.okstate.edu/loan>.

-- Story obtained from North Dakota AT Key Newsletter

Assistive Technology “Hands-On” Opportunities Benefit Oklahomans with Disabilities

Oklahoma ABLE Tech and partners operate assistive technology (AT) device demonstration and short-term loan programs to increase accessibility to AT. The assistive technology inventory is available and searchable online at <http://oec.okstate.edu/loan/>. Individuals can borrow devices for six weeks at no cost.

Oklahoma ABLE Tech, Stillwater

Williams Sound Personal FM Listening System. A wireless listening systems, is useful in the classroom, in meetings, for TV use, and in the car. The individual with a hearing impairment wears the earphones or headphones and the speaker uses the lapel microphone. Mayhem Media, \$457.50



Hearing Loss Association of Oklahoma City, Integris Third Age Life Center

The Silent Call Bed Vibrator can be used in conjunction with the Sleep/Alert Charger or the Sidekick Receiver to keep you notified during the night. It can be used under your pillow or mattress for vibration alerting. LS&S, \$38.95.



Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, Stillwater

WordQ is a software application that will work with email, word processors, the web, etc. Users of all ages who have problems writing and editing, particularly those with learning disabilities, can benefit from using WordQ. When WordQ is turned on, you begin to type a word and it will predict what it is you're trying to type. WordQ will also read it back for you. WordQ will work on any Windows software and is currently available in English and French. EnableMart, \$225.



Visual Services of the Department of Rehabilitation Services, Oklahoma City

Acrobat LCD is a flexible 3-in-1 video magnifier that is ideal for near, distance and self viewing. By rotating the detachable camera up to 340 degrees, you can read, write, zoom, and magnify images at any distance. It has up to 65x adjustable digital magnification. The Acrobat comes with a 19 inch LCD monitor. NanoPac, \$2395.



Oklahoma League for the Blind, Oklahoma City

The versatile Able Table allows hands-free reading. Can be used as a bookholder, bed table, portable desk, etc. Has elastic hold-down straps. LS&S, \$46.95



Mary K. Chapman Center for Communicative Disorders, University of Tulsa

L*E*O™ is a high-quality communication device that uses a language-enhancing overlay system. Activate pre-recorded, digitized speech messages simply by touching pictures or symbols in a grid or scene. You can also use L*E*O's infrared commands to control lights, small appliances, adapted toys, television, VCR, or DVD. Tobii ATI, \$999.



Total Source for Hearing Loss and Access, Tulsa

The C4230 cordless amplified phone uses DCP™ (Digital Clarity Power) technology and 50 decibels of intelligent amplification to make conversations louder and clearer. It is a feature-rich solution for those with a moderate to severe hearing loss or low vision. Independent Living Aids, \$220.



ASK - AMBUCS Share 4 Life Computers, Norman

The ASK program donates computers to people with disabilities. Almost 4,500 computers have been provided to individuals with disabilities since 1994. Individuals may apply by writing to: Sooner AMBUCS, P O Box 118, Norman, OK 73070, calling 405-360-1521, or printing the application from <http://www.sooneramucbs.org/>.



Total Health, Stillwater

Total Health and ABLE Tech partner to provide Am Trykes, which are therapeutic tricycles suitable for children approximately 3 to 9 years of age. Three trykes are available with either a bucket or a saddle seat and come with an appropriate helmet.





Join us for "The Connection" AgrAbility Day on March 9, 2009 at the Oklahoma State Capitol in Oklahoma City from 1-4 p.m. The Oklahoma AgrAbility Project is seeking State funding and the public is invited to come speak with their legislators. There will also be modified farm equipment demonstrations on the South Plaza at 3:30. AgrAbility supports the rehabilitation and assistive technology needs of Oklahomans with disabilities who face barriers for participating in agriculture. AgrAbility fills a gap in services and resources available to rural families by: assessing agricultural work sites and tasks, providing information and advice about farm and home modifications, referring families to local service providers, providing peer support, and conducting informational and educational workshops. For more information call 405-744-2398, toll free: 888-885-5588 (voice/tty). Email: ability@okstate.edu. Website: <http://agrability.okstate.edu>.

AgrAbility Success Story



The Oklahoma AgrAbility program, located at the OSU Seretean Wellness Center, recently assisted an individual in Bryan County return to managing his cattle operation. After experiencing several bouts of paralysis caused by Bells' palsy and Transverse Myelitis, he was experiencing difficulty taking care of his cattle operation. The level of disability varied from week to week with no ability to walk at times. Fortunately for this rancher, the Oklahoma AgrAbility Project, which was established in 2002, works to support the rehabilitation and assistive technology needs of state farmers, ranchers and their families who face disabilities and barriers to continue productivity in agriculture.

"Most people don't want to think of themselves as disabled," said Dr. William Lane, AgrAbility Program Manager. "By our definition, if farm work is harder to do then it's a

loss of ability."

As a result of AgrAbility and the Durant Department of Rehabilitation's efforts, this individual recently received several pieces of equipment that will assist him in his farming duties. He received a rolling walker with a seat, porch steps and rails, a quick hitch, door lifts for buildings, portable steps to climb onto equipment and an automatic gate with a remote. To find out more information about the Oklahoma AgrAbility Project contact (405) 744-2398 or online at agrability.okstate.edu.



The Special Education Resolution Center (SERC), under contract with the Oklahoma State Department of Education, manages the Special Education Due Process Hearing System and develops innovative programs to assist the parties in resolving disputes in special education. Last year, SERC tested the use of a third party neutral facilitator during resolution sessions of due process. The results were a success and a third party neutral facilitator will now be offered in all due process requests this year in an attempt to help parties resolve disputes at the earliest stage possible. SERC is pleased to announce that trained mediators will also be available to parents and school districts that have been unable to resolve disputes. When parents and school districts have reached an impasse and require the use of a trained mediator to help resolve the dispute, a mediator can be provided at no cost to the parties.

SERC recruits and trains hearing officials (to preside over administrative law hearings) and mediators (to act as facilitators or mediators with parties in dispute). National experts are brought to Oklahoma and the trainings are open to the public at reasonable cost. For more information on services through the Special Education Resolution Center contact toll free 888-267-0028 or 918-712-5510.

The Oklahoma Equipment Exchange is a free program to help Oklahomans with disabilities acquire affordable, used equipment. Log onto the Equipment Exchange website, <http://oec.okstate.edu>, or call ABLE Tech to list your devices or inquire about a product at 1-888-885-5588. Below is a list of items currently for sale or FREE.

Daily Living:

- Adult Briefs w/side tabs (2XL) (FREE)
- Bone Stimulator
- CPAP - Price Reduced!
- Elec Bed - (Queen) Sealy Posturepedic
- Feeder Tray - Electric Self-Feeder
- Full Body Large Mesh Sling #1
- Hospital Bed - Elec (FREE)
- Hospital Bed - Electric-Price Reduced!
- Hospital Bed - Invacare
- Hoyer Patient Lift
- Hoyer Patient Lift - manual
- Hydraulic Lift - In-home system-Price Reduced!
- Mattress-Demafoat Low Air Loss-Price Reduced!
- Offset Trapeze Bar-Octagon Tube
- Oximeter-NPB290 24-hour
- Oxygen Concentrator
- Patient Lift - Electric (NEW)
- Shower set-up - portable
- Swivel Clamp & Bracket
- Turnsoft Mattress
- Trapeze Bar - (for hospital bed)

Environmental Adaptations:

- Automatic Door Opener #3
- Portable Ramps -Reduced Price!!
- Trapeze Bar

Recreation, Sports, and Leisure:

- Braille Playing Cards - Free

Vision

- CCTV SmartView 3000

Vehicle Modification and Transportation:

- Bruno Joey VSL-4000 Wheelchair lift for van.
- Car-Top Wheelchair Carrier FREE
- Van - w/lift 1988 Dodge caravan OBO
- Van - w/lift 1991 Ford -Raised Roof (Great Price!)
- Van - w/lift 1998 GMC Handicap Van (PRICE REDUCED)
- Van - w/lift 2003 Chevy Explorer Conversion
- Van - w/lift 1995 Chevy G-20 3/4 Ton

Mobility, Seating & Positioning:

- Bath Stool - Like New
- Cane - 4 Prong-Quad - FREE
- Crutches - FREE
- Folding Power Chair
- Geri Chair - FREE
- Home-Care Lift (Electric) (OBO)
- Lift Chair - Brand New
- Pediatric Manual Wheelchair - #1 (FREE)
- Pediatric Power Wheelchair- Quickie (FREE)
- Pony Gait Trainer-SMALL (Pony Walker) (FREE)
- Power Chair (Reduced Price!!)
- Power Chair - Invacare Arrow Storm
- Power Chair w/500 lb capacity
- Powerchair - Rascal 301
- Scooter - 4 wheeled w/joystick (NEW)
- Scooter - Bruno (can accommodate a large person)
- Scooter - Jazzy 1170 Power Chair (Large) (FREE)
- Scooter - Jazzy Select 4 wheel (elec) BRAND NEW
- Scooter- Invacare M91 Pronto, Sure Step (FREE)
- Shower - Commode Transfer Chair
- Stander - Child (ages 6-12 yrs) (FREE)
- Stander - Youth Sit-to-Stand (Reduced Price!!)
- Vertical Wheelchair Lift (Elevator) - for wheelchair or scooter
- Walker - w/seat & brakes
- Walker - standard (NEW, tags still attached)
- Walker - Child (Kaye 2 wheels) FREE
- Wheelchair - Elec Permobil C300 (NEW)
- Wheelchair - Elec Pronto SureStep M94
- Wheelchair - Elec. INVACARE Pronto M71
- Wheelchair - Manual
- Wheelchair - Power
- Wheelchair - Power Jazzy Select (Price Reduced!)
- Wheelchair - Power Tiger Pediatric (FREE)
- Wheelchair - Ultralight Titanium
- Wheelchair Recliner - Tracer-Price Reduced!
- Wheelchair - Manual Tilt/Recline (Make an offer)
- Wheelchair - Tilt Recline (Power)-Price Reduced!

Other Items Needed:

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| EZ-Bathe system | Cough Assist Machine |
| AlphaSmart | Hand controls for vehicle |
| Stroller -for a child or adult | 7 level communicator |
| VAN - w/lift | Wheelchair lift ONLY |
| Color cards of nouns/verbs | Lift Chair |

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We're On The Web!

<http://okabletech.okstate.edu>

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Resources and Events



Seretean Wellness Center
REAL SOLUTIONS FOR REAL PEOPLE

Oklahoma ABLE Tech AT Demo and Loan Program, <http://okabletech.okstate.edu>
AT Equipment Exchange Program, <http://oec.okstate.edu>
AgrAbility, <http://agrability.okstate.edu/>
Fire Safety, http://www.ok.gov/abletech/Fire_Safety

January 28: ATIA AT Industry Association, Orlando, FL

Oklahoma ABLE Tech will be a speaker at the conference. For more
information, visit www.atia.org.

March 9: Oklahoma AgrAbility Day at the Capitol, OKC

Hold the date for AgrAbility Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol from
1-4 p.m. For more information, contact Oklahoma AgrAbility toll free at (888)
885-5588.

March 10 : On the Road Family Perspective Conference, Enid

For more information please contact Sally Selvidge, Family Outreach
Coordinator, OASIS at (800) 426-2747.

March 31: On the Road Family Perspective Conference, Shawnee

For more Information please contact Sally Selvidge, Family Outreach
Coordinator, OASIS at (800) 426-2747.

April 9: Disability Awareness Day at the Capitol, OKC

Hold the date for Disability Awareness Day at the Oklahoma State
Capitol. For more information, contact the Oklahoma Department of
Rehabilitation Services toll free at (800) 845-8476.