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ABLE Tech's mission is to improve access to and acquisition of assistive technology (AT) for individuals with disabilities of all ages. ABLE Tech provides AT through comprehensive statewide programs and services, which include: 
- Device Demonstrations
- Device Short-Term Loans
- Device Reutilization
- Financial Loans for AT and Employment Assistance

Financial Loans for AT and Employment Assistance: 47 ABLE Tech provided loans totaling $305,078 to help Oklahomans obtain needed AT devices and services to help them live, work, and learn independently.

Information and Referral: 2,640 ABLE Tech helped Oklahomans receive information and referral sources on needed AT devices and services, including how to obtain funding for AT.

Training: 2,748 ABLE Tech served Oklahomans with disabilities, family members, service providers, advocates, and educators throughout the state.

State Contracts
ABLE Tech maintains coordination and collaboration efforts that provide funding to help enhance the opportunities for individuals to access and acquire assistive technology.

Service Delivery Highlights

ABLE Tech and its partners provided 15 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.

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ABLE Tech and its partners provided 1,161 AT device and software short-term loans to Oklahoma schools and students. 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 367 state agency and post-secondary personnel.

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Special Education Resolution Center
14 Special Education Due Process hearings were resolved by the Special Education Resolution Center (SERC) - keeping state dollars in the classroom educating children. Due Process proceedings can cost the state an average of $300,000; therefore, resolved, hearing costs saved Oklahomans approximately $4,200,000.

Fire Safety
Through the Smoke Alarm Project, ABLE Tech partnered with the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation, Fire Services Training and Fire Prevention Publications to professionally install 2,920 smoke alarms and alert devices in 868 households of Oklahomans who are deaf or hard of hearing; a cost savings of $119,540.

AT Training for Educators
Through a partnership with the Oklahoma State Department of Education, ABLE Tech provided training and technical assistance to 1,234 educators from 868 school districts. Through a series of webinars and regional workshops, teams learned more about the consideration and implementation of AT for students with disabilities.

Device Short-Term Loan | Education
Jilline, a young working adult needed to purchase replacement hearing aids; however, she did not have the financial means to purchase them outright and her health insurance did not provide coverage for hearing aids. Jilline decided to pursue a loan through ABLE Tech which would allow her the opportunity to purchase replacement hearing aids with loan terms she could afford. During the loan application process she was also able to identify an issue on her credit report, and with guidance from the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation Board, was able to resolve an issue which could have posed a roadblock for future credit building. Jilline purchased the replacement hearing aids and is now able to communicate better with others at work and at home. "I hear the little things like the rain outside or the baby crying next door, and I can hear my coworkers ask me for help from across a noisy room. Very exciting!"

Device Exchange | Community Living
Sally was thrilled when she said, "This will be great, I will be able to easily read my mail, write checks, thread a needle or even paint my nails. I would not have known of the opportunity to receive the CCTV at no cost without the help of ABLE Tech!"
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