

OKLAHOMA ASSISTIVE
TECHNOLOGY ACT PROGRAM



Oklahoma ABLE Tech

Connecting Oklahomans
with Disabilities
to Assistive Technology

Who We Are

Oklahoma ABLE Tech promotes the availability of assistive technology (AT) devices and services for people with disabilities. AT is any item or piece of equipment used to maintain or improve the capabilities of people with disabilities. Assistive technology allows people with disabilities to function independently in recreation, education, employment, and daily living activities.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY IS REDEFINING WHAT IS POSSIBLE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.



After a machinery accident resulted in a below the elbow amputation of his right arm, David was able to utilize assistive technology to help him operate his welding torch with his left hand.

Our programs include:

- Device Demonstration and Loan Centers
- Device Short-Term Loans
- Low Interest Bank Loans
- AT Reutilization
- Accessible Instructional Materials Assistance

Device Demonstration Centers

ABLE Tech's AT Demonstration and Loan Centers improve access to assistive technology. AT centers are available throughout the state at partnering locations, and demonstrations give individuals a chance to see, touch, and try AT devices to help in the decision making process. Our inventory includes devices for a range of disabilities and needs.

Demonstrations provide:

- Hands-on exploration of assistive technology
- Information on the latest technology
- Low tech solutions and adaptations



Through an AT Center, this Tulsa County resident was able to try software designed to help individuals learn to type. He can now send email and search the internet, and he is building skills to help him find a job.

Who benefits from AT Centers?

- People with disabilities
- Family members
- Service providers
- Advocates
- Educators

Device Short-Term Loans

The short-term loan program provides Oklahomans with disabilities the opportunity to borrow devices to:

- ☑ Make an informed decision before purchase
- ☑ Ensure compatability between the device and user
- ☑ Have back-up equipment while waiting for repair
- ☑ Have a device while waiting for new equipment

The short-term loan program is easy to use and free. Loan duration is 2 to 6 weeks and is available to anyone in Oklahoma. ABLE Tech AT centers are available throughout the state at partnering locations.



The ABLE Tech loan program allowed this Oklahoma resident to borrow a portable listening device to help her make a purchasing decision.

Our AT inventory contains over 2,000 devices, so call us today to see if we have what you are looking for!

People with disabilities and their family members, as well as professionals who work with persons who have disabilities are eligible to participate in this program.

AT Reutilization

DME Reuse Program

Oklahoma ABLE Tech and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, have partnered to provide the Oklahoma Durable Medical Equipment Reuse Program. The program is designed to reuse valuable DME that is no longer needed, and assign it to someone in need at no cost. Oklahoma County residents who wish to donate gently used equipment, or Oklahoma County residents in need of DME are encouraged to apply.

Please call 405-523-4810 for more information.

Oklahoma Equipment Exchange

Do you have AT you no longer use? Do you need a device you cannot afford? The Oklahoma Equipment Exchange can help you donate your equipment and provide a way to locate assistive technology at a reasonable price. The program is a person to person exchange, which functions like the newspaper classifieds. It provides listings of pre-owned equipment for sale and donation.

To access this FREE service, visit the website at:
<http://oec.okstate.edu>

Don't have computer access? Call us. We will be happy to post a listing or search a product for you!

Low Interest Bank Loans

The price of assistive technology may be out of reach for a person with a disability. Oklahoma ABLE Tech can help make it affordable with a low interest bank loan.

Borrowers can use the loans to buy assistive technology they need. The alternative financing program is available to Oklahoma residents with disabilities and their families.



Mike used the low interest bank loan to purchase modifications for his vehicle. These adaptations have allowed him to become more active in his community.

Telework Loans

The telework loan program provides low interest bank loans to people with disabilities for home-based employment.

Telework is full or part-time paid employment at home. These loans have been used to purchase specialized computer software, office furniture, and even agricultural equipment!

Accessible Instructional Materials

Some students with disabilities have difficulty reading textbooks and other learning materials due to blindness or low vision, a physical disability preventing the student from holding the textbook or turning pages, or a specific learning disability such as dyslexia. To succeed in school, these students need specialized formats called “accessible instructional materials” or AIM. The federal special education law, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), includes a requirement that schools provide AIM to elementary and secondary students with disabilities who need them. AIM includes: large print, braille, audio, and digital text. ABLE Tech assists individuals, schools, and families with obtaining AIM and provides assistive technology support and short-term loans.

Do you know a student who could benefit from our AIM services?

- Low vision or blind
- A reading disability such as dyslexia
- A physical limitation such a cerebral palsy

This northwest Oklahoma resident utilized both the AIM services and the ABLE Tech short-term loan program. He borrowed SOLO6 software, which will help him with his school work both in the classroom and at home



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