

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.

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 Assistive Technology Center](#): Provides AT device loan and demonstration services across New Jersey.

Phone 1-888-322-1918

[Adam Krass Consulting](#): Provides assistive technology services to children and adults with disabilities throughout New Jersey and the New York metropolitan area.

Phone: 201-618-2315

[1st Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey](#): Has a variety of products and equipment for evaluation and to try out.

Phone: 973-751-0200

Family Resource Associates: Provides AT device demonstration and borrowing services.

Phone: 732-747-5310 ext. 114

Assorted AT Services and Goodwill Home Medical Equipment: Provides AT device reutilization retail services.

Phone: 609-812-2210

Perform Care: Financial assistance for assistive technology devices and/or home/vehicle modifications.

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

Phone: 973-821-8128

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. You can also use your local **211 online database** to find services. 211 Assistive Technology Listing **211 NJ Assistive Technology Listing**

Blind and Visually Impaired Services and Grants

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

Commission for the Blind: AT training in Consumer’s Home, Work, School

Department of Human Services Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired: Assistive Technology resources and services for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Phone: 877-685-8878

Computers for the Blind (CFTB): Computers with assistive technology for people who are blind or have low vision.

Phone: 214-340-6328

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

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](#).

Seeing Eye Dog: Breeds and raises puppies to become Seeing Eye dogs, trains Seeing Eye dogs to guide blind people, instructs blind people in the proper use, handling, and care of the dogs and conducts and supports research on canine health and development.

Vision Loss Alliance of New Jersey: Education, support services and assistive technology and independent living skills training for people with vision loss or blindness.

Phone: 973.627.0055

Adaptive Sports and Activities

AllCare Adaptive Sports

Bayonne Navigators Adaptive Sports

Bergen County Adaptive Recreation and Sports Programs

Challenged Athletes and Adaptive Sports National Listing

Middlesex County Adaptive Recreation and Sports Programs

Monmouth County Adaptive Recreation and Sports Programs

Princeton Adaptive Recreation and Sports

Rutgers Center for Disability Sports, Health and Wellness

Sports Abilities

Wheeling Forward: Wheelchair provision and adaptive sporting clinics.

Phone: 646-450-0077

Aging and Disability Resource Centers

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) across the country seek to address the frustrations many older adults, people with disabilities, and family members experience when trying to learn about and access long-term services and supports.

[Aging and Disability Resource Centers](#)

[Aging and Disability Resource Connection](#): Provides information and referral for local AT services.

Phone: 800-356-1561

Agriculture - Farming

[National AgrAbility Project » Communities of Interest](#): AT for agriculture or farming environment.

[Centers for Independent Living](#): Service for people with disabilities and may have used AT.

Employment

[American Dream Employment Network ADEN](#): Help for SSI / SSDI beneficiaries who are interested in working to their fullest ability while using the SSA work supports.

[Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services](#): Provides Assistive Technology for employment and training.

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

[Job Accommodation Network](#): Provides a Searchable Online Accommodation Resource (SOAR) with information about AT solutions for workplace accommodations.

Phone: 1-800-526-7234

[Partnership On Employment and Accessibility Technology \(PEAT\)](#): Information and guidance for AT users, employers and AT vendors.

Plan to Achieve Self-Support or PASS: Allows an SSI / SSDI recipient with a disability to set aside income for a short- or long-term employment goal, which can include purchase of AT.

Phone: 800-772-1213

Housing – Modification

Habitat for Humanity Aging In Place: Home repair and modification.

New Jersey Division of Disability Services: Provides a variety of services for individuals with late-onset disabilities, including home modifications.

Phone: 888-285-3036

Mortgage and Rehab Loan: Funding for home modification and refinancing of mortgage.

PerformCare: Financial assistance for assistive technology devices and/or home/vehicle modifications.

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Single Family Housing Repair: Provides loans and grants to low-income homeowners for housing rehabilitation/modification.

Phone: 800-670-6553

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

Assorted Assistive Technology and Services

Autism Speaks NJ

Centers for Independent Living Services: For people with disabilities; may offer grants for new or used AT.

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

New Jersey Coalition for the Advancement of Rehabilitation Technology: Provides information about local AT providers through the “CARTWHEEL” service.

New Jersey Division for the HHS Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Device distribution of amplified and hearing carry over telephone, CapTel, smoke, CO, Carbon Monoxide detector, baby cry alert and artificial larynx device, tablet and smart phone. Grants for communication and language access.

Phone: 609-588-2648

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.

Phone: 1-800-335-3863

Christopher Reeve Foundation: Supports and service for spinal cord injury.

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.

Phone: 877-652-7624

Division of Developmental Disabilities: Provides a variety of services for adults with developmental disabilities who are eligible for Medicaid.

Phone: 800-832-9173

Division for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program: Operates device distribution program and statewide device demonstration center for people who are deaf and hard of hearing.

Phone (TTY): 800-792-8339

NJ Department of Education - Special 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.

Phone: 609-292-0147

Epilepsy Foundation: AT; Seizure Dogs

New Jersey Family Care: Health insurance coverage for children and families, which may include access to medically necessary AT and a smart phone.

Phone: 800-701-0710

Goodwill Home Medical Equipment: Provides AT device reutilization retail services.

Phone: 609-812-2210

Healing the Children: Assistance to children who have complex medical diagnoses and developmental disabilities by purchasing specialized equipment, therapies, camps, and more.

Healthcare.gov: Provides access to information about medical insurance, which can help pay for medically necessary durable medical equipment.

Phone: 800-318-2596;

TTY: 855-889-4325

Hearing Aid Project: Refurbished hearing aids available.

iCanConnect New Jersey: Operates device distribution program for individuals who are deaf/blind.

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

Kiwanis Club: Your local Kiwanis Club may provide used AT or funds for purchase.

Lions Club: A local Lions Club may provide assistance for the purchase of glasses, hearing aids, health-related services, scholarships or educational needs and HARP hearing and vision aid reuse program.

Make A Wish Foundation: Wishes fulfilled for children with critical illness.

Medicaid Waiver Services for people with Disabilities in New Jersey: May allow for the provision of assistive technology for individuals.

Medicaid: Provides health insurance coverage for individuals who meet income and resource requirements, including access to durable medical equipment.

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.

Phone: 800-356-1561

Medicare: Provides funding for medically necessary durable medical equipment.

Phone: 800-633-4227

New Jersey Housing Resource Center: FREE, online searchable registry of affordable and accessible housing units for people with disabilities.

NJ Transportation Services for Seniors and People with Disabilities

PACER - Minnesota AT Resources and webinars

Red Treehouse: Funding and Grants for Children with Health Needs and Disabilities

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

Semperfi Fund Veteran Assistance for Armed Services

Traumatic Brain Injury Fund: Provides direct funding for the needs of individuals with traumatic brain injuries, including AT devices and services.

Phone: 888-285-3036

United Cerebral Palsy: United States Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication Information and resources around augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) communication devices.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Grants for home modification and rehabilitation service members and veterans with service-related disabilities.

Phone: 800-827-1000

Variety Charity for Children: Special adaptive bikes, equipment, and services.

Financial Education and Capability Resources

National Disability Institute (NDI): ABLE National Resource Center, ADEN employment network, financial education, Financial Resilience Center and Small Business Hub.

Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation Cents and Sensibility Financial Education Information

Financial Counselors and Coaches

AFCPE: You may request counselors who have been trained on disability specific issues

Apprisen Financial Counseling: Counselors trained on disability specific issues

National Disability Institute (NDI): ABLE National Resource Center, ADEN employment network, financial education, Financial Resilience Center and Small Business Hub.

National Foundation of Credit Counseling

Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation

AT Loan Programs

National Disability Institute Assistive Technology Loan Program: AT Loan Program provides financial education and AT loans up to \$45,000 at 4% interest, with repayment term up to 10 years.

Phone: 202.449.9521

Vehicle - Driver Assessment and Training

Driver Rehabilitation Providers

St. Joseph's Driver Rehabilitation Services

Hackensack Meridian Health Driver Rehabilitation Services

Atlantic Health System Driver Rehabilitation Services

Modified / Accessible Vehicle Information and Resources

Road Safety Information Regarding Adaptive Vehicles

Money Geek: A Guide for Vehicle Modifications to Insurance

PerformCare of NJ: Financial assistance for assistive technology devices and/or home/vehicle modifications.

Accessible Vehicle Dealers: Lease, Purchase, Rental

(NDI's AT Loan Program can offer a loan up to \$45,000 at 4% interest to purchase an accessible vehicle or a vehicle that will be made accessible with repayment term up to 10 years)

AMS Vans

BraunAbility

Freedom Motors

MobilityWorks

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