Assistive Technology Guide for New York

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

AT Advocacy

AT Act and Protection and Advocacy for AT in New York.

Website: P&A for Assistive Technology (PAAT)
Phone: 518.432.7861

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

Long Island TRAID Center (Nassau, Suffolk)
Long Island Communities of Practice
P.O. Box 5013
Montauk, NY 11954
Phone 631-668-4858

Website: Technology-Related Assistance Program for People with Disabilities

- **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

Central New York TRAID Center (Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, Oswego, Tompkins)
ACCESS NY
1603 Court Street
Syracuse, NY 13208
Phone: 315-410-3336
Website: AccessCNY
Hudson Valley Regional TRAID 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: TRAID Program

Genesee-Finger Lakes TRAID Center (Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, Yates)
Regional Center for Independent Living
497 State Street
Phone 585-442-6470
Website: TRAID Loan Closet

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: AIM Independent Living Center

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: Adirondack Regional Technology Center
Southern Tier Independence Center (STIC) (Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, Tioga)
135 East Frederick Street
Binghamton, NY 13904
Phone 607-724-2111 x244
Website: The TRAID (Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities) Program

Center for Assistive Technology, Inc. (Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, Wyoming)
315 Alberta Drive, Suite 102
Amherst, NY 14226
(716) 836-1350 Voice
Website: The Center for Assistive Technology (CAT)

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: The Assistive Technology Program (ATP) at WIHD

71 Glenwood Avenue
Queensbury, NY 12804
Phone 518-792-3537 ext. 1142
Website: Southern Adirondack Independent Living Center
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 ext. 711

- Brooklyn Satellite Office:
  175 Lawrence Avenue, 1st Floor
  Brooklyn, NY 11230
  Phone 718-436-7979 ext. 710
  Website: Assistive Technology

TRAID Center at Upstate Cerebral Palsy (Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Montgomery, Oneida)
675 Catherine St.
Utica, NY 13501
Phone 315-292-1968
Website: Inventory & Loans

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
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
  Website: NYC311 - The Official Website of the City of New York
- Outside of New York City: phone: 211
  Website: 211 - Get Connected. Get Help.

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

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.

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.
Ability Lab
Grants for adaptive sports, modified vehicles, etc.
Website: Advancing Human Ability

AgrAbility
AT for agriculture or farming environment.
Website: National AgrAbility Project » Communities of Interest

ACCES-VR
Provides Assistive Technology for employment and training.
Website: ACCES-VR (Vocational Rehabilitation)

ARISE (Cayuga and Oswego Counties)
Home Modification services.
Website: Home Modification Program

Assistive Technology Vendors
Website: Assistive Technology Providers

Autism Speaks
Computer Apps for persons with Autism.
Website: Technology and Autism
Center for Assistive Technology; State University of New York at Buffalo

Evaluations and consultations for people of all ages.

Website: The Center for Assistive Technology (CAT)

Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences

Resources and research related to communication and speech.

Website: The RERC on Communications Enhancement

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.

Website: Disability Rights New York (DRNY)
Phone: 1-800-993-8982

Dollars & Sense

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

Website: Dollars & Sense – Navigating the AT Funding Stream

ICanConnect

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

Website: iCanConnect
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, Georgia's Assistive Technology Act Program
Phone: 404-894-4960

Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
Home Modification assistance.
Website: Home Improvements

Inter-Faith Works of Central New York
Maintains a Medical Supply Closet for lending items to refugee families.
Website: InterFaith Works of Central New York
Phone: 315-449-3552

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
Searchable Online Accommodation Resources (SOAR).
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 AR purchase.
Website: PART SAFETY NET. PART SPRINGBOARD.

Lions Club
Your 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
May pay for the purchase of assistive technology.
Website: Assistive Technology (AT)

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
Neighborhood Housing Services/New York City
Funding / grant: home emergency loan program: Low-or no interest and potentially forgivable loans of up to $60,000 per home, with an additional $30,000 per additional rental unit.
Website: Neighborhood Housing Services of New York City (NHSNYC)
Phone: 212-519-2500

Nursing Home Diversion Waiver
Environmental Modification Services for home & vehicle; one of several AT waiver programs.
Website: Nursing Home Transition and Diversion Medicaid Waiver Program

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.
Website: Plan to Achieve Self-Support or PASS

Partnership On Employment and Accessibility Technology (PEAT)
Information and guidance for AT users, employers and AT vendors.
Website: Staff Training Resources

Ready, Set, Home
Wheelchair lift, ramps, door widening, roll-in-shower, grab bars for Medicaid eligible.
Website: NY Connects
Phone: 1.800.342.9871
Rebuilding Together
Find local home modification programs and resources.
Website: Rebuilding Together

Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Technologies
Assistive technology research, development and training supports.
Website: Technologies to Support Aging-in-Place
Phone: 1-404-385-2564

RESNA
Blog for discussing the selection of appropriate AT devices and financing.
Website: Technology Options

United Cerebral Palsy
Elise Bellows Fund for assistive technology.
Website: Assistive Technology Grant Requests

USDA Rural Housing and Development
Single Family Housing Loans and Grants.
Website: Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants in New York
Phone: 845-343-1872

Veterans’ Administration
AT, home and vehicle modification available; consult with local VA office.
Website: Automobile and Special Adaptive Equipment Grants
Wheeling Forward
Wheelchair provision and adaptive sporting clinics.

Website: Wheeling Forward About Page
Phone: 646-450-0077

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

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

Website: Equipment Loan Fund
Phone 518-474-0197
Neighborhood Housing Services of New York City, Inc.

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

Website: Neighborhood Housing Services of New York City
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. 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