Assistive Technology (AT) Guide for New Jersey

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

Local Resource Directory

You may want to see if you qualify for funding to help you purchase AT. Simply dial “211” on your phone to ask about Assistive Technology and services available in your community.

nj211.org

AT Advocacy

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.

drnj.org/atac/
Phone: 800-922-7233

New Jersey State Health Insurance Program
Provides free help to Medicare beneficiaries who have questions about their health insurance.

state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/ship/
Phone: 800-792-8820
AT Demonstration Programs
You may want to try out an item at an AT Demonstration program prior to borrowing or purchasing AT.

Advancing Opportunities
Provides AT device loan and demonstration services across New Jersey.
www.assistivetechnologycenter.org
Phone: 1.888.322.1918

Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey
Provides AT device demonstration services.
www.cpnj.org
Phone: 973-763-9900, ext. 1100

Family Resource Associates
Provides AT device demonstration and borrowing services.
www.frainc.org
Phone: 732-747-5310 ext. 114

Goodwill Home Medical Equipment
Provides AT device reutilization retail services.
www.goodwillhomemedical.org
Phone: 609-225-4509
Pillar Care Continuum
Provides AT assessments and demonstrations for people of all ages in schools and home settings.

pillarnj.org
Phone: 973.821.8128

Assistive Technology Funding

Agrability
AT assessment for agriculture or farming environment and listing of funding opportunities.

agrability.org/COI/archive.cfm

New Jersey Coalition for the Advancement of Rehabilitation Technology
Provides information about local AT providers through the “CARTWHEEL” service.

drnj.org/atac/?page_id=223

New Jersey Division for the HHS Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Device distribution of amplified and hearing carry over telephone, CapTel, some detector, baby cry alert and artificial larynx device.

nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/equipment/
Phone: 609.588.2648

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

adrcnj.org
Phone: 800-356-1561
Agrability
AT for agriculture and farming environments.
agrability.org

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Provides loans and grants to low-income homeowners for housing rehabilitation/modification.
rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-repair-loans-grants
Phone: 800-670-6553

Association for Blind Citizens
Grant to cover 50% of the retail price of adaptive devices or software.
blindcitizens.org/assistive_tech.htm

Camden County Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Bridge Loan (CICRFBL)
Assists local families by providing secured “bridge loans” for up to $5,000 to be used for eligible down payments or expenses.
camdencounty.com/service/health-human-services/catastrophic-illness-children-bridge-loan/
Phone: 856-374-6021

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.
state.nj.us/humanservices/cicrf/home/
Phone: 1.800.335.3863
Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
AT labs in CBVI centers; assist with access to AT equipment.
state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi/services/atech/
Phone: 877-685-8878

Free Currency Reader
U.S. Currency Reader Program, visit the website of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at:
moneyfactory.gov/uscurrencyreaderpgm.html

Crime Victims Assistance
Possible compensation for loss of prosthesis or equipment.
nj.gov/oag/njvictims/contact.html

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.
performcarenj.org
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.
state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/home/
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.

[www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/equipment/](http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/equipment/)
Phone: TTY: 800-792-8339

New Jersey Division of Disability Services
Provides a variety of services for individuals with late-onset disabilities, including home modifications.

[www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/home/](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/home/)
Phone: 888-285-3036

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.

[www.state.nj.us/education/specialed/](http://www.state.nj.us/education/specialed/)
Phone: 609-292-0147

New Jersey Family Care
Health insurance coverage for children and families, which may include access to medically necessary AT.

[www.njfamilycare.org/default.aspx](http://www.njfamilycare.org/default.aspx)
Phone: 800-701-0710
Federal Employers
Federal employers may be able to take advantage of the services offered by: Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program.

Georgia Institute of Technology
The program provides an online database with information about AT products and vendors.
assistivetech.net
Phone: 404-894-4960

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

Hearing Aid Project for New Jersey
Refurbished hearing aids available.
 nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/home/hearingaidproject.html

I Can Connect
Operates device distribution program for individuals who are deaf/blind.
icanconnect.org/new-jersey
Phone: 609-771-2711
Internal Revenue Service / U.S. Department of the Treasury
Provides tax credits for medical expenditures, including AT for vehicle modification and home modification.

[irs.gov](https://irs.gov)
Phone: 800-829-1040

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

[askjan.org/soar/disabilities.html](https://askjan.org/soar/disabilities.html)
Phone: 800-526-7234; TTY: 877-781-9403

Lions Club
A local Lions club may provide assistance for the purchase of eyeglasses, hearing aids, health-related services, scholarships or educational needs.


Medicaid Waiver Services for people with disabilities in New Jersey
Medicaid Waiver may allow for the provision of assistive technology for individuals.

[medicaidwaiver.org/state/new_jersey.html](https://medicaidwaiver.org/state/new_jersey.html)

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

[nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/](https://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.

[link](state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/home/mltss.html)
Phone: 888-285-3036

Medicare
Provides funding for medically necessary durable medical equipment.

[link](medicare.gov)
Phone: 800-633-4227

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.

[link](musclemovementfoundation.org)
Phone: 302-501-6631

Partnership On Employment and Accessibility Technology (PEAT)
Information and guidance for AT users, employers and AT vendors.

[link](peatworks.org/action-steps)

Pass It On Center
The national AT reuse center works to foster improvements in AT reuse practices.

[link](passitoncenter.org)
Phone: 800-497-8665
Social Security Administration
A 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 AT.

[ssa.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-plans-self-support.htm](http://ssa.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-plans-self-support.htm)
Phone: 800-772-1213

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

[state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/oias/tbis/tbifund.html](http://state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/oias/tbis/tbifund.html)
Phone: 888-285-3036

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Provides access to low-cost financing / grant options for home modifications.

[hud.gov/offices/fheo/disabilities/pwd.cfm](http://hud.gov/offices/fheo/disabilities/pwd.cfm)
Phone: 800-767-7468

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Makes grants available to service members and veterans with service-related disabilities for home modification and rehabilitation.

[benefits.va.gov/benefits](http://benefits.va.gov/benefits)
Phone: 800-827-1000

Wheeling Forward
Wheel chair provision and adaptive sporting clinics.

[wheelingforward.org/about](http://wheelingforward.org/about)
Phone: 646-450-0077
Vocational Rehabilitation
Provides Assistive Technology for employment and training.

careerconnections.nj.gov/careerconnections/plan/foryou/disable/dvrs_field_office_locations.shtml

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.
assistivetechloans.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.

bankofamerica.com/auto-loans/access-loans/disability-access-loans.go
Phone: 1.844.892.6002

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.
National Highway and Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA)
Information on vehicle modification and list of resources including manufacturer rebates and reimbursement options.

nhtsa.gov/cars/rules/adaptive/brochure/brochure.html#Anchor-Choose-14210

Chrysler Auto-mobility Program
fcausdriveability.com/program-overview

Ford Mobility Motoring Program
fordupfits.com/accessibility/accessible-vehicles

GM Mobility Reimbursement Program
gmfleet.com/vehicles/upfit-applications/mobility-vehicles

Honda Mobility Program
automobiles.honda.com/mobility-assistance

Lexus Mobility Program
lexus.com/pdf/models/LexusMobilityForm.pdf

Mobility by Volvo Program
volvo.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/8927/~/what-is-mobility-by-volvo%3F

National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association: rebate programs
nmeda.com

Toyota Mobility Program
toyotamobility.com