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 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 TRAID 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 TRAID 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 TRAID 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 TRAID 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/](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://wihd.org/individuals-families-caregivers/assistive-technology/)
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.bulWjcNSKnL6G/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.

srалab.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.
[banklink][acces.nysed.gov/vr/district-offices]

ARISE (Independent Living Center)
Home Modification stair chairs and ramp services.
Cayuga, and Oswego Counties: 315.255.3447
[site][ariseinc.org/advocacy-accessibility/home-modification-program/]

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

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

Autism Speaks
Computer Apps for persons with Autism.
[site][autismspeaks.org/autism-apps]

Commission for the Blind
AT training in Blind Consumer’s Home, Work, School
[site][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](http://techsage.gatech.edu)
Phone: 1-404-385-2564

RESNA
Blog for discussing the selection of appropriate AT devises.

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

United Cerebral Palsy
Elise Bellows Fund for assistive technology.

[needymeds.org/co_pay_program.taf?_function=detail&program_id=274](http://needymeds.org/co_pay_program.taf?_function=detail&program_id=274)

Wheeling Forward
Wheel chair provision and adaptive sporting clinics.

[wheelingforward.org/programs](http://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