

Assistive Technology (AT) Guide for New York

This guide has been prepared in an effort to strengthen awareness of Assistive Technology (AT) funding and service programs. One or more of the listings may help you to find and pay for the AT that best meets your needs. Please check with disability specific condition providers too. For example, the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, Christopher Reeves Foundation, etc.

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 TRAIID 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)

P.O. Box 5013

Montauk, NY 11954

Phone 631-668-4858

Email: info@licop.org

Website: licop.org/traid.html

Central New York TRAIID Center / ACCESS NY (Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, Oswego, Tompkins)

1603 Court Street
Syracuse, NY 13208
Phone: 315-410-3336
Website: accesscny.org

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
Website: cpulster.org/services/traid-program

Genesee-Finger Lakes TRAIID Center (Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, Yates)

Regional Center for Independent Living

497 State Street, Rochester, NY
Phone 585-442-6470
Website: rcil.org/page/services/loancloset

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: aimcil.com

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: plattsburgh.edu/offices/centers/cisp/artc/

Southern Tier Independence Center (STIC) (Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, Tioga)

135 East Frederick Street

Binghamton, NY 13904

Phone 607.724.2111 ext. 244

Website: stic-cil.org/traid.html

Center for Assistive Technology, Inc. (Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, Wyoming)

315 Alberta Drive, Suite 102

Amherst, NY 14226

(716) 836-1350

Website: cat.buffalo.edu/traid

Lower Hudson Valley Technology Center (Putnam, Rockland, Westchester)

Cedarwood Hall, 4th Floor

Valhalla, NY 10595-1689

Phone 914-493-7364

Website: wihd.org/individuals-families-caregivers/assistive-technology/

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

71 Glenwood Avenue

Queensbury, NY 12804

Phone 518-792-3537 ext. 1142

Website: sailhelps.org/services/equipment/

TRAID Center at Upstate Cerebral Palsy (Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Montgomery, Oneida)

675 Catherine St.

Utica, NY 13501

Phone 315-292-1968

Website: upstatecp.org/lending-and-loan-equipment-library

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 718-436-7979, ext. 711

Website: ucpnyc.org

Brooklyn Satellite Office

175 Lawrence Avenue, 1st Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11230

Phone 718-436-7979 x710

Website: ucpnyc.org/site/c.buIWJcNSKnL6G/b.6561427/k.48DE/Assistive_Technology_Resources.htm

AT Funding and Assistance Resources

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
www1.nyc.gov/311/
- Long Island (Nassau and Suffolk): phone: 211
www.211longisland.org/cms/
- Hudson Valley Region (Westchester): 211
www.hudson211.org/cms/

State & Federal AT Support Services

These programs provide funding for AT; all programs have different eligibility requirements.

Ability Lab

Grants for adaptive sports, modified vehicles, etc.

sralab.org/lifecenter/resources/listing-grants-and-funding-sources-adaptive-sports-equipment-automotive

Agrability

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

agrability.org/COI/archive.cfm

ACCES-VR

Provides Assistive Technology needed for education and/or employment.

acces.nysed.gov/vr/district-offices

ARISE (Independent Living Center)

Home Modification stair chairs and ramp services.

Cayuga, and Oswego Counties: 315.255.3447

ariseinc.org/advocacy-accessibility/home-modification-program/

Association of Blind Citizens

Grant to cover 50% of the retail price of adaptive devices or software.

blindcitizens.org/assistive_tech.htm

Free Currency Reader

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

Autism Speaks

Computer Apps for persons with Autism.

autismspeaks.org/autism-apps

Commission for the Blind

AT training in Blind Consumer's Home, Work, School

ocfs.ny.gov/main/cb/assistiveDatabase.asp

Center for Assistive Technology; State University of New York at Buffalo

Evaluations and consultations for ages 3 – 21.

sphhp.buffalo.edu/cat/client-services/about-us.html

Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences

Resources and research related to communication and speech.

aac-rerc.com

Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access (CATEA)

AT Products & Vendors.

accesselearning.net

Crime Victims Compensation / Office of Victims Services

Possible compensation for prosthesis or equipment.

ovs.ny.gov/victim-compensation

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.

disabilityrightsny.org

Phone: 1-800-993-8982

Dollars & Sense

A guide to navigate the funding streams of Assistive Technology.

gatfl.org/ds

Phone: 1-800-497-8665

ICanConnect

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

icanconnect.org

Phone: 1-800-825-4594

Federal Employers

Federal employers may be able to take advantage of the services offered by the [Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program](#).

Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

Home Modification assistance:

portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/topics/home_improvements

Job Accommodation Network

Searchable Online Accommodation Resources (SOAR).

askjan.org

Phone: 1-800-526-7234

Lions Club

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

lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/club-locator

Medicaid Waiver Services for people with disabilities in New York State

Medicaid Waiver may allow for the provision of assistive technology for individuals.

medicaidwaiver.org/state/new_york.html

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.

musclemovementfoundation.org

Phone: 302-501-6631

Neighborhood Housing Services/ New York City

Funding / grant: home emergency loan program

nhsnyc.org

Phone: 929.268.3790

New York State School for the Blind

AT Resources: Tutorials and Tips for the Blind and Visually Impaired:

p12.nysed.gov/specialed/nyssb/departments/atc2.html

Phone: 585-343-5384

Nursing Home Diversion Waiver

Environmental Modification Services for home & vehicle; one of several AT waiver programs: health.ny.gov/facilities/long_term_care/waiver/nhtd_manual/index.htm

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. (User can obtain password and complete official PASS form.)

passonline.org

PASS It On

National Assistive Technology Device Reutilization Coordination and Technical Assistance Center.

passitoncenter.org

Phone: 1-800-497-8665

Partnership on Employment and Accessibility Technology (PEAT)

Information and guidance for AT users, employers and AT vendors.

peatworks.org/action-steps

Ready, Set, Home

Wheelchair lift, ramps, door widening, roll-in-shower, grab bars for Medicaid eligible.

aging.ny.gov/local-offices

Phone: 1.844.697.6321

Rebuilding Together

Find local home modification programs and resources.

rebuildingtogether.org

Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Technologies

Assistive technology research, development and training supports.

techsage.gatech.edu

Phone: 1-404-385-2564

RESNA

Blog for discussing the selection of appropriate AT devices.

atpdc.wordpress.com

Social Security Administration

A Plan to Achieve Self Support (PASS) allows SSI/SSDI recipients 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

Phone: 800-772-1213

United Cerebral Palsy

Elise Bellows Fund for assistive technology.

needy meds.org/co_pay_program.taf?function=detail&program_id=274

Wheeling Forward

Wheel chair provision and adaptive sporting clinics.

wheelingforward.org/programs

Phone: 646-450-0077

Veterans' Administration

AT, home and vehicle modification available; consult with local VA office.

benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/serviceconnected/Auto.pdf

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 need 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 for purchase or refinance of AT 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: 844.892.6002

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

ocfs.ny.gov/main/cb/equiploanfund.asp

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.

nhsnyc.org

Phone: 212-519-2500

Vehicle Modification Rebate Programs and Services

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

National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association: rebate programs

nmeda.com

Chrysler Automobility Program

fcausdriveability.com/program-overview

Ford Mobility Motoring Program

fordupfits.com/accessibility/accessible-vehicles

G M 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