



Spotlight on Success:

Macey is seven years old with an undiagnosed genetic disorder. Macey and her family chose The Children's Center in Bethany, OK to help find the best communication device to give Macey the ability to communicate with her caregivers and peers.

Therapy allowed Macey to demo and explore various high-tech devices and select the Accent 1000 from PRC. The device has allowed Macey the ability to communicate with others and share her feelings, likes, and dislikes.

The device will be utilized in her classroom which will allow Macey greater independence.



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Research Alliance for Accessible Voting Initiative

The Research Alliance for Accessible Voting (RAAV) initiative is a unique effort that seeks to evaluate the functional accessibility of a variety of voting systems. Oklahoma is one of five states that is currently participating in a five-year study.

As part of the project, Oklahoma ABLE Tech demonstrates Oklahoma's accessible voting machine to consumers with disabilities and records each person's feedback after they use the device. The survey results are entered into an online

database so that the study team can analyze and interpret the results which will be used to create innovative solutions allowing independent and private voting access for all individuals. RAAV is funded by the Election Assistance Commission (EAC).



Rob Carr, Oklahoma ABLE Tech Accessibility Coordinator, provides a demonstration.

Special Education Resolution Center Awarded Grant

The Special Education Resolution Center (SERC) is proud to announce it will continue its partnership with the State of Oklahoma through June 2014. The SERC program, through a contract with the State Department of Education, manages the federal special education due process hearing system and alternative dispute resolution programs for the State of Oklahoma.

SERC's innovative programs assist parents and school districts in settling disputes over special education issues. Highly trained hearing

officers and mediators are provided to assist with disputes, as well as facilitators for required resolution sessions of due process. SERC also provides stakeholder training which supports mutual collaboration.

In 2012, SERC helped to resolve 13 hearings which saved Oklahomans approximately \$3,900,000. SERC has received national recognition for its work in Alternative Dispute Resolution programs. Jo Anne Pool Blades will continue in her role as SERC Program Manager.



SoonerStart 2nd Quarter Incentive Winner

The Oklahoma County SoonerStart Team is the 2nd quarter incentive winner! The team won new assistive technology valued at \$800 for their county kits.

Items include visual, tactile, and sensory equipment: weighted blanket and vest; wobble, jumbo, and plate switches; gooseneck mount; and choice board for visual schedules.

Children, ages birth to three years, and their families in the Oklahoma County area will be able to receive demonstrations of the new assistive technology items. These services help families determine appropriate accommodations for children and decide whether or not a piece of assistive technology will be needed.

Congratulations Oklahoma County!

Oklahoma ABLE Tech Welcomes New Staff

Oklahoma ABLE Tech welcomes Lindsay Love as its new Marketing Coordinator. Lindsay graduated from Oklahoma State University with a B.S. in Business and Marketing, and has worked in the marketing and communications industry for over eight years.



Oklahoma Durable Medical Equipment Reuse Program

Assisting Oklahoma residents in need during recent storms



The Oklahoma Durable Medical Equipment Reuse Program (OKDMERP) received multiple donations from other states to help assist with disaster relief in the recent tornadoes and floods.

Eileen McGeoghegan, with St. Louis HELP, organized a group of volunteers to assemble, load, pack, and drive adult diapers, quad canes, crutches, walkers, commodes, patient lifts, standers, wheelchairs, scooters,

hospital beds, and bed mattresses to Oklahoma. Brian Sargent, OKDMERP Site Coordinator, was there to help unload the equipment along with his family, and the St. Louis HELP volunteers.

During this same time, Sherry Schmidt, with the Pharmacy Counter in Toledo, Ohio, donated bathing equipment, wheelchairs, walkers, and other miscellaneous medical supplies. From the state of New Hampshire, OKDMERP

received over 30 new and gently used CPAPs to aid victims who lost their devices in the storms. Thank you to Chris Brand and Lloyd Barnes for their coordination efforts and help.

For more information on the reuse program or if you know of an Oklahoma resident in need of medical supplies due to loss in the storms, please contact OKDMERP at 405.523.4810.

Oklahoma AT Center Locations

ABLE Tech and its partners operate assistive technology (AT) device demonstration and short-term loan programs to increase accessibility to AT. Our inventory is available and searchable online, and individuals may borrow devices for up to six weeks at no cost. <http://oec.okstate.edu>



Mary K. Chapman Center for Communicative Disorders
918.631.2913



Total Source for Hearing Loss & Access
918.832.8742





Financial Tips

Credit worthiness and borrowing for assistive technology



Living with a disability is costly. Along with Federal and State budget cuts, insurance coverage changes, difficulty finding quality jobs, and the rising cost of living, people with disabilities are some of the most financially unstable in the United States today.

Equipping yourself with the skills to help empower you to make smarter financial decisions is one of the best

investments you can make. The ability to access the assistive technologies and services you need in order to live independently is crucial.

Oklahoma ABLÉ Tech and the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation (OkAT) assist individuals with applications for low-interest bank loans to help them secure assistive technology.

The biggest challenge loan applicants face is credit worthiness. Be sure to review your credit report annually and detect any discrepancies. Visit www.freecreditreport.com or call 877.322.8228 to obtain your free report through Experian, TransUnion, and Equifax credit agencies.

National Endowment for Financial Education. Financial Freedom: Borrowing for Assistive Technology. www.alphaonenow.org



The Oklahoma Equipment Exchange (OEE) is a FREE program to help Oklahomans with disabilities acquire affordable equipment. To list or inquire about available items, visit our website or call us at 888.885.5588.

In Oklahoma City, you may contact Katie Woodward with the Oklahoma Durable Medical Equipment Reuse Program at 405.523.4810 for FREE mobility equipment such as canes, scooters, and hospital beds. Donations are needed for the following bariatric equipment: wheelchairs, commodes, walkers, and rollator walkers.

Below is a quick preview of items currently available through OEE. Visit us online for a complete listing: <http://oec.okstate.edu>

Item Description	Asking Price
CPAPs, VPAPs, Nebulizers	FREE
Colostomy Supplies	FREE
Specialized Keyboards	FREE
DynaVox Communicator	FREE
Hydraulic Lift	FOR SALE

Spotlight on Success:

Charles is two years old with a neurological condition. Charles and his family worked with SoonerStart to help find the right device to help him communicate - topic boards.

Utilizing the topic boards allows Charles to communicate his wants and needs. He is able to communicate more effectively, therefore, eliminating much frustration.

Implementing the topic boards and integrating them into Charles' daily activities has allowed him to engage and interact more fully with his family and friends.



Assistive Device Highlight

Q: How do I make my iPad switch accessible?

A: Switch interface bridges the connection between the switch and the iPad. Plug any switch(es) into it for cause/ effect, switch timing practice, AAC auto-scan and step-scan, spelling, and any other apps on the horizon! A switch cannot be directly plugged into an iPad. In order to use your switch with your tablet, you must have the switch

interface. It has a lithium-ion battery that recharges through your USB port or USB AC charger - just like for your iPad and iPod.

Bluetooth Cordless Switch Interface retails for \$99.



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Upcoming Events

- July 17-19** | Oklahoma Rehabilitation Association Annual Training Conference; Norman, OK
(*ABLE Tech will demonstrate the accessible voting machine)
- August 15** | Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council Quarterly Meeting; Oklahoma City, OK; www.okrehabcouncil.org
(*ABLE Tech will demonstrate the accessible voting machine)
- Sept. 17** | On the Road Family Perspective Workshop; Vinita, OK
- Sept. 20-22** | Oklahoma Council of the Blind Annual Conference; Oklahoma City, OK; www.okcb.org/Convention.htm
(*ABLE Tech will demonstrate the accessible voting machine)
- Oct. 3-4** | Department of Rehabilitation Services Expo; Sulphur, OK
- Oct. 7-8** | Information Professionals for Oklahoma Conference
- Oct. 8** | On the Road Family Perspective Workshop; Watonga, OK

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