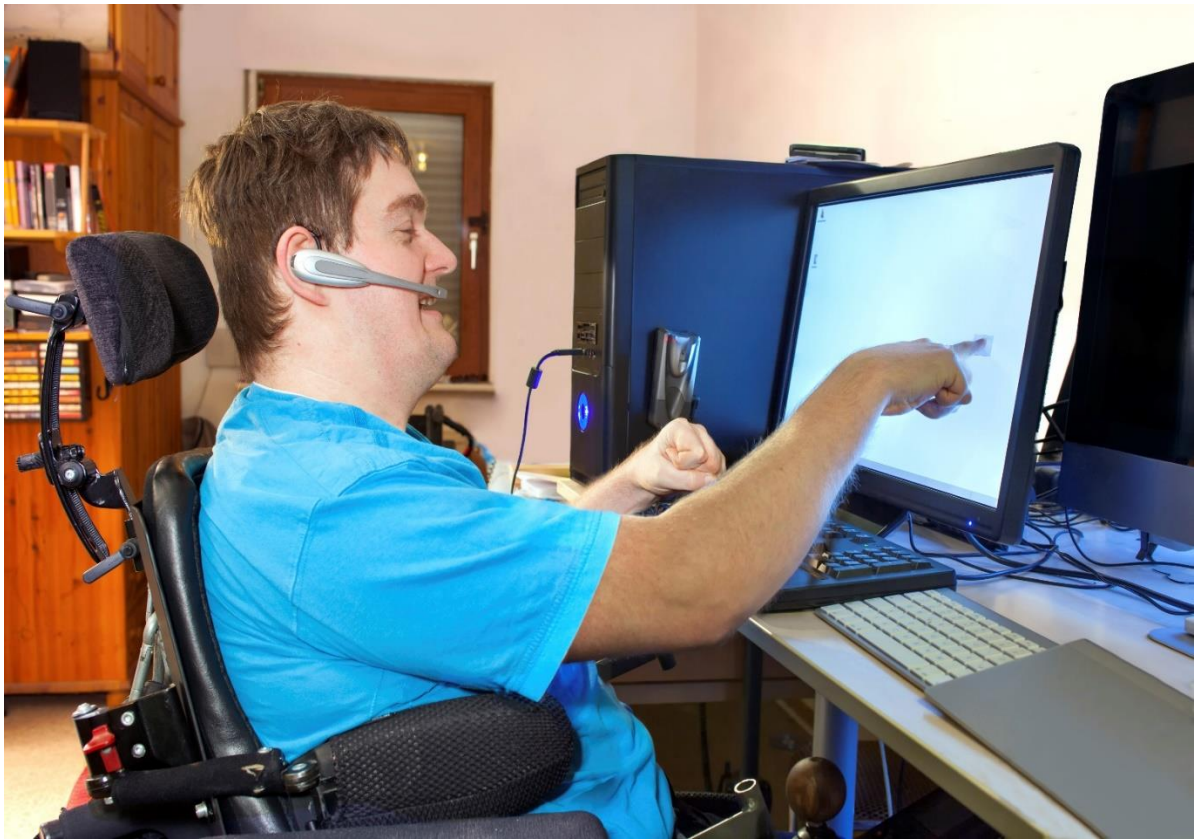




Assistive Technology— Computers



Technology plays a vital role in the lives of millions of people who are paralyzed. There are numerous assistive technology (AT) products on the market today that enable people with disabilities to achieve greater independence and enhance their quality of life. These products, tools and gadgets help ease people through their daily routines, and assist them in communication, education, work or recreation.

Assistive technology, including the powerful personal computer, can help improve one's physical and mental functioning, strengthen a weakness, and improve a person's capacity to learn, or even replace a missing muscle system. AT can help with using a computer, bathing, dressing, grooming, cooking, cleaning, writing and reading, etc.

The following are provided as information sources. The Reeve Foundation does not endorse any products, vendors or services and a listing here is not to be taken as an endorsement.

Web Sites

AIR Foundation

<http://www.accessibilityisaright.org>

43 Main St. SE, Suite 508

Minneapolis, MN 55414

Phone: 612-285-3772

Toll-free: 877-369-0101

The AIR Foundation promotes accessibility through advocacy and software tools.

Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA)

<https://www.atia.org/>

330 N. Wabash Avenue, Suite 2000

Chicago, IL 60611-4267

Toll-Free: 877-OUR-ATIA (687-2842)

Phone: +1 312-321-5172

E-mail: info@ATIA.org

The ATIA is an organization for manufacturers, sellers and providers of assistive technology (AT) products, equipment and systems that enhance learning, working and daily living for persons with disabilities.

Assistive Technology Law Center

<http://aacfundinghelp.com/>

300 Gateway Center

401 East State St.

Ithaca, NY 14850

Phone: 607-277-7286

Email: lewis.golinker@aacfundinghelp.com

This law firm provides information and advocacy assistance to expand coverage and funding for assistive devices including speech generating devices.

Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs (ATAP)

<https://www.ataporg.org/about>

1440 G St., N.W.

Washington, DC 20005

Phone: 217-522-7985

TTY: 217-522-9966

ATAP is a national, member-based non-profit organization, comprised of state Assistive Technology Act Programs funded under the Assistive Technology Act (AT Act). ATAP facilitates the coordination of state AT Programs nationally and provides technical assistance and support to its members. Established in 1997, the organization strives to enhance the effectiveness of AT Programs on the national, state, and local level. ATAP promotes the national network of AT Programs, represents the needs and interests of the programs, and serves as the national representative of state AT programs.

Center for Accessible Technology

<http://www.c4at.org>

3075 Adeline, Suite 220

Berkeley, CA 94703

Phone: 510-841-3224 x2021

The Center for Accessible Technology provides an online resource that reaches across the world and offers access to an office with staff who provide hands-on training; AT Consultants who do assessments; business consulting services to corporations, libraries and government entities; assistance on creating accessible websites and have a test bank of users with disabilities to test products and services.

Center for Assistive Technology Client Services Program

<http://sphhp.buffalo.edu/cat/client-services/projects.html>

University at Buffalo

315 Alberta Dr., Suite 102

Amherst, NY 14226

Phone: 716-836-1350

Email: ksnaus@buffalo.edu

The Center for Assistive Technology (CAT) Client Services collaborates with various state and regional agencies to offer Assistive Technology (AT) programs to community members with disabilities, illnesses and functional impairments.

Closing the Gap

<http://www.closingthegap.com>

PO Box 68

Henderson, MN 56044

Closing the Gap offers a free assistive technology discussion forum and an annual conference. They also publish a magazine, *Solutions*, available by subscription.

CompuTech for Humanity

<http://www.CompuTechforHumanity.org>

5225 Blakeslee Avenue, Suite 355

North Hollywood, CA 91601

Phone: 818-230-5182

Email: info@computechforhumanity.org

CompuTech for Humanity refurbishes computers to give to low-income adults with disabilities and to low-income families with children. The organization also donates computers and educational supplies to people in developing nations.

www.loanclosets.org

Great Lakes Loan Closets

P.O. Box 19614

Kalamazoo, MI 49019

Email: janice@loanclosets.org

A directory of loan closets by county, operated by Great Lakes Loan Closets (<http://greatlakesloanclosets.org/>). Great Lakes Loan Closets is designed to help residents of Michigan (<http://michiganloanclosets.us/>), Wisconsin (<http://www.loanclosets.org/wisconsin/>) and Northern Indiana (<http://michiganloanclosets.us/northernIndiana/>) find free or low-cost home medical equipment in their communities.

Makers Making Change

<https://www.makersmakingchange.com/>

400-3999 Henning Drive

Burnaby BC V5C 6P9 Canada

Phone: 604-473-9363

Toll-free: 877-673-4636

Email: info@makersmakingchange.com

They connect makers to people with disabilities who need assistive technology. There may be a fee for materials. The program is open to Americans.

Microsoft Accessibility: Technology for Everyone

<http://www.microsoft.com/enable/>

This website provides information (including tutorials) on accessibility features in Microsoft products.

Microsoft Disability Answer Desk

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/accessibility/disability-answer-desk>

Phone: 800-936-5900 (toll-free)

The Disability Answer Desk is where customers with disabilities get support with Microsoft Office and Windows. This includes product issues, accessibility questions, and use of assistive technology.

Parent Technical Assistance Center (PTACs)

<http://www.parentcenterhub.org/rptacs/>

Center for Parent Information & Resources

Technical Assistance Alliance for Parent Centers

35 Halsey St., 4th Floor

Newark, NJ 07102

Phone: 973-642-8100

There are 6 regional PTACs which provide information, resources and technical assistance to parents of children with disabilities.

Pass It On Center: The National AT Re-Use Center

<https://pioc.gatech.edu/>

AMAC/Georgia Institute of Technology

512 Means Street, Suite 250

Atlanta, GA 30318

Phone: Metro Atlanta: 404-894-0541

Toll Free: 1-800-497-8665

Email: info@passitoncenter.org

The Pass It On Center continues to create national and state resources to foster the safe, effective and appropriate reuse of assistive technology (AT) so that people with disabilities can get the affordable AT they need in order to live, learn, work and play more independently in communities of their choice.

RESNA (Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America)

<http://www.resna.org>

2001 K St. NW., 3rd Floor North

Washington, DC 20006

Phone: 202-367-1121

RESNA is a professional society that supports the development, dissemination, and utilization of rehabilitation engineering and assistive technology.

RJ Cooper & Associates, Inc.

<https://store.rjcooper.com/>

640 S. Grand Ave., Suite 109

Santa Ana, CA 92705

Phone: 949-582-2572, 800-RJCooper (800-752-6673)

info@rjcooper.com

RJ Cooper & Associates makes software, hardware and assistive technology products.

The Spinal Cord Injury Peer Information Library on Technology (SCI PILOT)

<http://www.scipilot.com/index.php>

c/o Toronto Rehabilitation Institute

520 Sutherland Drive

Toronto, ON M4G 3V9

Canada

Phone: 416-597-3422 ext. 6264

E-mail: info@scipilot.com

The Spinal Cord Injury Peer Information Library on Technology describes the assistive technology experiences of individuals with spinal cord injuries (SCIs) from their own perspectives. The website includes stories of people with SCIs, articles, product reviews and a forum for exchanging ideas.

Trace Center

<http://trace.umd.edu>

College of Information Studies
University of Maryland
Room 4105 Hornbake Bldg., South Wing
4130 Campus Drive
College Park, MD 20742
Phone: 301-405-2043
Email: trace-info@umd.edu

Trace Center at the University of Maryland conducts research and development to make standard information technologies and telecommunications systems accessible to and usable by people with disabilities.

University of Alaska: Free Assistive Software

<http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/about/accessibility/>

3211 Providence Drive
Anchorage, Ak 99508
Phone: 907-786-1800

A short list of free assistive software applications developed by Disability Support Services at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

USA TechGuide

<http://www.usatechguide.org/>

A guide to mobility devices assistive technology products. Resources include links to information on assistive technology equipment purchase loans.

Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative (WATI)

<http://www.wati.org/>

Phone: 608-921-1258

WATI is a volunteer network of assistive technology consultants. The website includes free educational materials and assistive technology assessments, as well as information on the organization's Used Equipment Marketplace.

Websites about Computer Donations:**Educational CyberPlayGround: Donate, Get or Recycle Computers for Learning**

http://www.edu-cyberpg.com/Technology/Computers_for_Learning_pro.html

List of resources for donating computers or getting donated computers.

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