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

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.

Website: The Richard West Assistive Technology Advocacy Center (ATAC)
Phone: 800-922-7233

AT Demonstration Programs and AT Lending Programs

You may want to test 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.

Website: Assistive Technology Center
Phone 1.888.322.1918

www.nationaldisabilityinstitute.org
National Disability Institute

Adam Krass Consulting
Provides assistive technology services to children and adults with disabilities throughout NEW JERSEY and the NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA.

Website: Adam Krass Consulting, LLC
Phone: 201.618.2315

1st Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey
Has a variety of products and equipment for evaluation and to try out.

Website: 1st Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey
Phone: 973-751-0200

Family Resource Associates
Provides AT device demonstration and borrowing services.

Website: Family Resource Associates
Phone: 732-747-5310 ext. 114

Goodwill Home Medical Equipment
Provides AT device reutilization retail services.

Website: Goodwill Home Medical Equipment
Phone: 609-812-2210

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

Website: Pillar Care Continuum - Lifelong Support for People with Disabilities
Phone: 973.821.8128
AT Re-Use Programs
You may want to see if used and sanitized AT can meet your need.

PASS It On
National AT Reuse Centers: used equipment available.
Website: Georgia Tech Pass It On Center

Blind and Visually Impaired Services and Grants

Association of Blind Citizens
Grant to cover 50% of the retail price of adaptive devices or software.
Website: Assistive Technology Fund

Commission for the Blind
AT training in Consumer’s Home, Work, School
Website: Assistive Technology Training Resources

I Can Connect
Operates device distribution program for individuals who are deaf/blind.
Website: ICanConnect New Jersey
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.
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.

New Jersey State Health Insurance Program
Provides free help to Medicare beneficiaries who have questions about their health insurance.
Website: State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

Aging and Disability Resource Connection
Provides information and referral for local AT services.
Website: Aging and Disability Resource Connection
Phone: 800-356-1561

AgrAbility
AT assessment for agriculture or farming environment and listing of funding opportunities.
Website: National AgrAbility Project » Communities of Interest

New Jersey Coalition for the Advancement of Rehabilitation Technology
Provides information about local AT providers through the “CARTWHEEL” service.
Website: New Jersey Coalition for the Advancement of Assistive and Rehabilitation Technology (NJCART)
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.

Website: Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Equipment Distribution Program
Phone: 609.588.2648

U.S. Department of Agriculture

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

Website: Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants
Phone: 800-670-6553

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.

Website: Catastrophic Illness in 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.

Website: Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission Home
Phone: 1.800.335.3863
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.

Website: NJ Children's System of Care
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.

Website: Division of Developmental Disabilities
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.

Website: Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Equipment Distribution Program
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.

Website: The Division of Disability Services
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.

**Website:** New Jersey Department of Education - Special Education  
Phone: 609-292-0147

Department of Human Services Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

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

**Website:** Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Home Page  
Phone: 877-685-8878

New Jersey Family Care

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

**Website:** NJ FamilyCare  
Phone: 800-701-0710

Federal Employers

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

Georgia Institute of Technology

The program provides an online database with information about AT products and vendors.

**Website:** Tools for Life  
Phone: 404-894-4960
Healthcare.gov
Provides access to information about medical insurance, which can help pay for medically necessary durable medical equipment.
Website: Healthcare.gov
Phone: 800-318-2596; TTY: 855-889-4325

Hearing Aid Project for New Jersey
Refurbished hearing aids available.
Website: Hearing Aid Project

I Can Connect
Operates device distribution program for individuals who are deaf/blind.
Website: iCanConnect 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.
Website: Publication 502 (2021), Medical and Dental Expenses
Phone: 800-829-1040

Job Accommodation Network
Provides a Searchable Online Accommodation Resource (SOAR) with information about AT solutions for workplace accommodations.
Website: A to Z of Disabilities and Accommodations
Phone: 1-800-526-7234
Kiwanis Club
Your local Kiwanis Club may provide used AT or funds for purchase.
Website: PART SAFETY NET. PART SPRINGBOARD.

Lions Club
A local Lions Club may provide assistance for the purchase of glasses, hearing aids, health-related services, scholarships or educational needs.
Website: Find a Local Lions Club

Medicaid Waiver Services for people with disabilities in New Jersey
Medicaid Waiver may allow for the provision of assistive technology for individuals.
Website: New Jersey Medicaid Waiver - Disability Services & Waivers

Medicaid
Provides health insurance coverage for individuals who meet income and resource requirements, including access to durable medical equipment.
Website: NJ Medicaid
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.
Website: Medicaid Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS)
Phone: 800-356-1561
Medicare
Provides funding for medically necessary durable medical equipment.

Website: 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.

Website: Muscle Movement Foundation
Phone: 302-501-6631

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

Website: Staff Training Resources

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.

Website: Plan to Achieve Self-Support or PASS
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.
Website: Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Fund
Phone: 888-285-3036

USDA Rural Housing and Development
Single Family Housing Loans and Grants.
Website: Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants in New Jersey
Phone: 856-787-7700

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
Provides access to low-cost financing / grant options for home modifications.
Website: Home Improvements

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Makes grants available to service members and veterans with service-related disabilities for home modification and rehabilitation.
Website: Veterans Benefits Administration
Phone: 800-827-1000

Wheeling Forward
Wheelchair provision and adaptive sporting clinics.
Website: Wheeling Forward About Page
Phone: 646-450-0077
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Provides Assistive Technology for employment and training.

Website: Vocational Rehabilitation Services

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.

Website: Assistive Technology Loan Program
Phone: 202.449.9521

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. Ask your vehicle dealer if a grant may be available prior to making your purchase.

National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association: Rebate Programs
May reimburse up to $1,000 of the purchase price of a new or leased modified vehicle.

Website: Automotive Mobility Done Right
Phone: 813.264.2697