Assistive Technology Guide for New Jersey

This guide has been prepared to strengthen awareness of Assistive Technology (AT), accommodations and accessible equipment funding and service programs. Please check with disability specific condition providers too. For example, the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, Christopher Reeves Foundation, etc.

AT Advocacy

The Richard West Assistive Technology Advocacy Center (ATAC) - Disability Rights New Jersey

Implementing agency for AT Act and Protection and Advocacy for AT in New Jersey. Provides advocacy services, training and technical assistance on AT issues.

Phone: 800-922-7233

AT Demonstration Programs and Lending Programs

Advancing Opportunities

Provides AT device loan and demonstration services across New Jersey.

Phone: 1-888-322-1918

Adam Krass Consulting

Provides assistive technology services to children and adults with disabilities throughout New Jersey and the New York metropolitan area.

Phone: 201-618-2315

1st Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey

Has a variety of products and equipment for evaluation and to try out.

Phone: 973-751-0200

Family Resource Associates

Provides AT device demonstration and borrowing services.

Phone: 732-747-5310 ext. 114

Assorted AT Services and Goodwill Home Medical Equipment

Provides AT device reutilization retail services.

Phone: 609-812-2210

Pillar Care Continuum

Provides AT assessments and demonstrations for people of all ages in schools and home settings.

Phone: 973-821-8128

AT Funding and Support Services

You may want to see if you qualify for funding to help you to purchase AT. Simply dial “211” on your phone to ask about Assistive Technology and services available in your community. You can also use your local **211 online database** to find services.

211 NJ Assistive Technology Listing

Blind and Visually Impaired Services and Grants

Association of Blind Citizens

Grant to cover 50% of the retail price of adaptive devices or software.

Commission for the Blind

AT training in Consumer’s Home, Work, School

Department of Human Services Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Assistive Technology resources and services for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Phone: 877-685-8878

Computers for the Blind (CFTB)

Computers with assistive technology for people who are blind or have low vision.

Phone: 214-340-6328

I Can Connect

Operates device distribution program for individuals who are deaf/blind.

Phone: 609-771-2711

Free Currency Reader

For more information about the U.S. Currency Reader Program, visit the website of the **Bureau of Engraving and Printing Meaningful Access Program**.

The Seeing Eye

Breeds and raises puppies to become Seeing Eye dogs, trains Seeing Eye dogs to guide blind people, instructs blind people in the proper use, handling, and care of the dogs and conducts and supports research on canine health and development.

Vision Loss Alliance

Education, support services and assistive technology and independent living skills training for people with vision loss or blindness.

Phone: 973.627.0055

Adaptive Sports and Activities

AllCare Adaptive Sports

Bayonne Navigators Adaptive Sports

Bergen County Adaptive Recreation and Sports Programs

Challenged Athletes and Adaptive Sports National Listing

Middlesex County Adaptive Recreation and Sprots Programs

Monmouth County Adaptive Recreation and Sports Programs

Princeton Adaptive Recreation and Sports

Rutgers Center for Disability Sports, Health and Wellness

Sports Abilities

Wheeling Forward

Wheelchair provision and adaptive sporting clinics.

Phone: 646-450-0077

Aging and Disability Resource Centers

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) across the country seek to address the frustrations many older adults, people with disabilities, and family members experience when trying to learn about and access long-term services and supports.

Aging and Disability Resource Connection

Provides information and referral for local AT services**.**

Phone: 800-356-1561

Agriculture – Farming

AgrAbility

AT for agriculture or farming environment.

Center for Independent Living

Service for people with disabilities and may have used AT.

Employment

American Dream Employment Network (ADEN)

Help for SSI / SSDI beneficiaries who are interested in working to their fullest ability while using the SSA work supports.

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Provides Assistive Technology for employment and training.

Federal Employers

Federal employers may be able to take advantage of the services offered by the Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program.

Job Accommodation Network

Provides a Searchable Online Accommodation Resource (SOAR) with information about AT solutions for workplace accommodations.

Phone: 1-800-526-7234

Partnership On Employment and Accessibility Technology (PEAT)

Information and guidance for AT users, employers and AT vendors.

Plan to Achieve Self Support (PASS)

Allows an SSI / SSDI recipient with a disability to set aside income for a short- or long-term employment goal, which can include purchase of AT.

Phone: 800-772-1213

Housing – Modification

Habitat for Humanity

Home repair and modification.

New Jersey Division of Disability Services

Provides a variety of services for individuals with late-onset disabilities, including home modifications.

Phone: 888-285-3036

PerformCare

Financial assistance for assistive technology devices and/or home/vehicle modifications.

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Provides loans and grants to low-income homeowners for housing rehabilitation/modification.

Phone: 800-670-6553

USDA Rural Housing and Development

Single Family Housing Loans and Grants.

Phone: 856-787-7700

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

Provides access to low-cost financing/grant options for home modifications.

Assorted Assistive Technology and Services

New Jersey State Health Insurance Program

Provides free help to Medicare beneficiaries who have questions about their health insurance.

New Jersey Coalition for the Advancement of Rehabilitation Technology

Provides information about local AT providers through the “CARTWHEEL” service.

New Jersey Division for the HHS Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Device distribution of amplified and hearing carry over telephone, CapTel, smoke, CO, Carbon Monoxide detector, baby cry alert and artificial larynx device, tablet and smart phone.

Phone: 609-588-2648

Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund

Provides financial assistance to qualified families caring for children, under the age of 22, with special health needs and disabilities. The CICRF can help families with certain medical and related expenses not covered by insurance, public benefits or other financial source.

Phone: 1-800-335-3863

Christopher Reeve Foundation

Supports and service for spinal cord injury.

Department of Children and Families

Statewide children's system of care provides access to a variety of services for children with disabilities, including AT services.

Phone: 877-652-7624

New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities

Provides a variety of services for adults with developmental disabilities who are eligible for Medicaid.

Phone: 800-832-9173

Division for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Operates device distribution program and statewide device demonstration center for people who are deaf and hard of hearing.

Phone: TTY: 800-792-8339

Department of Education

Implements federal special education legislation for local school districts, which may be required to provide AT services for students as part of a free, appropriate public education.

Phone: 609-292-0147

New Jersey Family Care

Health insurance coverage for children and families, which may include access to medically necessary AT and a smart phone.

Phone: 800-701-0710

Healing the Children NJ

Assistance to children who have complex medical diagnoses and developmental disabilities by purchasing specialized equipment, therapies, camps, and more.

Healthcare.gov

Provides access to information about medical insurance, which can help pay for medically necessary durable medical equipment.

Phone: 800-318-2596; TTY: 855-889-4325

Hearing Aid Project for New Jersey

Refurbished hearing aids available.

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Internal Revenue Service/U.S. Department of the Treasury

Provides tax credits for medical expenditures, including AT for vehicle modification and home modification.

Phone: 800-829-1040

Kiwanis Club

Your local Kiwanis Club may provide used AT or funds for purchase.

Lions Club

A local Lions Club may provide assistance for the purchase of glasses, hearing aids, health-related services, scholarships or educational needs and HARP hearing and vision aid reuse program.

Medicaid Waiver Services for people with disabilities in New Jersey

Medicaid Waiver may allow for the provision of assistive technology for individuals.

Medicaid

Provides health insurance coverage for individuals who meet income and resource requirements, including access to durable medical equipment.

Phone: 800-356-1561

Medicaid Managed Long Term Services and Supports

Provides health insurance coverage for individuals who meet income and resource requirements, including access to durable medical equipment.

Phone: 800-356-1561

Medicare

Provides funding for medically necessary durable medical equipment.

Phone: 800-633-4227

Red Treehouse

Funding and grants for children with health needs and disabilities.

RESNA

Blog for discussing the selection of appropriate AT devices and financing.

Traumatic Brain Injury Fund

Provides direct funding for the needs of individuals with traumatic brain injuries, including AT devices and services.

Phone: 888-285-3036

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Grants for home modification and rehabilitation service members and veterans with service-related disabilities.

Phone: 800-827-1000

Variety

Special adaptive bikes, equipment, and services.

Financial Education and Capability Resources

National Disability Institute (NDI)

ABLE National Resource Center, ADEN employment network, financial education, Financial Resilience Center and Small Business Hub.

Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation

AT Loan Programs

These AT loan programs may allow individuals with disabilities to borrow money at reduced interest rates or with other favorable terms. If you are in need of additional funds for AT, you may apply for a loan from:

National Disability Institute (NDI)'s Assistive Technology Loan Program

AT Loan Program provides financial education and AT loans ranging from $200 - $45,000 at 4% interest, with repayment term up to 10 years.

Vehicle - Driver Assessment and Training

Driver Rehabilitation Providers

St. Joseph's Driver Rehabilitation Services

Hackensack Meridian Health Driver Rehabilitation Services

Atlantic Health System Driver Rehabilitation Services

Modified/Accessible Vehicle Information and Resources

Road Safety Information Regarding Adaptive Vehicles

Money Geek: Disability Accessibility Through Adapted Vehicles: A Guide for Vehicle Modifications to Insurance

National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association: Rebate Programs

May reimburse up to $1,000 of the purchase price of a new or leased modified vehicle.

Phone: 813.264.2697

PerformCare

Financial assistance for assistive technology devices and/or home/vehicle modifications.

Accessible Vehicle Dealers: Lease-Purchase-Rental

(NDI's AT Loan Program can offer a loan to purchase an accessible vehicle or a vehicle that will be made accessible at 4% interest; repayment term up to 10 years)

AMS Vans

BraunAbility

Freedom Motors

MobilityWorks