

## 2011 Year in Review

Happy New Year! As 2012 begins, we are excited to share Oklahoma ABLE Tech's highlights and key activities as reported in our 2011 Annual Report to be distributed to Oklahoma's legislators.

### Oklahoma ABLE Tech Statistics

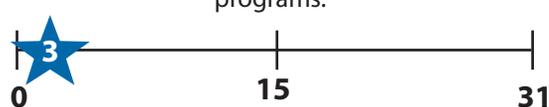
- 557 assistive technology (AT) devices loaned to Oklahomans in "try before you buy" short-term loan program.
- 529 AT demonstrations to Oklahomans were demonstrated by SoonerStart personnel to children 0-3 years old, another 759 demonstrations to Oklahomans were provided serving all ages.
- The Alternative Financing Program provided \$455,146 in AT device low interest bank loans assisting 79 Oklahomans with disabilities.
- 98 AT devices exchanged from sellers to buyers for a savings of \$149,824.
- 396 individuals received information and referral on AT devices and services.
- AT training events served over 1,403 people.

### Oklahoma's National Ranking

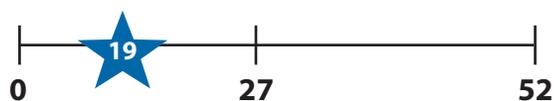
ABLE Tech ranks 2nd in the nation for number of devices exchanged out of 36 reutilization programs.



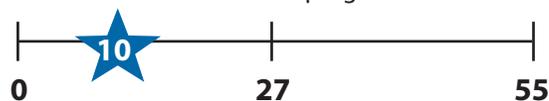
ABLE Tech ranks 3rd in the nation for number of loans made out of the 31 financial loan programs.



ABLE Tech ranks 19th in the nation for number of device loans out of 52 programs.



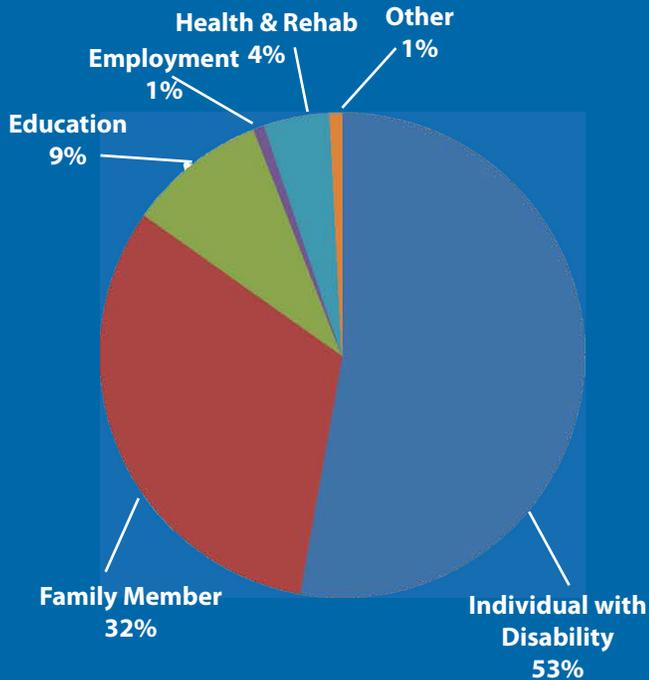
ABLE Tech ranks 10th in the nation for number of device demonstrations out of 55 AT demonstration programs.



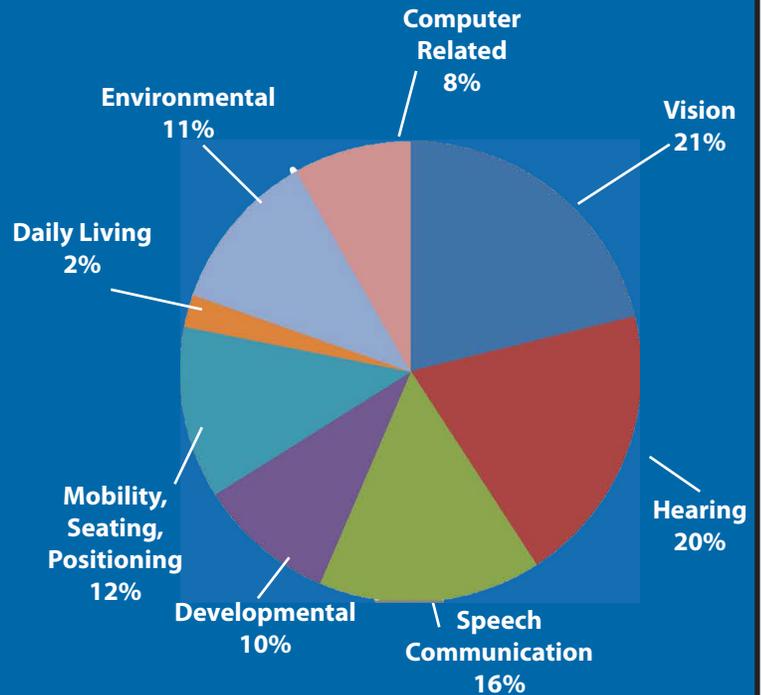
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# Demo and Loan Program Assisted Oklahomans

## Type of Individual



## AT Category



## Highlights

- ABLE Tech served individuals of all ages and all disabilities in Oklahoma.
- ABLE Tech and its partners provided 9 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 training on accessible information technology including web access, telecommunications, software accessibility, and procurement to 395 state agency and postsecondary personnel.
- “Fire Safety for Oklahomans with Disabilities” professionally installed 62 specialized smoke alarms in 45 households statewide.
- 25 Special Education Due Process hearings were resolved by the Special Education Resolution Center - 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 \$7,500,000.
- 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, Langston University, School of Physical Therapy and the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation provided direct services to 50 farmers or their family members and completed 32 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 six 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

ABLE Tech

Stillwater, OK  
800-257-1705

OKLAHOMA  
**OKDHS**  
EXCELLENCE  
Developmental  
Disabilities Services  
Division, Tulsa, OK  
918-794-7632

**IDRS**

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

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

The Children's  
Center

### Program Highlight: Alternative Financing Program

Through a partnership with BancFirst and the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation, Oklahoma ABLE Tech offers an Alternative Financing Program to Oklahomans with disabilities. The AFP is a low interest and/or guaranty bank loan that provides individuals the opportunity to borrow money for the purchase of needed assistive technology. In 2011, 79 loans were made to Oklahomans with disabilities to purchase primarily hearing aids and modified vehicles.

The terms for an unsecured AFP loan are a fixed interest rate of 6% and a maximum term of 3 years, while the terms for a secured loan are a fixed interest rate of 5% with a maximum term of 5 years. Applicants that are denied the low interest BancFirst of Stillwater loan can seek a guaranty of the loan through the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation.

ABLE Tech also provides an Access to Telework loan program designed to increase access to and funding of computers and other adaptive equipment so that Oklahomans with disabilities can be employed. The ATF provides the opportunity for a person with a disability to borrow money from BancFirst of Stillwater at a reduced interest rate. The terms for an ATF loan include a 6% fixed interest rate to not exceed a term of 5 years.



Pictured above is Mike Ward, an alternative financing program participant, who used the funds to purchase a modified vehicle. Mike said of the program, "The application process was simple and the people at BancFirst were easy to work with."

For more information please contact Kate Miller at ABLE Tech by phone at 800-257-1705 or by email at [kate.miller@okstate.edu](mailto:kate.miller@okstate.edu).

## *Success! Assistive Technology and My Story*



Oklahoma ABLE Tech is helping Oklahomans find assistive technology (AT) solutions through its demonstration program. Austin from Guymon currently is in need of Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM) at his school. Austin and his family came to the OSU Seretean Wellness Center to receive demonstrations of available AT that could assist him in accessing his classroom textbooks as well as complete his in-class and homework assignments. ABLE Tech staff demonstrated many pieces of equipment, but Austin chose the SOLO 6 by Don Johnston. This software can be loaded onto Austin's laptop to help him read digital textbooks, organize and write papers, and complete worksheets and tests electronically. Now this fun, energetic young man has a tool available to him that can grow with him as he continues his studies.

## *ABLE Tech Welcomes AT Teacher*

Kimberly Berry joined Oklahoma ABLE Tech in October as an Assistive Technology Teacher. She previously worked for Stillwater Public Schools and is certified in several subject areas including Elementary Education, Mild-Moderate/Learning Disabilities and Severe-Profound/Multiple Disabilities. Kimberly earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration- Marketing from Oklahoma State University. Kimberly and husband, Shane, are natives of Stillwater and have two elementary school aged children, Dax and Zada. In her new position, Kimberly will be helping to promote the use of assistive technology and accessible instructional materials in K-12 public schools throughout the state. Kimberly says she loves working with children who have special needs and she is looking forward to helping them reach their educational potential.



**OKLAHOMA SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOLUTION CENTER**

**ABLE Tech**

Last October, SERC participated in three different presentations at CADRE's nation symposium in Eugene, Oregon. The symposium is a national information disseminating conference on systems for dispute resolution in special education for all 56 states and territories. The main topic of the symposium was to specially highlight four exemplar state programs for dispute resolution in special education. Oklahoma was one of the four states that were highlighted as an exemplar program. Two breakout sessions were presented which addressed topics on contracting with an institute of higher learning for dispute resolution services and engaging state stakeholders to build capacity at the local level to resolve conflict at the earliest stage possible. Presenters representing Oklahoma: Christa Knight (OSDE), Linda Jaco (OSU/SERC), Sharon House (Oklahoma Parents Center), Andrea Kunkel (CCOSA) and Jo Anne Blades (OSU/SERC).

Oklahoma is highly praised as a state in which stakeholders come together on issues of mutual purpose and work together. SERC continues to support these efforts by collaborating with state organizations to improve the quality of the education of children with disabilities across our state.

For more information please contact SERC by phone at 888-267-0028 or by email at [jo.pool@okstate.edu](mailto:jo.pool@okstate.edu).



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 list of items currently for sale or FREE.

**Available Devices**

<i>Category</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Item Description</i>	<i>Asking Price</i>
Computer and Related	Payne	Lomak Alternative Keyboard #2	FREE
Computer and Related	Payne	Lomak Alternative Keyboard #1	FREE
Daily Living	Oklahoma	Bed Shampoo Tub and Pressure Boots	\$100.00
Daily Living	Kay	Hospital Bed	\$300.00
Daily Living	Oklahoma	Hospital Bed for youth	FREE
Daily Living	Payne	Hospital Bed- Elec. w/ Twin Mattress	\$600.00
Daily Living	Oklahoma	Hospital Bed- No Mattress	\$100.00
Daily Living	Payne	Mic-Key button low-profile	FREE
		gastronomy feeding tubes	
Daily Living	Kay	Portable Commode Chair	FREE
Daily Living	Kay	Full Body Large Mesh Sling	\$100.00
Daily Living	Kay	Offeset Trapeze Bar-Octagon Tube	\$154.00
Daily Living	Kay	Swivel Clamp and Bracket	\$80.00
Daily Living	Kay	Hydraulic Lift- in home system	\$700.00
Daily Living	Kay	Mattress- Demofloat cushion	\$1,500.00
Daily Living	Custer	Porta Potty	\$5.00
Daily Living	Payne	Tilt Table Transfer Manual	\$750.00
Mobility Related	Tulsa	Pedal Wheelchair	\$350.00
Mobility Related	Oklahoma	Portable hand controls for vehicle	\$650.00
Mobility Related	Custer	Electric Hoveround Wheelchair	\$200.00
Mobility Related	Kay	Wheelchair Recliner Tracer	\$400.00
Mobility Related	Kay	Wheelchair- Tilt Recline	\$5,000.00
Mobility Related	Garfield	Go-Go Elite Traveler Scooter	\$750.00
Mobility Related	Payne	Easy Stand 5000	\$2500
Mobility Related	Payne	Hoyer Lift- hydraulic	\$300.00
Mobility Related	Creek	Power Chair with digital controls	\$2000.00
Mobility Related	Payne	Wheelchair-Manual w/ Head extension	\$500.00
Mobility Related	Creek	Wheelchair-Pwr Storm 3G Ranger X RWD	\$600.00
Mobility Related	Custer	Walker- Hemi	FREE
Mobility Related	Custer	Walker- Non-foldable	FREE
Mobility Related	Custer	Walker- Folding	FREE
Recreation, Sports, Leisure	Payne	Slim Arm Mounting System	FREE
Speech Communication	Denton, TX	Tobii C8 Communicator	\$3,900.00
Vehicle and Related	Garfield	Lift ONLY- Hercules 3000 Lift	\$500.00
Vehicle and Related	Tulsa	Van with Lift 2005 Dodge Caravan	\$21,000.00
Vehicle and Related	Payne	Van with Lift- 1999 Chevy 1500 Eclipse	\$13,500.00
Vehicle and Related	Payne	Van with Lift- 1997 Entervan Chrysler	\$11,500.00

**NEEDED**

Mobility Related	Marshall	Stander
Mobility Related	Marshall	Tricycle, Adult
Mobility Related	Muskogee	Stander

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**Oklahoma State University**  
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## Calendar of Events



Seretean Wellness Center  
REAL SOLUTIONS FOR REAL PEOPLE

February 3-4, 2012: Therapeutic Recreation Association of  
Oklahoma Conference <http://www.trao.net/>

February 6th,-8th 2012: DRS Public Hearing on Policy Changes  
<http://www.okrehab.org/index.html>

March 2, 2012: Free Parent Training Annual Conference- Reed  
Conference Center in Midwest City [http://oklahomaparentscen-  
ter.org/](http://oklahomaparentscen-<br/>ter.org/)

March 6, 2012: Free Family Perspective Workshop- "On the Road"  
Anadarko, OK 8:30AM to 3:30PM sponsored by Oasis  
<http://oasis.ouhsc.edu/>

March 26, 2012: AgrAbility Day at the Capital- [http://agrability.  
okstate.edu](http://agrability.<br/>okstate.edu).

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