



## Assistive Technology Guide for New York

This guide has been prepared in an effort to strengthen awareness of Assistive Technology (AT) funding and service programs. If you or someone you know is in need of AT, one or more of the six listings may help you to find and pay for the AT that best meets your needs.

### AT Demonstration Programs and AT Lending Programs

**You may want to test an item at an AT Demonstration program prior to purchase or see if the item you need can be borrowed, often indefinitely, from a provider.**

#### **NYS Justice Center**

TRAID Program  
161 Delaware Ave.  
Delmar, NY 12054  
Phone: 800-624-4143

The TRAIID Program funds 12 regional assistive technology centers that provide device re-utilization, demonstration and loans to individuals with disabilities. If you are interested in an one of these options, see the list of centers below, and contact the center that serves your area:

#### **Long Island TRAIID Center (Nassau, Suffolk)**

##### **Long Island Communities of Practice**

P.O. Box 5013  
Montauk, NY 11954  
Phone 631-668-4858  
Website: [www.licop.org/traid.html](http://www.licop.org/traid.html)

- **Nassau Location:**  
77 Arkay Drive  
P.O. Box 12173  
Hauppauge, NY 11788  
Phone: 516-396-2500
- **Suffolk Location:**  
44 So. Elmwood Ave.

P.O. Box 2143  
Montauk, NY 11954  
Phone: 631-668-4858  
Email: [info@licop.org](mailto:info@licop.org)  
Website: [www.licop.org](http://www.licop.org)

**Central New York TRAIID Center (Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, Oswego, Tompkins)  
ACCESS NY**

1603 Court Street  
Syracuse, NY 13208  
Phone: 315-410-3336  
Website: [www.accesscny.org](http://www.accesscny.org)

**Hudson Valley Regional TRAIID Center (Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster)  
UCP of Ulster County**

250 Tuytenbridge Road, PO Box 1488  
Kingston, NY 12402  
Phone 845-336-7235 x2173 or x2129  
Website: <http://www.cpulster.org/services/traid-program/>

**Genesee-Finger Lakes TRAIID Center (Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, Yates)  
Regional Center for Independent Living**

497 State Street  
Phone 585-442-6470  
Website: [www.rcil.org/page/services/loancloset](http://www.rcil.org/page/services/loancloset)

**AIM Independent Living Center (AIM ILC) (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung,  
Schuyler, Steuben)**

271 East First Street  
Corning, NY 14830  
Phone 607-962-8225 x133  
Website: [www.aimcil.com](http://www.aimcil.com)

**Adirondack Regional Technology Center (Clinton, Essex, Franklin, St. Lawrence)  
SUNY College at Plattsburgh**

101 Broad Street,  
227 Sibley Hall  
Plattsburgh, NY 12901  
Phone 518-564-3360 or 3366  
Website: [www.plattsburgh.edu/offices/centers/cisp/artc/](http://www.plattsburgh.edu/offices/centers/cisp/artc/)

**Southern Tier Independence Center (STIC) (Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, Tioga)**  
135 East Frederick Street

Binghamton, NY 13904  
Phone 607-724-2111 x244  
Website: <http://www.stic-cil.org/traid.html>

**Center for Assistive Technology, Inc. (Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, Wyoming)**

315 Alberta Drive, Suite 102  
Amherst, NY 14226  
(716) 836-1350 Voice  
Website: [www.cat.buffalo.edu/traid](http://www.cat.buffalo.edu/traid)

**Lower Hudson Valley Technology Center (Putnam, Rockland, Westchester)**

**Westchester Institute for Human Development**

Cedarwood Hall, 4th Floor  
Valhalla, NY 10595-1689  
Phone 914-493-7364  
Website: <http://www.wihd.org/individuals-families-caregivers/assistive-technology/>

**Southern Adirondack Independent Living Center (Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, Washington)**

71 Glenwood Avenue  
Queensbury, NY 12804  
Phone 518-792-3537 Voice  
Website: [www.sailhelps.org/services/equipment/](http://www.sailhelps.org/services/equipment/)

**TRAID Center at Upstate Cerebral Palsy (Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Montgomery, Oneida)**

675 Catherine St.  
Utica, NY 13501  
Phone 315-292-1968  
Website: [www.upstatecp.org/lending-and-loan-equipment-library](http://www.upstatecp.org/lending-and-loan-equipment-library)

**Technology Resources Center - NYC (Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island)  
United Cerebral Palsy of NYC**

80 West End Ave  
New York, New York 10023  
Phone 877-827-2666  
Website: [www.ucpnyc.org](http://www.ucpnyc.org)

- **Brooklyn Satellite Office**  
175 Lawrence Avenue, 1st Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11230  
Phone 718-436-7979 x710

Website: [www.ucpnyc.org/site/c.buIWJcNSKnL6G/b.6561427/k.48DE/Assistive Technology Resources.htm](http://www.ucpnyc.org/site/c.buIWJcNSKnL6G/b.6561427/k.48DE/Assistive_Technology_Resources.htm)

## AT Re-Use Programs

You may want to see if used and sanitized AT can meet your need.

### Assistive Technology Exchange in New England & New York

The goal of the Assistive Technology Exchange in New England & New York is to put AT equipment that is not currently being used into the hands of someone who can benefit from it. The exchange is a free "classified ad" type resource designed to help people find, buy, sell or give away used AT equipment.

<http://www.getatstuff.com/home.php>

### PASS It On

National AT Reuse Centers: used equipment available.

<http://passitoncenter.org/>

## AT Funding Sources

**You may want to see if you qualify for funding to help you to purchase AT.**

Simply dial "211" or "311" on your phone to ask about Assistive Technology and services available in your community.

- **New York City: phone: 311**  
<http://www1.nyc.gov/311/>
- **Long Island (Nassau and Suffolk): phone: 211**  
<http://www.211longisland.org/cms/>
- **Hudson Valley Region (Westchester): 211**  
<http://www.hudson211.org/cms/>

## State & Federal AT Support Services

These programs provide access to funding for AT programs through a variety of means. All programs have different eligibility requirements.

### **Agrability**

AT for agriculture or farming environment.

<http://agrability.org/COI/archive.cfm>

### **ACCES-VR**

Provides Assistive Technology for employment and training.

<http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/do/locations.htm>

### **ARISE**

Home Modification services.

<http://www.ariseinc.org/advocacy-accessibility/home-modification-program/>

### **Assistive Technology Program (TRAIID)**

Coordinates AT services and equipment exchange.

<http://www.justicecenter.ny.gov/services-supports/assistive-technology-traid/locations>

### **Association of Blind Citizens**

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

[http://www.blindcitizens.org/assistive\\_tech.htm](http://www.blindcitizens.org/assistive_tech.htm)

### **AT Reuse Centers**

National AT Reuse Centers: used equipment available.

<http://passitoncenter.org/locations/SearchResults.aspx>

### **Autism Speaks**

Computer Apps for persons with Autism.

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/autism-apps>

## **Commission for the Blind**

AT training in Consumer's Home, Work, School

<http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cb/assistiveDatabase.asp>

Free currency reader: [For more information about the U.S. Currency Reader Program, visit the website of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at:](#)

<http://www.moneyfactory.gov/uscurrencyreaderpgm.html>

## **Equipment Loan Fund**

Provide low interest loans from \$500 - \$4,000.

NYS Office of Children and Family Services

52 Washington Street, Room 201 South

Rensselaer, NY 12144

Phone 518-474-0197

<http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cb/equiploanfund.asp>

## **Crime Victims Compensation**

Possible compensation for prosthesis or equipment.

[http://www.troopers.ny.gov/CONTACT\\_US/Crime\\_Victims/](http://www.troopers.ny.gov/CONTACT_US/Crime_Victims/)

## **Center for Assistive Technology; State University of New York at Buffalo**

Evaluations and consultations for ages 3 – 21.

<http://cat.buffalo.edu/>

## **Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences**

Resources and research related to communication and speech.

<http://aac-rerc.com/>

## **Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access (CATEA)**

AT Products & Vendors.

<http://assistivetech.net/>

### **Disability Rights New York**

Protection and Advocacy for AT; will provide legal representation to obtain AT through Medicaid, to support employment or to support an educational goal.

<https://www.disabilityrightsny.org/>

Phone: 1-800-993-8982

### **Dollars & Sense**

A guide to help navigate the funding streams of Assistive Technology.

<http://gatfl.org/ds/>

Phone: 1-800-497-8665

### **ICanConnect**

Free communication technology and training for individuals who have significant combined vision and hearing loss and meet federal income guidelines.

<http://www.icanconnect.org/>

### **Federal Employers**

Federal employers may be able to take advantage of the services offered by the [Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program](#).

### **Housing & Urban Development (HUD)**

Home Modification assistance.

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/topics/home\\_improvements](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/topics/home_improvements)

### **Job Accommodation Network**

Searchable Online Accommodation Resources (SOAR).

<http://askjan.org/soar/disabilities.html>

Phone: 1-800-526-7234

### **Muscle Movement Foundation**

Provides physical, financial, and emotional accommodations to families affected by neuromuscular disease in the United States. The applicant's diagnosis, annual household income, outside agency support, and intended use of grant will be evaluated prior to the approval of accommodations.

<http://www.musclemovementfoundation.org/>

Phone: 302-501-6631

### **Neighborhood Housing Services/ New York City**

Funding / grant: home emergency loan program

<http://www.nhsnyc.org>

Phone: 212-519-2500

### **Neighborhood Legal Services Assistive Technology Projects**

Funding of AT Manual Series.

<http://www.nls.org/Disability/NationalAssistiveTechnologyProject>

Phone: 716-847-0650

### **Neighborhood Legal Services**

Funding Presentations:

- [Funding AT for the Blind](#)
- [Non-traditional Funding Sources for Assistive Technology](#)

### **New York State School for the Blind**

Assistive Technology Resources: Tutorials and Tips for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/nyssb/departments/atc2.html>

Phone: 585-343-5384

### **Nursing Home Diversion Waiver**

Environmental Modification Services for home & vehicle; one of several AT waiver programs.

[https://www.health.ny.gov/facilities/long\\_term\\_care/waiver/nhtd\\_manual/index.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/facilities/long_term_care/waiver/nhtd_manual/index.htm)



## **Plan for Achieving Self-support (PASS)**

SSA work support for SSI/SSDI beneficiaries that may extend benefits to fund assistive technology related to employment goals.

<http://www.passonline.org/>

(User can obtain password and complete official PASS form.)

- Newsletter and policy brief on PASS:  
[http://www.nymakesworkpay.org/docs/MIG\\_Newsletter\\_2.2/revised%202012/MIG\\_Newsletter\\_2.2\\_2012%20Updates.pdf](http://www.nymakesworkpay.org/docs/MIG_Newsletter_2.2/revised%202012/MIG_Newsletter_2.2_2012%20Updates.pdf) and <http://www.nymakesworkpay.org/docs/PASS-1.3.pdf>

## **PASS It On**

National Assistive Technology Device Reutilization Coordination and Technical Assistance Center.

<http://passitoncenter.org/>

Phone: 1-800-497-8665

## **Partnership On Employment and Accessibility Technology (PEAT)**

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

<http://www.peatworks.org/action-steps>

## **Rebuilding Together**

Find local home modification programs and resources.

<http://rebuildingtogether.org/>

## **Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Technologies**

Assistive technology research, development and training supports.

<http://www.techsage.gatech.edu/>

Phone: 1-404-385-2564

## **RESNA**

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

<https://atpdc.wordpress.com/>

## **United Cerebral Palsy**

Elise Bellows Fund for assistive technology.

<http://ucp.org/findaffiliate/>

## **Wheeling Forward**

Wheel chair provision and adaptive sporting clinics.

<http://wheelingforward.org/about/>

Phone: 646-450-0077

## **Veterans' Administration**

AT, home and vehicle modification available; consult with local VA office.

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/serviceconnected/Auto.pdf>

## **Loan Programs**

Individuals with disabilities can apply for a loan to borrow money to pay for AT devices. 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 one of the following providers:

### **National Disability Institute**

AT Loan Program; provides financial education and AT loans ranging from \$500 - \$30,000.

[www.realeconomicimpact.org](http://www.realeconomicimpact.org)

Phone: 202.449.9521

### **Bank of America Access Loans**

Offers single-loan financing for purchase of new or used cars, vans or light-duty trucks and necessary adaptive equipment.

<https://www.bankofamerica.com/auto-loans/access-loans/disability-access-loans.go>

800-215-6195 (Voice); 866-345-1248 (TTY)

### **Neighborhood Housing Services of New York City, Inc.**

Home Emergency Loan Program (Project HELP); provides emergency loans up to \$20,000 for home owner residents of New York City.

<http://www.nhsnyc.org/index.php/en/>; Phone: 212-519-2500

## **Vehicle Modification Rebate Programs**

These programs offer cash reimbursement for newly purchased or, in some cases, leased vehicles to help offset the cost of installing adaptive driver or passenger equipment.

### **Chrysler Automobility Program**

<http://www.chryslerautomobility.com/>

Phone: 800-255.9877

### **Ford Mobility Motoring Program**

<https://www.fordmobilitymotoring.com/>

Phone: 800-952-2248

### **Honda Mobility Assistance Program**

<http://automobiles.honda.com/images/information/mobility/mobility-reimbursement-application.pdf>

### **G M Mobility Reimbursement Program**

<http://www.gmfleet.com/overview/mobility-vehicles.html>

Phone: 800-323.9935

### **Lexus Mobility Program**

<http://www.lexus.com/pdf/models/LexusMobilityForm.pdf>

Phone: 800-255-3987

### **Mobility by Volvo Program**

[http://volvo.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/8927/related/1](http://volvo.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/8927/related/1)

Phone: 800-803-5222

### **National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association: Rebate Programs**

<http://www.nmeda.com/?gclid=CNDopMrKs8gCFUyPHwodec8KkQ>

Phone: 866-949-8341

### **National Highway and Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA)**

Information on vehicle modification and list of resources including manufacturer rebates and reimbursement options.

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/cars/rules/adaptive/brochure/brochure.html#Anchor-Choose-14210>

### **Toyota Mobility Program**

<http://www.toyotamobility.com/>

Phone: 800-331-4331