

## 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](#)

**Phone:** 518.432.7861

#### [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:** 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 TRAIID 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. 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:

**Long Island TRAIID Center (Nassau, Suffolk)**

**[Suffolk Independent Living Organization \(SILO\)](#)**

3253 Route 112, Building 10, Medford, NY 11763

**Phone:** 631-880-7929

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

**[ACCESS NY](#)**

1603 Court Street, Syracuse, NY 13208

**Phone:** 315-410-3335

**Hudson Valley Regional TRAIID Center (Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster)**

**[Wraparound Services of the Hudson Valley](#)**

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

**Phone:** 845-336-7235 ext. 2173

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

**Regional Center for Independent Living**

497 State St., Rochester, NY 14608

**Phone:** 585-442-6470

**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

Adirondack Regional Technology Center (Clinton, Essex, Franklin, St. Lawrence)

**SUNY College at Plattsburgh**

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

Phone: 518-564-3366

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

135 East Frederick Street, Binghamton, NY 13904

Phone: 607-724-2111

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

315 Alberta Drive, Suite 102, Buffalo, NY 14214

Phone: 716-836-1350 Voice

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

**Westchester Institute for Human Development**

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

Phone: 914-493-1317

**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

Technology Resources Center - NYC (Bronx, Kings, Manhattan, Queens, Richmond)

### [Adapt Community Network](#)

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

Phone: 718-436-7979 ext. 711

### [TRAID 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 the retail price 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](#)

### [Letchworth State Park Autism Nature Trail](#)

### [NYC Parks Adaptive Recreation Activities](#)

### [NYC Wheelchair Traveling Guide](#)

### [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.

## **Agriculture - Farming**

### [AgrAbility](#)

AT for agriculture or farming environment.

## **NYCAMH**

Agricultural and Farm Safety Services and Assistance (gear and equipment)

**Phone:** 800-343-7527

## **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 the 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

### **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 that 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**

### **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

### **Nursing Home Diversion Waiver**

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

### **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 and Services

## [Assistive Technology Vendors](#)

### [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.

### [Center for Independent Living](#)

Service for people with disabilities; may offer grants for new or used AT.

### [Christopher Reeve Foundation](#)

Supports and service for spinal cord injury.

### [Goodwill Home Medical Equipment \(located in NJ\)](#)

Provides AT device reutilization retail services.

**Phone:** 609-812-2210

### [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](#)

Maintains a Medical Supply Closet for lending items to refugee families.

**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.



### **Kiwanis Club**

Your 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.

### **Medicaid Waiver**

May pay for the purchase of assistive technology.

### **Medicare**

Provides funding for medically necessary durable medical equipment.

### **Medicare Power Mobility Devices Guide**

**Phone:** 800-633-4227

### **Multiple Sclerosis Foundation (MS)**

Offers limited financial assistance for: Durable medical equipment, home and car modifications, transportation to medical appointments, respite home care services.

### **PACER - Minnesota**

### **Red Treehouse**

### **RESNA**

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

### **United Cerebral Palsy**

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

### **Variety**

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

### [Veterans' Administration](#)

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

## 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](#)

## AT Loan Programs

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:

### [National Disability Institute \(NDI\)'s Assistive Technology Loan Program](#)

AT Loan Program; provides financial education and AT loans ranging from \$200 - \$45,000.

**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

**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: [Buffalo: 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 Disability Accessibility Through Adapted Vehicles:

[A Guide for Vehicle Modifications to Insurance](#)

[National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association: Rebate Programs](#)

May reimburse up to \$1,000 of the purchase price of a new or leased modified vehicle.

Phone: 813-264-2697

## 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)

[AMS Vans](#)

[BraunAbility](#)

[Freedom Motors](#)

[MobilityWorks](#)