

Partner of the Year

Oklahoma ABLE Tech recently named NewView Oklahoma partner of the year. NewView Oklahoma, formerly Oklahoma League for the Blind, is a private, not-for-profit organization founded in 1949. For more than 60 years, NewView's mission has been to empower people who are blind and visually impaired to achieve their maximum level of independence through employment, rehabilitation and community outreach.

NewView Oklahoma is the leading employer of the blind and visually impaired, growing a number of service contracts with major employers at the local, state and federal level. Each year their operations generate more than \$25 million for the local economy. NewView is also the only private agency in Oklahoma that provides specialized vision rehabilitation services for the blind and visually impaired, touching the lives of more than 1,000 people and their families each year.

NewView's continued partnership with Oklahoma ABLE Tech and their shared vision and commitment to the short-term device loan program continues to touch lives across Oklahoma. The short-term loan program is designed to help Oklahomans with disabilities to make informed decisions before they purchase assistive technology. The program is free and easy to use, and devices are made available to anyone who lives in Oklahoma. For more information contact Oklahoma ABLE Tech or any of our partner locations.



Shelby Sanders, AT Specialist for ABLE Tech, presents Kathy Plummer of NewView Oklahoma with Partner of the Year.

Latest News: Fire Safety Solutions 2011

The Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation has received a \$277,550 grant from the U.S Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). OkAT partners with Oklahoma ABLE Tech and Fire Protection Publications at Oklahoma State University to implement **Solutions 2011**. Solutions 2011 will accept and approve applications from people who are deaf or hard of hearing; install free smoke alarms that meet the unique needs of these individuals; plan a home fire drill specific to each home; and assist with a home safety survey to prevent fires, burns, falls and other common home injuries. To receive more information or to request an application please contact Oklahoma ABLE Tech by phone at (405) 744-9748 or (888) 885-5588 or by email at milissa.gofourth@okstate.edu.

Going Green! Oklahoma ABLE Tech supports initiatives for a healthier and sustainable tomorrow. Let us know if you would be interested in receiving our newsletter electronically by emailing abletech@okstate.edu with the subject line "Email Newsletter." We will then discontinue mailing you a hard copy.

Solutions 2011 Smoke Alarm Project

Will you wake up if your smoke alarm goes off in the middle of the night after you have removed your hearing aids?

Solutions 2011 Smoke Alarm Project has an answer. The Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation (OkAT) has received a \$277,550 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). OkAT partners with Oklahoma ABLE Tech and Fire Protection Publications at OSU to implement **Solutions 2011**. Oklahoma ABLE Tech is a federally funded program to assist persons with disabilities that increases access to, provision of, and funding for assistive technology. Fire Protection Publications is the largest provider of firefighter training materials and curricula in North America.

Solutions 2011 will accept and approve applications from people who are deaf or hard of hearing who live in Canadian, Kingfisher, Logan, Oklahoma, Lincoln, Cleveland, Pottawatomie, Payne, Creek, Okmulgee, Wagoner, Tulsa, Pawnee, Osage, Rogers and Washington counties.

The **Solutions 2011 Smoke Alarm Project** is updating important home fire safety materials that will directly address the unique needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing including a DVD in American Sign Language, "Fire Safety for YOU at Home." This free DVD will assist the person who is deaf or hard of hearing to understand the types of equipment that are installed in their home, and provide important home fire and life safety messages.

Solutions 2011 will install smoke detection and alert equipment that uses the latest technology for alerting people to a fire based on their own specific needs. For participants who are hard of hearing a First Alert Smoke Alarm and a Lifetone Alert Device will be installed. The Lifetone Alert Device, technology invented here in Oklahoma, is not a smoke alarm; but rather it responds to the smoke alarm and emits a low frequency sound and activates the bed shaker, which has proven most effective at waking people who cannot hear the smoke alarm signal. For participants who are deaf, those same technologies will be installed along with the Gen-tex Smoke Alarm, which places a visual notification when the individual is not in bed. These technologies are available for purchase for persons who fall outside of the coverage area for less than \$400. More information can be found at www.okstate.edu/abletech.

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Interested in web accessibility training?
OSWG and ABLE Tech have partnered to present Innovation and Modernization!
Conference highlights include keynote speakers Governor Mary Fallin and Alex Pettit, State of Oklahoma Chief Information Officer.
For more information contact Oklahoma ABLE Tech!

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FALL CONFERENCE 2011:
INNOVATION AND MODERNIZATION
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
10/25-10/26



Oklahoma AT Center Locations

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/>. Oklahoma ABLE Tech allows individuals to borrow devices for six weeks at no cost.

**The Visual Services Center
& Low Vision Clinic**
"Opening Doors To Opportunity" The Oklahoma
**DRS Department of
Rehabilitation
Services**
Oklahoma City
405-522-3442

 **Hearing Loss
Association**
of Oklahoma City
405-717-9820


**THE UNIVERSITY
of TULSA**
Mary K. Chapman Center for
Communicative Disorders
918-631-2913


Stillwater, OK
800-257-1705


Developmental
Disabilities Services
Division, Tulsa, OK
918-794-7632


Oklahoma City
405-951-3400



Total Source for Hearing Loss
& Access, Tulsa 918-832-8742


IT'S NOT WHAT YOU CAN SEE IT'S WHAT YOU CAN BE

Oklahoma City
405-232-4644

Search the inventory of
1400 devices:
<http://oec.okstate.edu/loan>



The Childrens Center, Bethany, OK

In a teaching or therapy environment, no other tool communicates the concept of elapsed time as well as the Time Timer. It has proven to be very effective in teaching the concept of time, training students to use time wisely and tracking the duration of activities. The Time Timer is designed to help students understand "how much longer." For more information contact The Childrens Center at (405) 789-6711.



Hearing Loss Association of Oklahoma City, OK

HLA has an amplified neckloop headset that is designed to be used with a variety of connectivity cords allowing you to use it as an amplified audio neckloop with a variety of devices including cell phones, cordless telephones, corded telephones w/jacks, iPods, personal listening devices, radios and other sound generating devices. For more information about these devices contact HLA at (405) 717-9820.



Tulsa University, Mary K Chapman Center for Communicative Disorders, Tulsa, OK

Vantage Lite is the communication powerhouse for people on the go! Vantage Lite is portable, lightweight, and easy to learn. The Vantage Lite features several keyboard options including the standard QWERTY keyboard. Vantage has a strong core vocabulary featuring the powerful Unity language system in multiple display configuration settings. For more information about this device contact TU at (918) 631-2913.



Success! Assistive Technology and My Story

The ABLE Tech assistive technology program located at The Childrens Center provided this edition's success story! The ABLE Tech device loan program provided the Jelly Bean Switch, which is attached to a Gooseneck mount. This AT is used to activate different devices, which provides Kelsy the opportunity to develop and strengthen cause and effect associations through activating those devices. Activating a speech generating device allows her to participate in social greetings or phrase fill-in activities. These mechanisms of AT provide her with increased independence in the classroom and therapy sessions, as well as increased enjoyment through play.



New Faces at ABLE Tech



Tammie Honeyman came to OSU on a basketball scholarship in 1979, and graduated with a Bachelors degree in Business Administration. She has worked in several areas of OSU before joining the ABLE Tech team in August. Tammie is the new Financial Coordinator for Sponsored Programs and also oversees the human resource needs for Sponsored Programs employees. She is also the new Disabilities Coordinator for the Solutions 2011 Smoke Alarm and Home Fire Safety project.



Allyson Robinson is ABLE Tech's Speech-Language Pathologist and AT Specialist. She specializes in augmentative and alternative communication and assistive technology solutions. She graduated from Oklahoma State University in 2006 with a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders and from the University of Kansas in 2008 with a Master of Arts in Speech Pathology. Allyson worked previously for Pawnee Public Schools serving children ages 3-18. Allyson and her husband, Kyle, live in Stillwater and have one son, Carter.



Kate Miller is ABLE Tech's Loan and Marketing Coordinator. She attended Connors State College and Oklahoma State University, where she received a Bachelors Degree in Animal Science and Agricultural Economics. She worked previously for MCS Auction, LLC as a livestock marketing specialist. Kate will be coordinating the efforts between BancFirst and ABLE Tech and facilitating the low interest loan program.

OKLAHOMA SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOLUTION CENTER

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The Special Education Resolution Center made a presentation at the Office of Special Education Programs annual MEGA Conference in Washington D.C. Jo Anne Blades, along with the CADRE (Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution) representatives, presented exemplary project information to attendees. The session was titled: *From Here to Exemplary: Designing High Performing Special Education Dispute Resolution Systems.*

In October, SERC will participate in three different presentations at CADRE's nation symposium in Eugene, Oregon. The symposium is an information disseminating conference on systems for dispute resolution for all 67 states and territories. The symposium, among other topics, will highlight Oklahoma as an exemplar state for dispute resolution in special education. Oklahoma will discuss its system and answer questions in a general session. Two breakout sessions will address topics on contracting with an institute of higher learning for dispute resolution services and engaging state stakeholders to build capacity at the local to resolve conflict at the earliest stage possible. Presenters representing Oklahoma are Christa Knight (OSDE), Linda Jaco (OSU/SERC), Sharon House (Oklahoma Parents Center), Andrea Kunkel (CCOSA) and Jo Anne Blades (OSU/SERC).



The Oklahoma Equipment Exchange is a free program to help Oklahomans with disabilities acquire affordable equipment. Log onto the Equipment Exchange website, <http://oec.okstate.edu>, or call ABLE Tech to list your devices or inquire about products at 888.885.5588. Below is a list of items currently for sale or FREE.

Available Devices

<i>Category</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Item Description</i>	<i>Asking Price</i>
Computer and Related	Payne	Lomak Alternative Keyboard #2	FREE
Computer and Related	Payne	NEO (Pending)	FREE
Computer and Related	Payne	Lomak Alternative Keyboard #1	FREE
Daily Living	Kay	Hospital Bed	\$300.00
Daily Living	Oklahoma	Hospital Bed for youth	FREE
Daily Living	Payne	Talking Dictionary for Children	FREE
Daily Living	Payne	Mic-Key button low-profile	FREE
		goastronomy feeding tubes	
Daily Living	Payne	Speller and Dictionary for Children	FREE
Daily Living	Kay	Portable Commode Chair	FREE
Daily Living	Kay	Full Body Large Mesh Sling	\$100.00
Daily Living	Kay	Offeset Trapeze Bar-Octagon Tube	\$154.00
Daily Living	Kay	Swivel Clamp and Bracket	\$80.00
Daily Living	Kay	Hydraulic Lift- in home system	\$700.00
Daily Living	Kay	Mattress- Demofloat low air loss	\$1,500.00
		bed cushion	
Mobility Related	Tulsa	Pedal Wheelchair	\$375.00
Mobility Related	Oklahoma	Portable hand controls for vehicle	\$650.00
Mobility Related	Custer	Electric Hoveround Wheelchair	\$200.00
Mobility Related	Kay	Wheelchair Recliner Tracer	\$400.00
Mobility Related	Kay	Wheelchair- Tilt Recline	\$5,000.00
Mobility Related	Garfield	Go-Go Elite Traveler Scooter	\$750.00
Recreation, Sports, Leisure	Payne	Slim Arm Mounting System	FREE
Speech Communication	Denton, TX	Tobii C8 Communicator	\$3,900.00
Speech Communication	Payne	ZAM Communicator #58	FREE
Vehicle and Related	Garfield	Lift ONLY- Hercules 3000 Lift	\$500.00
Vehicle and Related	Tulsa	Van with Lift 2005 Dodge Grand	\$21,000.00
		Caravan	
Vision	Payne	Portable Screen Maginfier for Ipod	FREE
		cell, PDA, etc.	
Vision	Payne	Portable Screen Maginfier-QuickLook	FREE
Needed			
Mobility Related	Marshall	Stander	
Mobility Related	Marshall	Tricycle-Adult	
Vehicle and Related	Payne	Van with lift	

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Oklahoma State University
1514 W. Hall of Fame
Stillwater, OK 74078
Phone: 800.257.1705 V/TDD
405.744.9748 V/TDD
Fax: 405.744.2487
INFO-Line: 888.885.5588**

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Calendar of Events



Seretean Wellness Center
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October is National Disability Employment Awareness

www.dol.gov/odep

November is National Family Caregivers Month

www.thefamilycaregiver.org

December is National Safe Toys and Gifts Month

www.preventblindness.org

October 25-26: Oklahoma Web Developers Conference plus WebAIM Web Accessibility Track. Metro Tech Springlake Campus, OKC. For more information call ABLE Tech at 800.257.1705.

November 2-3: Oklahoma Transition Institute

November 3: Future Shock Career Day. Oklahoma School for the Blind Parent Teacher Organization will host Future Shock Career Day from 9:00 to 2:50pm at the OSB campus.

November 7-10: AgrAbility National Training Workshop, Indianapolis, Indiana

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