

## 2012 Year in Review

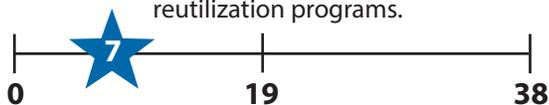
Happy New Year! As 2013 begins, we are excited to share Oklahoma ABLE Tech's highlights and key activities as reported in our 2012 Annual Report to be distributed to Oklahoma's legislators.

### Oklahoma ABLE Tech Statistics

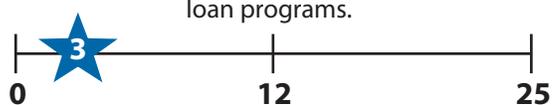
- 809 assistive technology (AT) devices loaned to Oklahomans in the "try before you buy" short-term loan program.
- 597 AT demonstrations to Oklahomans were performed by SoonerStart personnel to children 0-3 years old.
- Another 1,873 demonstrations to Oklahomans of all ages were provided by Oklahoma ABLE Tech and its partners.
- The Alternative Financing Program (AFP) provided \$265,102.98 in AT device low interest bank loans assisting 49 Oklahomans with disabilities.
- 143 AT devices exchanged from sellers to buyers for a savings of \$107,845 through the Oklahoma Equipment Exchange (OEE).
- 883 individuals received information and referral on AT devices and services.
- AT training events served over 2,709 people.
- The Access to Telework Funds Program (ATF) provided AT device loans for 8 Oklahomans, totaling \$109,952.55 for maintaining employment goals.

### Oklahoma's National Ranking

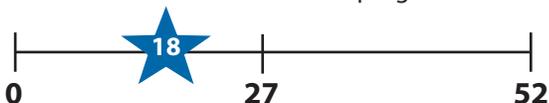
ABLE Tech ranks 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation for number of devices exchanged out of 38 reutilization programs.



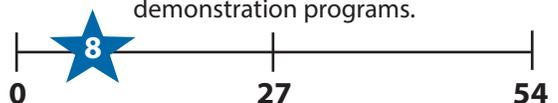
ABLE Tech ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation for number of loans made out of the 25 state financial loan programs.



ABLE Tech ranks 18<sup>th</sup> in the nation for number of device loans out of 52 programs.

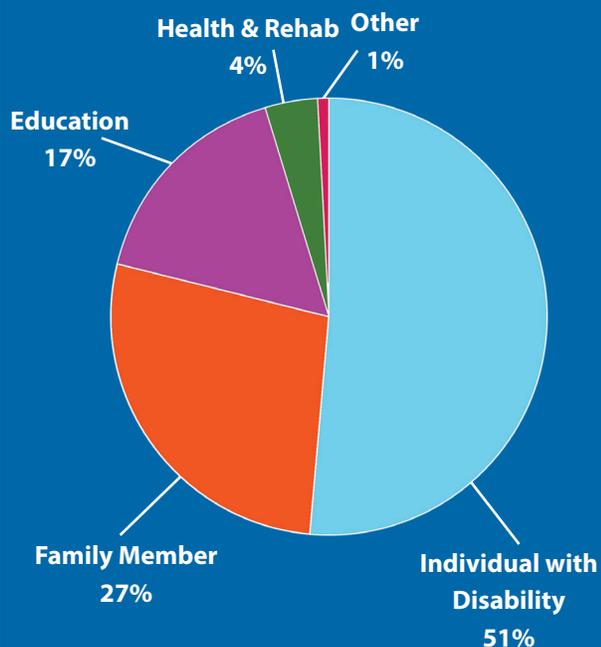


ABLE Tech ranks 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation for number of device demonstrations out of 54 AT demonstration programs.

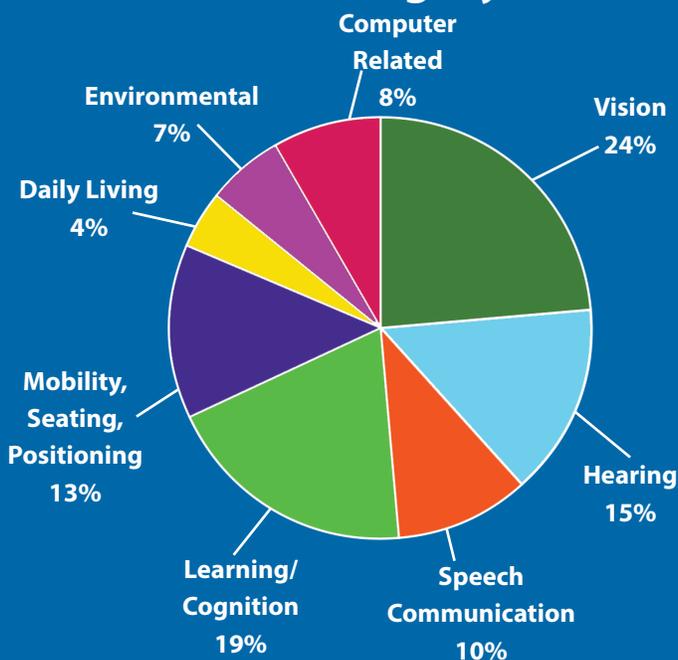


# Demo and Loan Program Assisted Oklahomans

## Type of Individual



## AT Category



Programs are provided at no cost to Oklahomans.

## Highlights

- ABLE Tech and its partners provided 11 AT loan and demonstration sites to give Oklahomans an opportunity to touch, try, and borrow AT devices and improve independence in the community, schools, and workplace.
- ABLE Tech provided 286 assistive technology device and software short term loans to Oklahoma schools and students; 188 AT loans were specifically for individuals with print disabilities.
- ABLE Tech provided training on accessible information technology including web access, telecommunications, software accessibility, and procurement to 677 state agency and postsecondary personnel.
- ABLE Tech provided training on AT devices and services to individuals, disability related organizations, state agencies, and higher education students.
- "Fire Safety for Oklahomans with Disabilities" professionally installed 1,439 specialized smoke alarms in 252 households statewide.
- 13 Special Education Due Process hearings were resolved by the Special Education Resolution Center (SERC) - keeping state dollars in the classroom educating students. Due Process proceedings can cost the state an average of \$300,000; therefore, resolved hearing requests saved Oklahomans approximately \$3,900,000.
- The Oklahoma AgrAbility Project provided education, assistance, and support to farmers, ranchers, and their family members with disabilities or debilitating injuries that limited their abilities to perform farm tasks. ABLE Tech—through its partnership with Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Services (OCES), Langston University, School of Physical Therapy, and the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation—provided direct services to 50 farmers or their family members and completed 36 on-farm site visits.

# Oklahoma AT Center Locations

Oklahoma ABLE Tech and partners operate assistive technology (AT) device demonstration and short-term loan programs to increase accessibility to AT. The assistive technology inventory is available and searchable online at <http://oec.okstate.edu/loan/>. Oklahoma ABLE Tech allows individuals to borrow devices for 6 weeks at no cost.

**The Visual Services Center  
& Low Vision Clinic**  
"Opening Doors To Opportunity" The Oklahoma  
**DRS Department of  
Rehabilitation  
Services**  
Oklahoma City  
405-522-3442

 **Hearing Loss  
Association**  
of Oklahoma City  
405-717-9820

**THE  
UNIVERSITY  
of TULSA**

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

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Stillwater, OK  
800-257-1705

**DRS**  
Oklahoma Department  
of Rehabilitation Services

Oklahoma City  
405-951-3400

**tsha**

Total Source for Hearing  
Loss & Access,  
Tulsa 918-832-8742

**newview**  
OKLAHOMA  
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU CAN SEE IT'S WHAT YOU CAN BE

Oklahoma City  
405-232-4644

**OKLAHOMA  
STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

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Communication Sciences  
and Disorders

**The Children's  
Center**

Search the inventory of  
1900 devices:  
<http://oec.okstate.edu/loan>

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Assistive  
Technology  
Center  
  
Opening doors to new possibilities...

## Accent™ 700

Accent™ 700, with NuVoice™ software, is a small and portable AAC solution that offers advanced functionality and user-friendly features that make communicating fast and easy.

Accent 700 is preloaded with the updated SB Vocabulary based on the popular Springboard Lite. NuVoice software offers built-in support resources for users and clinicians, including a Context-Sensitive Help function and language development resources from PRC's AAC Language Lab.

- Context-Sensitive Help built-in for fast answers that are easy to access
- Light-weight and sleek design
- Smooth, high-definition, 7" touch-screen display
- Easy to clean and sealed for protection from moisture and spills
- Carrying handle for portable, on-the-go communication
- Enhanced audio provides superior sound and clarity
- Front and rear cameras
- Integrated Bluetooth® connectivity
- Language Activity Monitoring (LAM)
- Windows® 7 operating system powered by an Intel Atom™ processor
- Built-in user manual



For more information, a demonstration, or to borrow the Accent 700 for 6 weeks, please call Oklahoma ABLE Tech at 1-800-257-1705.

Going Green! Oklahoma ABLE Tech supports initiatives for a healthier and sustainable tomorrow. Let us know if you would be interested in receiving our newsletter electronically by emailing [abletech@okstate.edu](mailto:abletech@okstate.edu) with the subject line "Email Newsletter." We will then discontinue mailing you a hard copy.

# Read & Write Gold: iPad Giveaway



By Kimberly Berry

ABLE Tech is introducing Assistive Technology to OSU students in the form of literacy software, and one lucky OSU freshman recently won a new iPad Mini for participating in a training session. The software is Read & Write Gold from TextHELP, with features to improve reading, writing, research, and report building.

Chelsea Ross, a pitcher on the Cowgirl Softball team, was chosen at random from the list of OSU students who participated in training sessions on how to use the literacy software. The freshman from Kansas City says she was excited to receive the iPad Mini and believes the Read & Write Gold software will help her with school. Ross says she thinks the text-to-speech feature will help her with “staying in the zone.” Ross also is eager to use the dictation feature.

“I like how you talk and it types for you. That’s really cool,” Ross says. “If you have a thought in your head, you can get it down on paper.”

Read & Write Gold is available free to all OSU students, faculty and staff. Educators and family members of Oklahoma K-12 students can use the software on a trial basis by borrowing from Oklahoma ABLE Tech. For more information, visit [okabletech.okstate.edu](http://okabletech.okstate.edu) or call us at 1-800-257-1705.

## Oklahoma AgrAbility

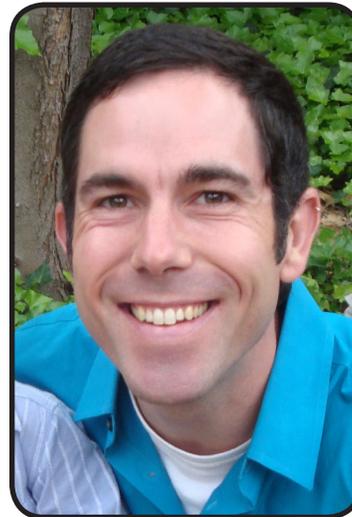
### Oklahoma AgrAbility Day at the Capitol

AgrAbility Day at the Capitol will be held Monday, March 25, 2013, from 1pm to 4pm to increase state legislators’ awareness of the importance of the Oklahoma AgrAbility Project to the success of agricultural producers who have disabilities.

In 2007, the Oklahoma AgrAbility Act was unanimously passed by a bipartisan vote and became law providing Oklahoma farmers/ranchers with disabilities access to the education, assistance and support they need to help them be more independent with their agricultural operations. The Oklahoma Legislature however did not choose to appropriate any funds that would support expanded services for the Project and provide the program with the ability to be sustained.

During AgrAbility Day at the Capitol, the Oklahoma AgrAbility Project will have the opportunity to explain to state legislators the positive employment impact which the program has on the lives of agricultural producers with disabilities. In addition, exhibits and demonstrations showcasing the services and accomplishments of Oklahoma AgrAbility will be available in the fourth floor rotunda of the Capitol building.

If you wish to attend and would like more information about how you can participate, call 888-885-5588 (voice/tty) or email [ability@okstate.edu](mailto:ability@okstate.edu).



### ABLE Tech Welcomes New Staff

Oklahoma ABLE Tech welcomes Rob Carr as its Accessibility Coordinator.

Rob has worked in information technology for 13 years, and joins ABLE Tech after 6.5 years at The University of Oklahoma Outreach. Since March of 2010, Rob has focused on digital accessibility and has spoken at two national conferences. He graduated from The University of Oklahoma with a BBA in Management Information Systems and Economics. Rob lives in Norman with his wife, Michelle; 3-year-old son, Liam; two dogs, Yazhi and Chuska; and a baby scheduled to arrive in May.

# Tulsa County SoonerStart Team Wins Service Award

By Allyson Robinson

Oklahoma ABLE Tech would like to recognize the Tulsa County SoonerStart team for outstanding service to clients requiring assistive technology in Fiscal Year 2012.

The Tulsa County team (pictured right) has won our annual service award for reporting the most demonstrations to SoonerStart clients between Oct. 1, 2011 and Sept. 30, 2012. The clients and families showed high satisfaction with the demos and were able to make educated decisions about whether assistive technology would work for their families. Thank you, Tulsa County, for your hard work and your diligence in reporting. We really appreciate you!



## Free Smoke Alarms for Payne County Residents



Funding for the Solutions 2011 Smoke Alarm Project has come to a close. However, Oklahoma ABLE Tech and its partner, Fire Protection Publications, will continue installing specialized smoke alarm systems in Payne County as long as equipment supplies last! To qualify, you must live in Payne County and be deaf or hard of hearing. You must also provide proof of your disability. The equipment will have a bed shaker, a very loud low frequency bedside alert signal, and—in some homes—a strobe light to waken and alert people to a fire in their home. Visit our website or call us to get an application while supplies last.



The Oklahoma Equipment Exchange is a free program to help Oklahomans with disabilities acquire affordable equipment. Log onto the Equipment Exchange website, <http://oec.okstate.edu>, or call ABLE Tech to list your devices or inquire about products at 888.885.5588. Below is a summarized list of items currently for sale or FREE. To see our full list of items in stock or items needed, visit <http://oec.okstate.edu>.

### Available Devices

Category	County	Item Description	Asking Price
Daily Living	Payne	Test strips, syringes, lancets	FREE
Daily Living	Payne	T.E.D Stockings, size Medium	FREE
Daily Living	Payne	CCTV	FREE
Vehicle and Related	Payne	Four (4) vans with lifts	Call for price

\*In Oklahoma City, you may contact Katie Woodward with the Oklahoma Durable Medical Equipment Reuse Program for FREE mobility equipment such as walkers, canes, wheelchairs, scooters, and hospital beds.

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**Katie Woodward**, OKDMERP Program Manager

## Calendar of Events



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“On the Road Workshops” informational session on various programs and services available to Oklahomans with Disabilities. Individuals with disabilities, family members and professionals are encouraged to attend this all-day event. The workshop is free and lunch is provided. To register call 877-441-0434.

- Feb. 19, 2013: Guthrie, Granny Had One, Inc.
- March 26, 2013: Stillwater, OSU Seretean Wellness Center.

Feb. 12, 2013: *Oklahoma State Webmanagers Group (OSWG) Meeting.* Oklahoma City, Department of Libraries.

Feb. 28, 2013: *Electronic & Information Technology Accessibility Advisory Council Meeting.* Oklahoma City, State Capitol Building.

March 12, 2013: *Oklahoma State Webmanagers Group (OSWG) Meeting.* Oklahoma City, Department of Libraries.

March 25, 2013: *AgrAbility Day at the Capitol.*

April 4-5, 2013: *Oklahoma Association on Higher Education and Disability.* <http://www.ok-ahead.org/>.

April 10, 2013: *Oklahoma State Webmanagers Group (OSWG) Day at the Capitol.*

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