






WHAT IS OKLAHOMA ABLE TECH?


 **Mobility, Seating & Positioning:** devices to improve personal mobility for persons with physical disabilities; such as, manual and electric wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, motorized scooters, and other utility vehicles. This includes seating systems to improve body stability and sitting posture, provide trunk and/or head support, and reduce pressure on the skin surface (i.e., cushions, contour seats, lumbar and head supports).

 **Computers & Related:** Hardware and software products to access, interact with, and use computers at home, work or school. Includes modified or alternate keyboards, switches activated by pressure, touch screens, special software, or voice to text software.

 **Learning Cognition & Developmental:** devices to provide access to educational materials and instruction in school or other environments; may include specialized software.

 **Environmental Adaptations:** environmental and structural adaptations that remove or reduce barriers and promote access to and within the home, employment and community facilities. This includes home modifications, environmental controls and switches that enables the person with limited mobility to control various devices such as appliances, electronic aids, and security systems.

 **Vehicle Modifications:** adapted driving aids, such as, hand controls, lifts, and modified vans or other motor vehicles used for personal transportation.

 **Recreation & Leisure Devices:** devices and modifications that enable persons with disabilities to participate in a) recreational activities; such as, adapted equipment for water skiing, wheelchair basketball, etc., or b) leisure activities using devices such as braille or large print playing cards or board games, adapted tools for gardening, books on tape, etc.

Oklahoma ABLE Tech is a sponsored program of the Department of Wellness, Oklahoma State University, which is the lead agency for the "Tech Act" grant as designated by Governor Frank Keating in 1995. The purpose of ABLE Tech is to make assistive technology devices and services more available and accessible to individuals with disabilities and their families. In addition, ABLE Tech collaborates with state agencies and organization to enhance the understanding and access to AT. ABLE Tech is funded under the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as amended in 2004 by the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Service Administration. ABLE Tech is a valuable resource for persons with disabilities, their families, advocates, and service providers. Although Oklahoma ABLE Tech does not purchase or sell AT devices they do provide the following services.

- Device short-term loan program allows individuals to borrow AT in order to "try before you buy". Short-term loans are also beneficial for the purposes of assessment, meeting interim needs when devices need to be repaired and for personnel development activities. ABLE Tech partners with various organizations across the state to make specialized equipment available.
- Device demonstration programs have provided an opportunity to compare the features and benefits of a particular AT device or category of devices for an individual or small group of individuals. The device explorations is designed to support informed decision-making regarding the appropriate purchase of assistive technology.
- An assistive technology "Oklahoma Equipment Exchange" (OEE) Program is a free service to help Oklahomans with disabilities needing assistive technology to find affordable, used adaptive equipment to meet their needs. To buy, donate, or sell used AT call the Oklahoma ABLE Tech INFO-line at 1-888-885-5588 or visit the website at <http://oec.okstate.edu>.