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MO DDD & You: Exploring MO Assistive Technology (AT)

Information for Individuals & Families

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Webinar Agenda



- Polling Questions (3)
- Introductions
- MO Assistive Technology (AT)
- MO AT Programs
- How AT Enhances Daily Life
- *Power Up* – Annual Conference
- Questions

Polling Question #1



Are you familiar with Missouri Assistive
Technology?

Polling Question #2



Are you aware of the various programs
MO AT has to offer?

Polling Question #3



Do you or the person/people you support use
assistive technology?

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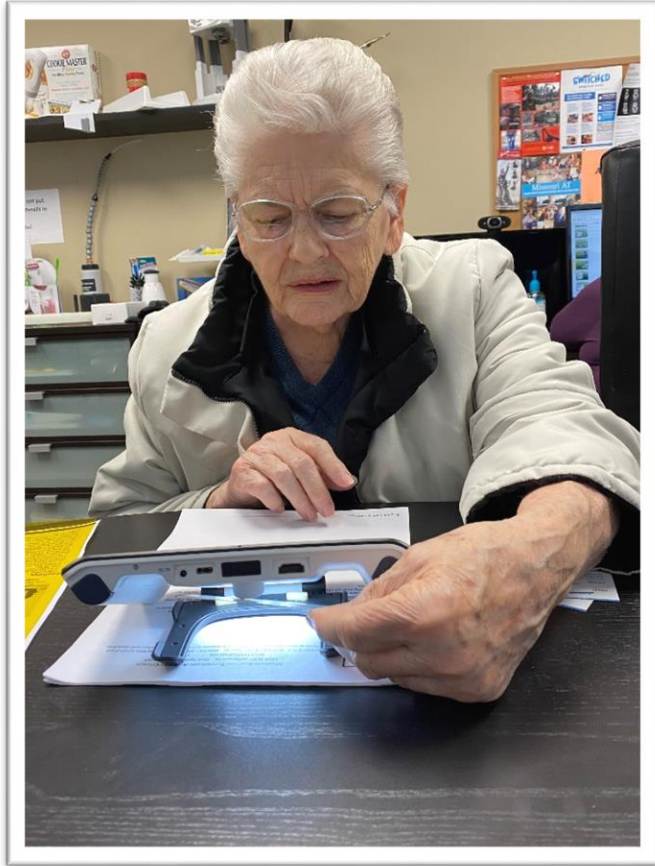


As Missouri's federally funded statewide Assistive Technology Program, Missouri Assistive Technology works to increase the opportunities all Missourians with disabilities and all seniors have to access and acquire assistive technology devices and services. Assistive technology addresses barriers, provides choice and opens opportunities.

AT is an Umbrella Term



Device Demonstration



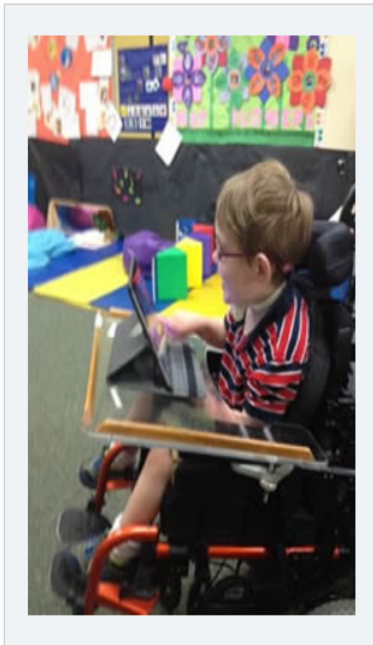
AT Demonstration Activities provide opportunities for people to become familiar with specific types of AT by comparing and contrasting the functions and features of devices through hands-on exploration.

12 demonstration centers located throughout Missouri. Video demonstrations are also available.

ETC – Device Loan

Equipment Technology Consortium

Home » Equipment Technology Consortium



Missouri Assistive Technology operates the Equipment Technology Consortium (ETC) which is a short-term assistive technology equipment loan program for agencies and school districts in Missouri. The equipment loan program is for adults and children of all ages. Agencies, districts, and other organizations can borrow equipment on behalf of individuals with disabilities to try out the equipment before purchasing, for use during the time equipment is in repair, or for other short-term needs.

Each loan period is up to six weeks. The program includes a wide range of equipment including switches and mounts, computer access devices, environmental controls, hearing devices, home modifications, visual aids and augmentative communication devices. For more information: Contact our office with any questions. Phone: (816) 655-6708.

Steps for borrowing equipment:

Short term loan agreements are to be completed by agencies that do not have a three year agreement on file. To

ETC Equipment Categories

[Augmentative Comm Devices](#)

[Computer Access](#)

[Educational Aids](#)

[Environmental Controls](#)

[Switches](#)

[Hearing](#)

[Vision](#)

[Tablets](#)

[Mounting Systems](#)

[Speech](#)

[ETC Home](#)

Device Re-Utilization

- Two programs that assist in providing free and low-cost assistive technology to adults with disabilities.
 - Swap 'n Shop
 - Re-Utilization Centers



Alternative Finance



State Financing Activities support the purchase/acquisition of AT through financial loans or other initiatives that directly provide AT to consumers.

Show Me Loans

- ✓ **General AT Loan** offers low-interest loans to Missourians with a disability. The general loan enables Missourians an option to purchase assistive technology equipment and devices, home access improvements or vehicle access modifications for persons with disabilities in Missouri.
- ✓ **The WorkAbility** loan program is for the purchase of equipment needed by someone with a disability to work from home or a remote site away from an office. Computers, equipment used on a farm or ranch, tools, office machines, hearing aids, and software are examples of eligible equipment.
- ✓ **The Accessible Vehicle** loan offers a low interest financing option for accessible vehicles. The range is up to \$50,000. Interest rates are 2% to 4%, based on household income.
- ✓ **Micro Loan** Financing for AT or durable medical equipment including repair of AT, wearable technology, home automation devices, tablets with AT apps, computers, voice activated devices, refurbished AT under \$500.

Assistive Technology Reimbursement Program (ATR)

- Assistive Technology Request (ATR) provides school districts with assistance in procuring assistive technology for students with disabilities in grades K-12. Equipment must be identified in an IEP.



KIDS Assistive Technology

- The Kids Assistive Technology program (KAT) can provide limited funding for assistive technology, vehicle access modifications and some home access modifications for children under age 21.



Telecommunications Access Programs

- Enable individuals opportunities to obtain appropriate and effective telecommunications related devices to achieve basic access to the telephone and the internet

TAP for Telephone (TAP-T)

TAP for Telephone provides access to basic voice telephone calling (both sending and receiving) for individuals with all types of disabilities through the delivery of adaptive telephone equipment. The program provides such equipment as text telephones, voice carry over phones, phone for hearing carry over, amplified phones, Braille phones, hands-free phones and photo phones.



TAP for Internet (TAP-I)

TAP for Internet provides to Missourians who cannot use traditional computer equipment, the adaptive computer equipment necessary for basic access to the internet and e-mail. The program provides such equipment as screen enlargement software, screen readers, adaptive keyboards or alternative pointing devices such as trackballs or rollerballs. The TAP-I program provides consumer support during the selection and initial usage of the adaptive equipment.



TAP Wireless Pilot

The **TAP Wireless Equipment Pilot** is designed to see how wireless devices can improve the ability of persons with disabilities to use telecommunications and communication tools such as e-mail, phone, text, or relay services to become more connected to their friends, families and communities. Participants may be eligible to receive a wireless device such as the iPhone®, iPad®, Jitterbug, Odin, and/or adaptive accessories. The Pilot is currently inviting applications from potential participants age 18 or older. Want more information? Go to the TAP Wireless Pilot page. Questions about the pilot can be e-mailed to tappilot@att.net.



iCanConnect

- iCanConnect is a program for individuals with combined hearing and vision loss. The goal is to make sure that every person with combined hearing and vision loss has the modern distance communication tools and the training necessary to use them.



A Few More Things

- ❖ Public Awareness
- ❖ Information & Referral
- ❖ Training
- ❖ Technical Assistance



Wise Words about AT

“For people without disabilities, technology makes things easier. For people with disabilities, technology makes things possible.”

- IBM Training Manual (1991)

Participation



Education



Employment



Independent Living



Aging in Place





Welcome to Missouri Assistive Technology

At Missouri Assistive Technology, we offer a variety of programs for individuals with disabilities or for individuals experiencing age related changes. Each program plays a role in finding the right match for the individual. Our **demonstration centers** are great locations to see, try and learn about devices. Agencies and individuals might consider borrowing a device through our **ETC** program as an option to try out a device. Our **TAP**, **Show Me Loans**, **KAT** and **ATR** programs are potential sources for acquiring devices. Give us a **call**, drop us an **email** and let us know how we can help you become aware of AT for all types of disabilities.

Assistive Technology Programs

- About Missouri AT
- Device Loan (ETC)
- Demonstrations
- Financial Loans – Show Me Loans
- Recycle & Reuse
- Telecommunication Access Program (TAP)
- AT Reimbursement for Schools (ATR)
- Kids Assistive Technology (KAT) – Last Resort Funding For Children
- Conference
- Training
- iCanConnect (Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution)

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Questions?



Mark your calendar now!

The next “MO DDD & You” webinar is scheduled for

May 23, 2023
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Thank You