

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:

Long Island TRAIID 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 TRAIID Center (Cayuga, Cortland, Madison,
Onondaga, Oswego, Tompkins)**

ACCESS NY

1603 Court Street

Syracuse, NY 13208

Phone: 315-410-3336

Website: [AccessCNY](#)

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: [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: [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 TRAIID \(Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities\) 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](#)

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

71 Glenwood Avenue
Queensbury, NY 12804
Phone 518-792-3537ext. 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