



# SoonerStart & ABLE Tech Collaboration



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## Funding for Assistive Technology: ABLE Tech's Direct Loan Program

For children with disabilities, there are many options for acquiring funding for durable medical equipment (DME) and assistive technology (AT). An option that SoonerStart teams may want to consider when determining funding options to purchase AT for infants and toddlers includes ABLE Tech's

NEW Direct Loan Program. This program allows individuals who

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Save the Date:  
**Parenting a  
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**May 18, 2015  
6:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time**

**Parenting a Child with  
Special Needs: How  
internet technology can  
help build your network  
of support**

Discover how to purposefully and ethically use social media, blogs, and the web to build a network of support and parenting knowledge to enrich your child's life and wellbeing. Tips and resources for growing your assistive technology networks will also be shared.

If you miss the webinar, the CTD provides a recording of the presentation and makes that available online as well!

Visit **[www.CTDinstitute](http://www.CTDinstitute)** for more information.

**Join Marianne Russo,  
founder of Special  
Needs Radio!**

**A 1-hour TweetChat  
#CTDTechTalk led by  
Marianne Russo will  
follow this webinar on  
Thursday, May 21,  
2015 from 7:00 P.M. –  
8:00 PM EST**



# Save the Date: Oklahoma Parents Center Statewide Conference

## **Building Relationships...Creating Successful Change**

### **Who's invited?**

Parents, Families, and Professionals who have a desire to help children and youth with disabilities ages birth to 26

### **What does it cost and what will I learn?**

The conference is FREE, and you will learn from disability expert, Art Cernosia, how to build partnerships that meet the needs of children with disabilities.

### **When is the conference?**

May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 from 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M

### **Where will the conference be held?**

Sheraton Hotel at the Reed Conference Center  
5750 Will Rogers Road, Midwest City, OK 73110

### **How do I register?**

Click here to register:

<http://oklahomaparentscenter.org/updates/9th-annual-statewide-conference/>

Visit [oklahomaparentscenter.org](http://oklahomaparentscenter.org) for more information!



might not qualify for a traditional bank loan to qualify for a loan with a low interest rate and flexible repayment terms. **Why might a family choose this option?**

Many times, when an entity purchases a piece of assistive technology or DME for a child, the item

remains the property of the funding entity. When parents find a way to purchase the equipment on their own, the devices remain the property of the family. **What can a family purchase with the bank loan?** One family used ABLE Tech's bank loan program to purchase fencing for their property located on a busy street to allow their child with disabilities to safely play in the yard. Other examples include iPads with apps, ramps, and more! View [ok.gov/abletech/Device\\_Bank\\_Loans/index.html](http://ok.gov/abletech/Device_Bank_Loans/index.html) for more information.

## AT Highlight – Nova Chat 5



The **Nova Chat 5** offers language software on a portable 5-inch screen. The Nova Chat comes with a variety of vocabulary settings with thousands of symbols and multiple voices and accents!

This device weighs 0.55 lbs, has a touch screen, and is switch accessible for use with scanning. The Saltillo Corporation distributes the Nova Chat; visit [saltillo.com](http://saltillo.com) for more information.

To borrow a Nova Chat 5, visit the ABLE Tech website at [ok.gov/abletech](http://ok.gov/abletech).