

Oklahoma ABLE Tech

The Assistive Technology Program for the State of Oklahoma

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Key Activities 2006

Oklahoma ABLE Tech Statistics

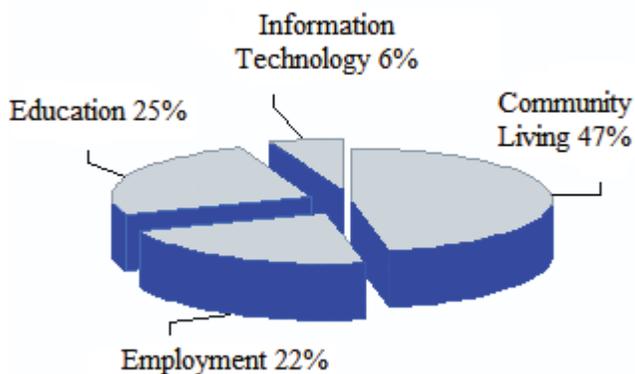
- Assistive technology (AT) training and awareness events served over 2000 people
- The Alternative Financing Program provided \$291,829 in AT device low interest bank loans assisting Oklahomans with disabilities
- 181 AT devices exchanged from sellers to buyers for a savings of \$89,614
- 453 AT devices recycled and donated to Oklahomans with disabilities for a savings of \$362,400
- 215 AT devices loaned to 192 Oklahomans in “try before you buy” short-term loan program
- 1300 AT devices demonstrated to Oklahomans

Highlights

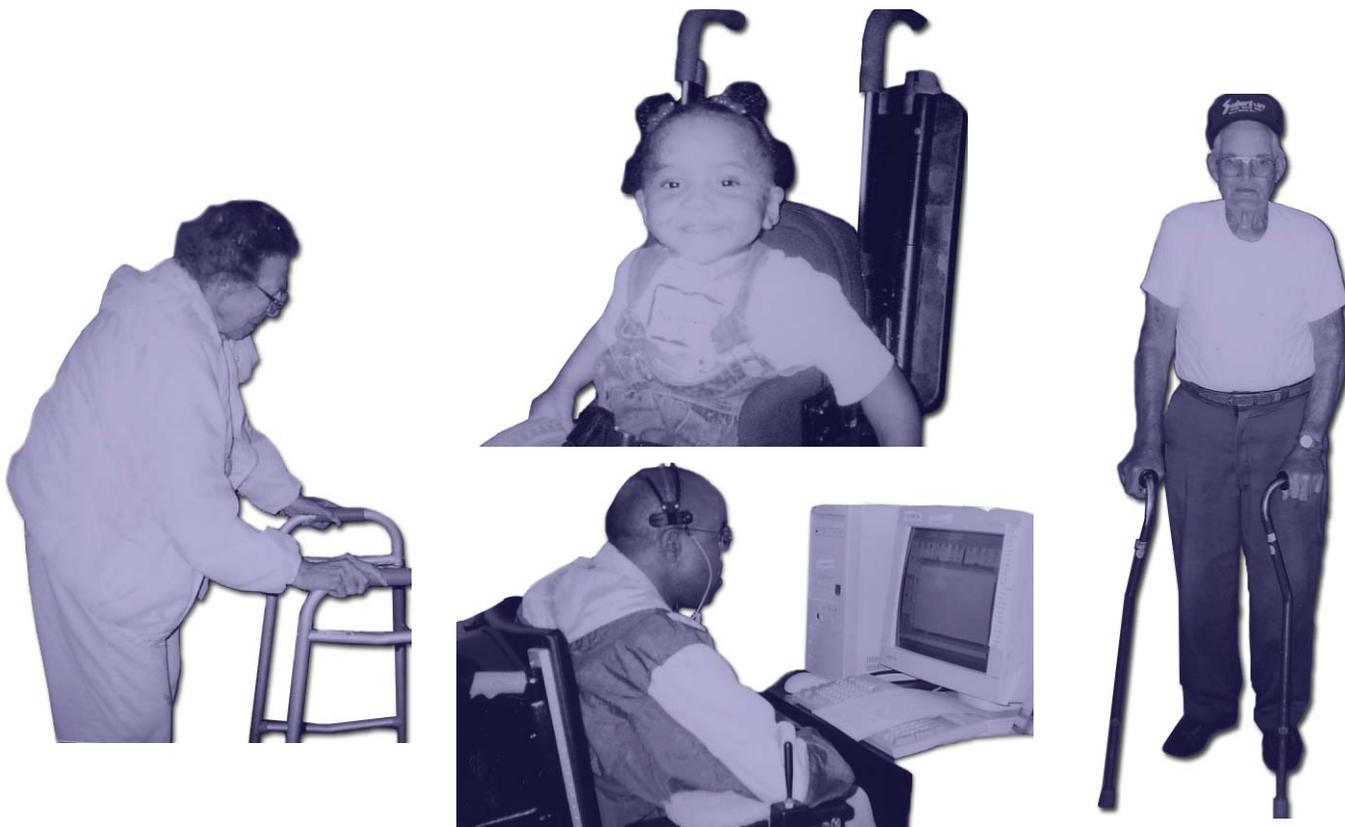
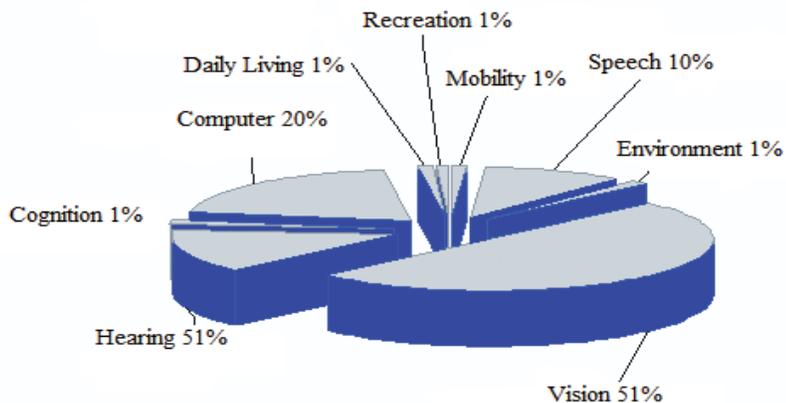
- ABLE Tech serves individuals of all ages and all disabilities in Oklahoma.
- ABLE Tech and its partners provide 7 AT loan and demonstration sites to give Oklahomans an opportunity to touch, try, and take home AT devices and improve independence in the community, schools, and workplace.
- ABLE Tech provided information technology accessibility training to 1100 state agency and post secondary personnel.
- ABLE Tech provided training on AT devices such as: computers, software, health and safety devices, daily living items, and developmental disability devices.
- ABLE Tech trained individuals and agencies on topics such as funding for AT, laws and policies, accessible information technology, accessible textbooks, education, and community transition.
- “Fire Safety for Oklahomans with Disabilities” received 462 applications from individuals with disabilities in 61 of the 77 Oklahoma counties who will receive professionally installed specialized smoke alarms.
- ABLE Tech’s partner, Sooner AMBUCS Share4Life Komputers donated 453 recycled computers to individuals to improve independent living and vocational skills.
- The Special Education Resolution Center settled 97% of special education due process hearing requests, saving an estimated \$450,000 to \$3,150,000 in tax payer dollars.
- Oklahoma AgrAbility is the state’s leader in promoting success in agriculture for people with disabilities and their families and the resource of choice for information on accommodating agricultural work and living environments for hundreds of Oklahomans.

Demo and Loan Program Assisted Oklahomans

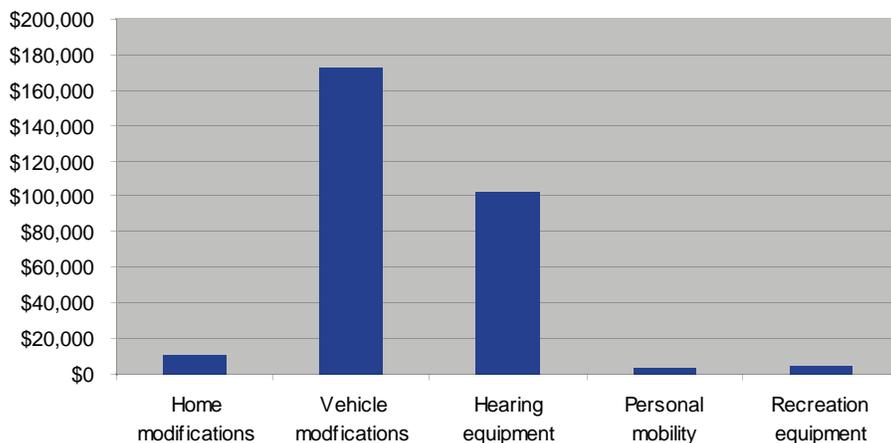
Benefit Area



AT Category



Type of AT Purchased



ABLE Tech Alternative Financing Program

The AFP provides low interest bank loans through BancFirst of Stillwater to Oklahomans with disabilities for the purchase of assistive technology.

Success Stories in Oklahoma

Thanks to the “try before you buy” AT loan program, the family of this child from Tulsa county realized the physical and emotional benefits of the toddler’s ability to use an AmTryke, a specialized tricycle for children with disabilities available for loan from ABLE Tech partner, the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Center.

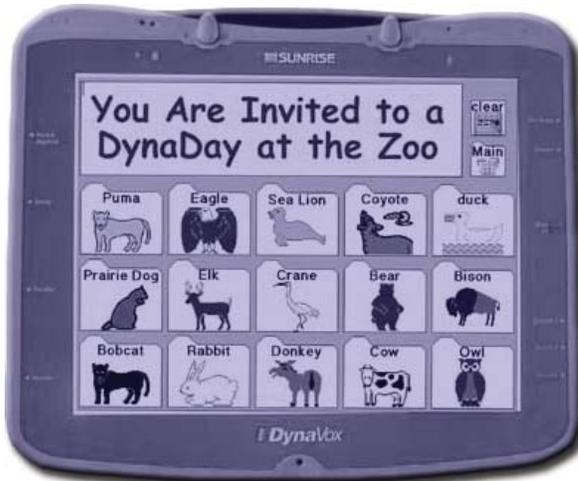


K. from Payne county visited the ABLE Tech demo center and left with a new outlook on life. She has cerebral palsy and used the short term loan program to borrow assistive technology. A computer, software, and switch activation help her communicate and live more independently.

A 35 year old individual with a visual impairment tried out many devices to assist her on the job site. She determined that the equipment which would benefit her is an Optilec Clearview computer compatible CCTV that enlarges information on a large computer monitor. She also needed ZoomText enlargement software and a portable Pocketviewer. These items are available from ABLE Tech’s partner, Visual Services in Oklahoma City.

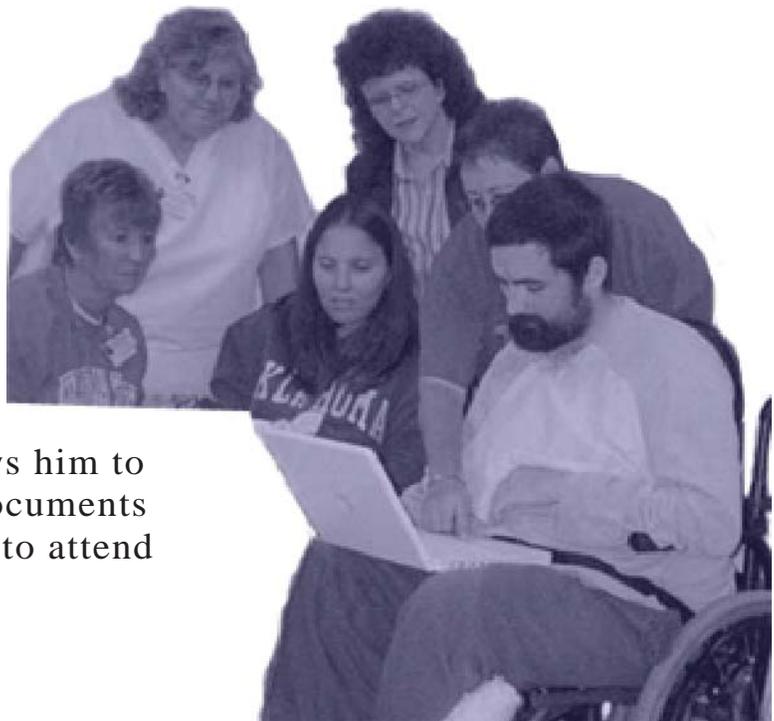


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An 18 year old individual from Tulsa county was unable to communicate due to a degenerative disease. He borrowed a Dynavox communication device from ABLE Tech's partner, the Mary K. Chapman Center in Tulsa. Within 30 minutes he learned how to create sentences and answer questions. He is excited about his independence at school and future job possibilities.

J. from Marshall county received a donated computer from ABLE Tech's AT recycling and reutilization partner, Sooner AMBUCS Share-4Life Komputers in Oklahoma City.



Voice recognition software allows him to speak to the computer, produce documents and access the internet. He plans to attend college.



A 45 year old Desert Storm veteran and ICU nurse borrowed an amplified stethoscope from ABLE Tech's partner, Total Source for Hearing loss and Access in Tulsa. His hearing had deteriorated to the point that he could no longer use a regular stethoscope. He faced the possibility of losing his job. The stethoscope was exactly the device he needed to continue in the medical field.

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Demonstration and Short-term Loan Program Locations

Oklahoma ABLÉ Tech in Stillwater
1-888-885-5588

Visual Services, Department of
Rehabilitation Services, Shepherd
Mall in Oklahoma City
1-800-523-0288

Mary K. Chapman Center for
Communicative Disorders in Tulsa
918-631-2913

Hearing Loss Association in Oklahoma
City 405-951-8383

Oklahoma Assistive Technology Center
in Oklahoma City 405-271-3625

Oklahoma League for the Blind in
Oklahoma City 405-232-4644

Total Source for Hearing-loss and
Access in Tulsa 918-823-8742



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