Assistive Technology Guide for New Jersey

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

You may want to test an item at an AT Demonstration program prior to purchase.

Advancing Opportunities

Provides AT device loan and demonstration services across New Jersey.

https://www.assistivetechnologycenter.org/

Phone: 888-322-1918, ext. 595

Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey

Provides AT device demonstration services.

http://cpnj.org/

Phone: 973.821.8128

Family Resource Associates

Provides AT device demonstration and borrowing services.

http://www.frainc.org/

Phone: 732-747-5310 ext. 114

New Jersey 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
AT Re-Use Programs

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

Goodwill Home Medical Equipment
Provides AT device reutilization retail services.
http://www.goodwillhomemedical.org/
Phone: 609-812-2210

PASS It On
National Assistive Technology Device Reutilization Coordination and Technical Assistance Center.
http://passitoncenter.org/
Phone: 1.800.497.8665

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. Operates “Back in Action:” device reutilization program and posts an AT resource list.
http://www.drnj.org/atac/
http://backinaction.drnj.org/home.php
http://www.drnj.org/atac/?page_id=40
Phone: 800-922-7233; TTY: 609- 292-9742
AT Funding Sources

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

Federal Resources

The federal government has a wide range of programs to increase the independence of people with disabilities, including access to AT and funding for vehicle and home modification. For more information about federal resources, visit https://www.disability.gov/.

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Provides loans and grants to low-income homeowners for housing rehabilitation.  
Phone: 800-670-6553

Federal Employers

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

Healthcare.gov

Provides access to information about medical insurance, which can help pay for medically-necessary durable medical equipment.  
https://www.healthcare.gov/  
Phone: 800-318-2596; TTY: 855-889-4325

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/
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Provides access to low-cost financing for home modifications.
http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/disabilities/pwd.cfm
Phone: 800-767-7468

Medicare
Provides funding for medically necessary durable medical equipment.
https://www.medicare.gov/
Phone: 800-633-4227

Social Security Administration
A Plan to Achieve Self Support (PASS) allows an SSI recipient with a disability to set aside income for a short- or long-term employment goal, which can include AT.
http://www.ssa.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-plans-self-support.htm
Phone: 800-772-1213

U.S. Department of the Treasury
Provides tax credits for medical expenditures, which can include AT, vehicle modification and home modification.
Phone: 800-829-1040

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Makes grants available to service members and veterans with service-related disabilities for home modification and rehabilitation.
http://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/
Phone: 800-827-1000
**National AT and Disability Centers**
These federally-funded programs provide information and referral services related to a variety of AT and disability issues.

**Agrability**
AT for agriculture and farming environments.

**Georgia Institute of Technology**
The program provides an online database with information about AT products and vendors.
[http://assistivetech.net/](http://assistivetech.net/)
Phone: 404-894-4960

**Job Accommodation Network**
Provides a Searchable Online Accommodation Resource (SOAR) with information about AT solutions for workplace accommodations.
[http://askjan.org/soar/disabilities.html](http://askjan.org/soar/disabilities.html)
Phone: 800-526-7234; TTY: 877-781-9403

**Partnership On Employment and Accessibility Technology (PEAT)**
Information and guidance for AT users, employers and AT vendors.
[http://www.peatworks.org/action-steps](http://www.peatworks.org/action-steps)

**Pass It On Center**
The national AT reuse center works to foster improvements in AT reuse practices.
Phone: 800-497-8665
State Resources

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

“211”
Find local providers of AT services. Simply dial 211 on your phone.

http://www.nj211.org/
Phone: 211

Aging and Disability Resource Connection
Provides information and referral for local AT services.

http://www.adrcnj.org/
Phone: 800-356-1561

Association for Blind Citizens
Grant to cover 50% of the retail price of adaptive devices or software.

http://www.blindcitizens.org/assistive_tech.htm

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.

https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cicrf/home/
Phone: 1.800.335.3863

Crime Victims Assistance
Possible compensation for loss of prosthesis or equipment.

http://www.nj.gov/oag/njvictims/contact.html

I Can Connect
Operates device distribution program for individuals who are deaf/blind.
**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.


Phone: 302-501-6631

**New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired**
AT labs in CBVI centers; assist with access to AT equipment.

[http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi/services/atech/](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi/services/atech/)

Phone: 877-685-8878

**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/uscurrencyreadergm.html](http://www.moneyfactory.gov/uscurrencyreadergm.html)

**New Jersey AT Service Providers**
These programs provide direct services to individuals with disabilities in New Jersey who need access to AT.

**New Jersey 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 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.
http://www.state.nj.us/education/specialed/
Phone: 609-292-0147

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http://nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/home/
http://nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/equipment/
Phone: TTY: 800-792-8339

New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities
Provides a variety of services for adults with developmental disabilities who are eligible for Medicaid.
http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/home/
Phone: 800-832-9173

New Jersey Division of Disability Services
Provides a variety of services for individuals with late-onset disabilities, including home modifications.
http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/home/
Phone: 888-285-3036

New Jersey Family Care
Provides health insurance coverage for children and families, which can include access to medically necessary AT.
http://www.njfamilycare.org/default.aspx
Phone: 800-701-0710
New Jersey State Health Insurance Program
Provides free help to New Jersey Medicare beneficiaries who have problems with or questions about their health insurance.

http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/ship/
Phone: 800-792-8820

New Jersey Traumatic Brain Injury Fund
Provides direct funding for the needs of individuals with traumatic brain injuries, including AT devices and services.

http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/oias/tbis/tbifund.html
Phone: 888-285-3036

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

http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/
Phone: 800-356-1561

Medicaid Managed Long Term Services and Supports
Provides comprehensive services and supports for individuals enrolled in Medicaid waiver program.

http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/home/mltss.html
Phone: 888-285-3036

Wheeling Forward
Wheelchair provision and adaptive sporting clinics.

http://wheelingforward.org/about/
Phone: 646-450-0077

Vocational Rehabilitation
Provides Assistive Technology for employment and training.

http://careerconnections.nj.gov/careerconnections/plan/foryou/disable/dvrs_field_office_locations.shtml
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Phone: 609-225-4509
Neighborhood Legal Services
Funding Presentations:
  • Funding AT for the Blind
  • Non-traditional Funding Sources for Assistive Technology

New Jersey Coalition for the Advancement of Rehabilitation Technology
Provides information about local AT providers through the “CARTWHEEL” service.
http://www.njcart.org/
http://www.drnj.org/atac/?page_id=223

State of New Jersey Department of Human Services
Catastrophic Illness In Children Relief Fund
http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cicrf/home/
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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.
http://www.realeconomicimpact.org/asset-development/assistive-technology-loan-program
Phone: 202-296-2040

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
Phone: 1.844.892.6002; 866-345-1248 (TTY)

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
Phone: 800.255.9877

Ford Mobility Motoring Program
https://www.fordmobilitymotoring.com/
Phone: 800-952-2248

G M Mobility Reimbursement Program
http://www.gmfleet.com/overview/mobility-vehicles.html
Phone: 800-323-9935

Honda Mobility Program
https://automobiles.honda.com/mobility-assistance
Phone: 1.800.999.1009
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/~/what-is-mobility-by-volvo%3F
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