

Assistive Technology Guide for New York

This guide has been prepared to strengthen awareness of Assistive Technology (AT), accommodation 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 / 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.

Phone: 518.432.7861, 1-800-993-8982

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](#)

[Outside of New York City: Phone: 211](#)

AT Demonstration 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 Offices

161 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY 12054

Phone: 800-624-4143

The TR Aid Program funds 12 regional assistive technology centers that provide device re-utilization, demonstration and loans to individuals with disabilities. Provision of tablets and laptops to individuals of any age depending on what the device is needed for (communication devices, telehealth devices, etc.) If you are interested in one of these options, see the list of centers below, and contact the center that serves your area:

1. [Suffolk Independent Living Organization Long Island TR Aid Center](#)

(Nassau, Suffolk)

3253 Route 112, Building 10, Medford, NY 11763

Phone: 631-880-7929

2. [ACCESS NY Central New York TR Aid Center](#)

(Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, Oswego, Tompkins)

1603 Court Street, Syracuse, NY 13208

Phone: 315-410-3335

3. [Wraparound Services of the Hudson Valley TR Aid](#)

(Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster)

250 Tuytenbridge Road, PO Box 1488, Kingston, NY 12402

Phone: 845-336-7235 ext. 2173

4. [Regional Center for Independent Living Genesee-Finger Lakes TR Aid Center](#)

(Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, Yates)

497 State St., Rochester, NY 14608

Phone: 585-442-6470

5. [AIM Independent Living Center \(AIM ILC\)](#)

(Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben)

271 East First Street, Corning, NY 14830

Phone: 607-962-8225 ext. 133

6. SUNY College at Plattsburgh Adirondack Regional Technology Center

(Clinton, Essex, Franklin, St. Lawrence)

101 Broad Street, 323 Sibley Hall, Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Phone: 518-564-3366

7. Southern Tier Independence Center (STIC)

(Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, Tioga)

135 East Frederick Street, Binghamton, NY 13904

Phone: 607-724-2111

8. Center for Assistive Technology, Inc.

(Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, Wyoming)

210 John Glenn Drive, Suite 14, Buffalo, NY 14228

Phone: 716-836-1168

9. Lower Hudson Valley Technology Center - Westchester Institute for Human Development

(Putnam, Dutchess, Westchester)

Cedarwood Hall, 4th Floor, 20 Hospital Oval W, Valhalla, NY 10595-1689

Phone: 914-493-1317

10. 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

11. Adapt Community Network Technology Resources Center - NYC

(Bronx, Kings, Manhattan, Queens, Richmond)

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

Phone: 718-436-7979 ext. 711

12. TRAUD Center at Upstate Cerebral Palsy

(Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Montgomery, Oneida)

675 Catherine St., Utica, NY 13501

Phone: 315-292-1968

AT Re-Use Programs

You may want to see if used and sanitized AT can meet your need.

New Jersey Goodwill Home Medical Equipment

Provides AT device reutilization retail services.

Phone: 609-812-2210

Blind and Visually Impaired Services and Grants

Association of Blind Citizens: Grant to cover 50% of adaptive devices or software.

Free Currency Reader: **Meaningful Access Program**

Lighthouse Guild of NY: Services for those who have visual impairments.

Phone: 212.769.7850

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

The Seeing Eye: 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.

Adaptive Sports and Activities

- **AllCare Adaptive Sports**
- **Challenged Athletes and Adaptive Sports National Listing**
- **GYMGUYZ Exercise Programming Services**
- **Inclusive Recreation Resource Center**

- [Letchworth State Park Autism Nature Trail](#)
- [NYC Parks Adaptive Recreation Activities](#)
- [NYC Wheelchair Traveling Guide](#)
- [Rockland Rowing](#)
- [Sports Abilities](#)
- [Wheeling Forward](#): Wheelchair provision and adaptive sporting clinics.

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.

Agriculture – Farming

[ACCES-VR](#): Provides Assistive Technology assessment for farming and agriculture employment and training.

[AgrAbility](#): AT for agriculture or farming environment.

[NYCAMH](#): Agricultural

Employment

[ACCES-VR](#): Provides Assistive Technology for employment and training.

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

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

Job Accommodation Network (JAN): Answers questions about workplace accommodations and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and related legislation. Searchable Online Accommodation Resources.

Phone: 800-526-7234

OurAbility: Helping Empire State Agencies with Disability Employment and Accessibility

Partnership On Employment and Accessibility Technology (PEAT): Supports for workplaces in using inclusive technologies for employees with disabilities.

Plan for Achieving Self-support (PASS): SSA work support for SSI/SSDI beneficiaries who may extend benefits to fund assistive technology related to employment goals.

Housing – Modification

ARISE (Cayuga, Onondaga, and Oswego Counties): Home Modification services.

Habitat for Humanity: Home repair and modification.

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

HUD Housing Modification

Mortgage and Rehab Loan (203K): Funding for home modification and refinancing mortgage.

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.

Phone: 212-519-2500

New York Housing Resource Center for People with Intellectual Disabilities

Nursing Home Diversion Waiver: Environmental Modification Services for home & vehicle; one of several AT waiver programs; up to \$15,000 per year.

Office for People With Developmental Disabilities: Assistance for assistive technology including housing and vehicle modifications.

Ready, Set, Home / Senior Services: Wheelchair lift, ramps, door widening, roll-in-shower, grab bars for Medicaid eligible.

Phone: 800-342-9871

USDA Rural Housing and Development: Single Family Housing Loans and Grants for repair and accessibility.

Phone: 845-343-1872 ext. 4

Assorted Assistive Technology (AT) and Services

Assistive Technology Vendors

ADAPT: informational webinars on AT

Aging and Disability Resource Centers

AT Village: Assistive Technology through Golisano Center for Special Needs

Autism Speaks: Computer Apps for persons with Autism.

Center for Assistive Technology; State University of New York at Buffalo: Evaluations and consultations; computer assessment and AT training services.

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

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

Epilepsy Foundation: AT; **Seizure Dogs**

Goodwill Home Medical Equipment (located in NJ) : AT device reutilization retail services.

ICanConnect: Free communication technology and training for people who have combined vision and hearing loss and meet federal income guidelines.

InterFaith Works of Central New York: Medical Supply Closet for lending for refugees.

Internal Revenue Service/U.S. Department of the Treasury: Provides tax credits for medical expenditures, including AT for vehicle modification and home modification.

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

Lions Club: May provide assistance for the purchase of glasses, 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

Marlene Meyerson AT for Manhattan JCC

Medicaid Waiver: May pay for the purchase of assistive technology.

Medicare: Provides funding for medically necessary durable medical equipment.

Medicare Power Mobility Devices Guide

Multiple Sclerosis Foundation (MS): Limited financial assistance for: Durable medical equipment, home and car modifications, transportation to medical appointments, respite home care services.

New York Housing Resource Center for People with Intellectual Disabilities

PACER - Minnesota AT Resources and webinars

Red Treehouse

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

Rochester Institute of Technology: Hearing Aid Clinic

Semperfi Fund Veteran Assistance for Armed Services

Dr. Ann Stadelmaier Hearing Aid Fund: Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus Counties.

United Cerebral Palsy: Elise Bellows Fund for wheelchair, Communication device, environmental controls, computer equipment, hearing and vision aids, lift for home or vehicle.

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

Variety: Special adaptive bikes, life-changing equipment, and services for mobility, independence and social inclusion.

Veterans' Administration: AT, home and vehicle modification; consult with local VA office.

Financial Education and Capability Resources

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

These AT loan programs may allow people 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:

National Disability Institute Assistive Technology Loan Program: Provides financial education and AT loans up to \$45,000 at 4% interest.

Phone: 202-449-9521

Equipment Loan Fund: Provides low interest loans from \$500 - \$4,000. NYS Office of Children and Family Services, 52 Washington Street, Room 201 South, Rensselaer, NY 12144 Phone: 518-474-0197

Hebrew Free Loan Society (Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island, Westchester, Long Island): 0% interest loans up to \$15,000 (NDI can offer a loan for the remainder of the AT purchase or refinance cost)

Vehicle - Driver Assessment and Training

- Buffalo, Erie County: [ECMC](#)
Phone: 716-898-4347
- Rochester: [University Rochester Rehabilitation](#)
Phone: 585-271-1894
- Schenectady: [Sunnyview Rehab](#)
- White Plains, New Rochelle: [Burke Outpatient Services](#)

Modified/Accessible Vehicle Information and Resources

[Road Safety Information Regarding Adaptive Vehicles](#)

[Money Geek, A Guide for Vehicle Modifications to Insurance](#): Money Geek Disability Accessibility Through Adapted Vehicles

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

Accessible Vehicle Dealers: Lease-Purchase-Rental

(NDI's AT Loan Program can offer a loan to purchase an accessible vehicle or a vehicle that will be made accessible at 4% interest)

[National Mobility Equipment Dealer's Association](#)

[AMS Vans](#)

[BraunAbility](#)

[Freedom Motors](#)

[MobilityWorks](#)