



SoonerStart & ABLE Tech Collaboration



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NewView Oklahoma: Empowering Those Who are Blind or Visually Impaired

NewView Oklahoma is one of Oklahoma ABLE Tech's 7 Assistive Technology Center Partners. NewView is an amazing resource providing low vision services statewide! With Low Vision Clinics in both Oklahoma City and Tulsa, NewView is able to offer assessments, routine care, and low vision solutions and devices to adults and children with impaired vision all over the state.

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Save the Date: Webinar for Families Who Speak Spanish

Content will help families understand important issues about early identification and intervention to help children with dual sensory impairments.

The New York Deaf-Blind Collaborative, California Deaf-Blind Services, National Center on Deaf-Blindness, and the National Family Association for Deaf-Blind are sponsoring a special webinar for families who speak Spanish to help them understand important issues about early identification and intervention and how to advocate for appropriate services for their children with a dual sensory impairment.

If additional information is needed, please contact Myrna Medina at medinam66@sbcglobal.net or Clara Berg at clara.berg@qc.cuny.edu.

Save the Date!
Saturday, March 14, 2015
2 P.M.
Early Identification and Intervention
A National Webinar for Spanish Speaking Parents

Reserve esta fecha!
Sábado, 14 de Marzo de 2015
2 P.M.
Identificación e Intervención Temprana
Webinar Nacional para Familias de Habla Hispana

View attachment for more complete details.



Assistive Technology (AT) Tip – The MacGyver of AT

As I was walking by my coworker's desk this week, I saw her watching a YouTube video of a lady making her own battery interrupter. Since these little pieces of AT are amazing for turning everyday toys with batteries into accessible toys for kids with disabilities, I stopped to watch the process. Well, one video led to another and another, and well, you get the point. Each item she created was even better than the last! Her name is Dr. Therese Willkomm, and she's called the "MacGyver" of Assistive Technology. Follow her videos on YouTube for ideas in creating AT for little to no money in minutes without the use of electricity or power tools. Search YouTube for "ATinNH" or follow this link to see Dr. Willkomm in action:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ATinNH



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The newest Low Vision Center in Tulsa is undergoing major construction to include an amazing room just for kids with visual impairments! We will keep you updated on that progress, so you can plan a trip to tour the facility! In the meantime, both facilities have assistive technology solutions that may meet the needs of the infants and toddlers receiving SoonerStart services. Visit the website for more information, and please let us know if you have any questions: <http://www.newviewoklahoma.org/>.

Oklahoma City Low Vision Clinic: 405-286-9699

Tulsa Low Vision Clinic: 918-779-7772

AT Highlight – The Comfort Duett



The **Comfort Duett** is a multipurpose, personal amplifier. It is easy to use and works with ear buds, head phones, and a neckloop which amplifies directly into hearing aids that have T-coils! The Duett's technology catches important sounds like people's voices and sends loud, crisp audio right to the listener. It is compact and can discreetly tag along anywhere your kiddo may go! This AT (and many other items) is available through ABLE Tech's short-term loan program. [Search ABLE Tech's inventory!](#)