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# **Assistive Technology (AT) Guide for New Jersey**

This guide has been prepared in an effort to strengthen awareness of Assistive Technology (AT) funding and service programs. Please check with disability specific condition providers too. For example, the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, Christopher Reeves Foundation, etc.

# **Local Resource Directory**

## You may want to see if you qualify for funding to help you purchase AT.

Simply dial "211" on your phone to ask about Assistive Technology and services available in your community.

## nj211.org

# **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.

# drnj.org/atac/

Phone: 800-922-7233

# **New Jersey State Health Insurance Program**

Provides free help to Medicare beneficiaries who have questions about their health insurance.

# state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/ship/

Phone: 800-792-8820

# **AT Demonstration Programs**

You may want to try out an item at an AT Demonstration program prior to borrowing or purchasing AT.

# **Advancing Opportunities**

Provides AT device loan and demonstration services across New Jersey.

## assistivetechnologycenter.org

Phone: 1.888.322.1918

# **Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey**

Provides AT device demonstration services.

# cpnj.org

Phone: 973-763-9900, ext. 1100

## **Family Resource Associates**

Provides AT device demonstration and borrowing services.

# frainc.org

Phone: 732-747-5310 ext. 114

# **Goodwill Home Medical Equipment**

Provides AT device reutilization retail services.

## goodwillhomemedical.org

Phone: 609-225-4509

#### **Pillar Care Continuum**

Provides AT assessments and demonstrations for people of all ages in schools and home settings.

# pillarnj.org

Phone: 973.821.8128

# **Assistive Technology Funding**

# **Agrability**

AT assessment for agriculture or farming environment and listing of funding opportunities.

## agrability.org/COI/archive.cfm

# New Jersey Coalition for the Advancement of Rehabilitation Technology

Provides information about local AT providers through the "CARTWHEEL" service.

# drnj.org/atac/?page\_id=223

# New Jersey Division for the HHS Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Device distribution of amplified and hearing carry over telephone, CapTel, some detector, baby cry alert and artificial larynx device.

# nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/equipment/

Phone: 609.588.2648

# **Aging and Disability Resource Connection**

Provides information and referral for local AT services.

# adrcnj.org

Phone: 800-356-1561

# **Agrability**

AT for agriculture and farming environments.

## agrability.org

#### **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

Provides loans and grants to low-income homeowners for housing rehabilitation/modification.

## rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-repair-loans-grants

Phone: 800-670-6553

#### **Association for Blind Citizens**

Grant to cover 50% of the retail price of adaptive devices or software.

## blindcitizens.org/assistive tech.htm

# Camden County Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Bridge Loan (CICRFBL)

Assists local families by providing secured "bridge loans" for up to \$5,000 to be used for eligible down payments or expenses.

# <u>camdencounty.com/service/health-human-services/catastrophic-illness-children-bridge-loan/</u>

Phone: 856-374-6021

# **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.

# state.nj.us/humanservices/cicrf/home/

Phone: 1.800.335.3863

## **Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

AT labs in CBVI centers; assist with access to AT equipment.

state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi/services/atech/

Phone: 877-685-8878

## **Free Currency Reader**

U.S. Currency Reader Program, visit the website of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at:

moneyfactory.gov/uscurrencyreaderpgm.html

#### **Crime Victims Assistance**

Possible compensation for loss of prosthesis or equipment.

nj.gov/oag/njvictims/contact.html

## **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.

# performcarenj.org

Phone: 877-652-7624

# **New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities**

Provides a variety of services for adults with developmental disabilities who are eligible for Medicaid.

state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/home/

Phone: 800-832-9173

## **Division for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

Operates device distribution program and statewide device demonstration center for people who are deaf and hard of hearing.

## nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/home/

nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/equipment/

Phone: TTY: 800-792-8339

## **New Jersey Division of Disability Services**

Provides a variety of services for individuals with late-onset disabilities, including home modifications.

#### state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/home/

Phone: 888-285-3036

# **Department of 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.

# state.nj.us/education/specialed/

Phone: 609-292-0147

# **New Jersey Family Care**

Health insurance coverage for children and families, which may include access to medically necessary AT.

# njfamilycare.org/default.aspx

Phone: 800-701-0710

## **Federal Employers**

Federal employers may be able to take advantage of the services offered by: **Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program.** 

#### **Georgia Institute of Technology**

The program provides an online database with information about AT products and vendors.

#### assistivetech.net

Phone: 404-894-4960

## Healthcare.gov

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

## healthcare.gov

Phone: 800-318-2596; TTY: 855-889-4325

# **Hearing Aid Project for New Jersey**

Refurbished hearing aids available.

nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/home/hearingaidproject.html

#### **I Can Connect**

Operates device distribution program for individuals who are deaf/blind.

# <u>icanconnect.org/new-jersey</u>

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.

#### irs.gov

## irs.gov/publications/p502/

Phone: 800-829-1040

## **Job Accommodation Network**

Provides a Searchable Online Accommodation Resource (SOAR) with information about AT solutions for workplace accommodations.

#### askjan.org/soar/disabilities.html

Phone: 800-526-7234; TTY: 877-781-9403

#### **Lions Club**

A local Lions club may provide assistance for the purchase of eyeglasses, hearing aids, health-related services, scholarships or educational needs.

# lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/club-locator

# Medicaid Waiver Services for people with disabilities in New Jersey

Medicaid Waiver may allow for the provision of assistive technology for individuals.

# medicaidwaiver.org/state/new\_jersey.html

#### Medicaid

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

# nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/

Phone: 800-356-1561

#### **Medicaid Managed Long Term Services and Supports**

Provides comprehensive services and supports for individuals enrolled in Medicaid waiver program.

## state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/home/mltss.html

Phone: 888-285-3036

#### Medicare

Provides funding for medically necessary durable medical equipment.

## medicare.gov

Phone: 800-633-4227

#### **Muscle Movement Foundation**

Provides physical, financial, and emotional accommodations to families affected by neuromuscular disease in the United States. The applicant's diagnosis, annual household income, outside agency support, and intended use of grant will be evaluated prior to the approval of accommodations.

#### musclemovementfoundation.org

Phone: 302-501-6631

# Partnership On Employment and Accessibility Technology (PEAT)

Information and guidance for AT users, employers and AT vendors.

# peatworks.org/action-steps

#### **Pass It On Center**

The national AT reuse center works to foster improvements in AT reuse practices.

# passitoncenter.org

Phone: 800-497-8665

## **Social Security Administration**

A Plan to Achieve Self Support (PASS) allows an SSI/SSDI recipient with a disability to set aside income for a short- or long-term employment goal, which can include AT.

## ssa.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-plans-self-support.htm

Phone: 800-772-1213

# **Traumatic Brain Injury Fund**

Provides direct funding for the needs of individuals with traumatic brain injuries, including AT devices and services.

## state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/oias/tbis/tbifund.html

Phone: 888-285-3036

## **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

Provides access to low-cost financing / grant options for home modifications.

## hud.gov/offices/fheo /disabilities/pwd.cfm

Phone: 800-767-7468

# **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

Makes grants available to service members and veterans with service-related disabilities for home modification and rehabilitation.

# benefits.va.gov/benefits

Phone: 800-827-1000

# **Wheeling Forward**

Wheel chair provision and adaptive sporting clinics.

# wheelingforward.org/about

Phone: 646-450-0077

#### **Vocational Rehabilitation**

Provides Assistive Technology for employment and training.

<u>careerconnections.nj.gov/careerconnections/plan/foryou/disable/dvrs\_field\_o</u> ffice\_locations.shtml

# **Loan Programs**

Individuals with disabilities can apply for a loan to borrow money to pay for AT devices. 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 providers.

#### **National Disability Institute**

AT Loan Program: Provides financial education and AT loans ranging from \$500 - \$30,000.

# assistivetechloans.org

Phone: 202-449.9521

#### **Bank of America Access Loans**

Offers single-loan financing for purchase of new or used cars, vans or light-duty trucks and necessary adaptive equipment.

# bankofamerica.com/auto-loans/access-loans/disability-access-loans.go

Phone: 1.844.892.6002

# **Vehicle Modification Rebate Programs**

These programs offer cash reimbursement for newly purchased or, in some cases, leased vehicles to help offset the cost of installing adaptive driver or passenger equipment.

## **National Highway and Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA)**

Information on vehicle modification and list of resources including manufacturer rebates and reimbursement options.

nhtsa.gov/cars/rules/adaptive/brochure/brochure.html#Anchor-Choose-14210

**Chrysler Auto-mobility Program** 

fcausdriveability.com/program-overview

**Ford Mobility Motoring Program** 

fordupfits.com/accessibility/accessible-vehicles

**GM Mobility Reimbursement Program** 

gmfleet.com/vehicles/upfit-applications/mobility-vehicles

**Honda Mobility Program** 

automobiles.honda.com/mobility-assistance

**Lexus Mobility Program** 

lexus.com/pdf/models/LexusMobilityForm.pdf

**Mobility by Volvo Program** 

volvo.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a\_id/8927/~/what-is-mobility-by-volvo%3F

National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association: rebate programs nmeda.com

**Toyota Mobility Program** 

toyotamobility.com