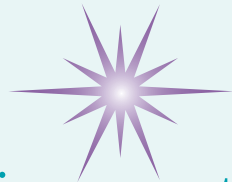


CT TECH ACT PROJECT PROGRAMS



Achievement

Through

Technology



Connecticut **Tech Act** Project

WHAT IS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY?

Assistive Technology (AT) is any item or piece of equipment that is used to *increase, maintain or improve* the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities in all aspects of life, including at school, at work, at home and in the community.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES:

Here are some examples of AT devices that fall under each AT Category.

COMMUNICATION: communication board with words or pictures, device with voice output, eye gaze systems

MOBILITY: Walkers, Adapted vehicles, manual wheelchairs, power wheelchairs or scooters

VISION: Magnifiers, large print, Computer screen magnification software, Braille printer

HEARING: Closed Captioning, using pen and paper, TTY, telephone with amplifier, FM System, Hearing Aids

ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING: Adaptive eating utensils or equipment for cooking, grab bars, non-slip materials, adaptive equipment for bathing and dressing, environmental control units, switch operated appliances, electronic door openers

POSITIONING & SEATING: alternative or adaptive chair, non-slip material, custom fitted wheelchair inserts

RECREATION: adapted toys, adaptive sports equipment, arm supports for drawing or painting, computer games, and specialized computer software

CT TECH ACT PROJECT'S MISSION

Increasing independence and improving the lives of individuals with disabilities through increased access to Assistive Technology for work, school and community living.

CT TECH ACT PROJECT (CTTAP) PROGRAMS

AT EXCHANGE

Access the classifieds online to find new and used Assistive Technology devices for sale or for free.

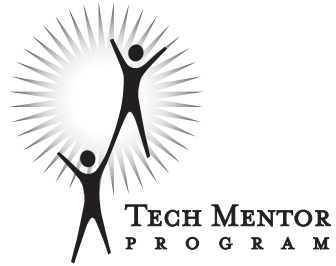
Log onto www.getATstuff.com to search our listings or to post an AT device that you no longer use or need.



You don't have to have a computer to find out what AT devices are on the AT Exchange, just call CTTAP and we'll mail you the listing or post your item for you.

TECH MENTOR PROGRAM

If you need Assistive Technology but aren't sure how to get the device you need, then a Tech Mentor may be able to help you.



Tech Mentors are individuals who have personal experience with Assistive Technology in their own lives. They've been through the process and can help you.

If you think you would benefit from the support and guidance of a Tech Mentor or think you would make a good Tech Mentor, call CTTAP.

AT LOAN

Depending on the Assistive Technology device or services that you need, costs can be very low or very high. You may be able to use private insurance or public programs like Medicaid, Vocational Rehabilitation or turn to community agencies for funding. If none of these options are available to you, you may have to pay out of pocket.



The CTTAP offers a low-interest loan specifically for the purchase of AT devices or services, to individuals who qualify. Contact us for more information on the AT loan.

www.CTtechact.com

Log onto the CTTAP website to find out more about our programs, learn about various funding sources and community resources. You can locate AT Demonstration sites in Connecticut, get updates and find links to other Assistive Technology resources.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the CT Tech Act Project by phone at 860-424-4881, 860-424-4839 (TTY), 800-537-2549 or via email by going to www.CTtechact.com, and click on Contact Us.

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