

OKLAHOMA ABLE TECH

Department of Wellness, Oklahoma State University

PURPOSE

The purpose of ABLE Tech is to increase the access to and acquisition of assistive technology (AT) devices and services for individuals with disabilities, their families and support professionals. ABLE Tech accomplishes this purpose by providing AT through a short term equipment loan program, demonstration centers, a low interest bank loan for AT, reutilization of AT through the Oklahoma Equipment Exchange (OEE) and the Oklahoma Durable Medical Equipment Reuse Program (OKDMERP). In addition, ABLE Tech provides information and referral, training on various AT topics and collaborates with state agencies and organizations to enhance the understanding and access to AT. ABLE Tech is funded under the Assistive Technology Act by U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration and is located at Oklahoma State University in the Department of Wellness.

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FINANCIAL CRITERIA

- None

ELIGIBILITY

- Any Oklahoman

AT SERVICES PROVIDED/COVERED

- Information & Referral
- Training for Consumer, Family, & Professional Groups
- Locating Alternate Funding
- Short-term Equipment Loan & AT Demonstration

AT DEVICES PROVIDED/COVERED

- Various AT devices are available on a short-term loan basis for trial or evaluation use
- ABLE Tech is a vendor of iPads as speech generating devices for eligible SoonerCare members
- Reutilization of AT

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Contact the main office by phone and request service(s).
- Contact the Oklahoma ABLE Tech INFO-line for AT information and referral. (See "Pieces of the Puzzle").

PIECES OF THE PUZZLE

- ABLE Tech operates a short-term equipment loan program, which allows individuals to borrow AT in order to "try before you buy." Short-term loans are also beneficial for purposes of assessment, meeting interim needs when devices need to be repaired and for personnel development activities. ABLE Tech will lend AT free to any Oklahoman up to 42 days. ABLE Tech has several partner entities across the state that can lend specialized AT to Oklahomans. The list of AT available for short-term loans and the partners are on the ABLE Tech website: <http://okabletech.okstate.edu>.
- ABLE Tech operates AT device demonstration centers with various partners across the state. The purpose of the device demonstration is to enable an individual to make an informed choice by allowing hands-on opportunities to learn about AT. The list of AT is available for demonstration and the partners are on the ABLE Tech website: <http://okabletech.okstate.edu>.
- ABLE Tech, BancFirst and the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation (OkAT) work together in offering the Alternative Financing Program (AFP) and the Access to Telework Fund (ATF). These programs allow qualified Oklahomans with disabilities a fixed rate bank loan. Individuals can purchase any type of AT; such as, wheelchairs, adapted cars or vans, communication devices, hearing aids, etc. The ATF provides individuals with disabilities that qualify to receive a low interest loan or a guaranty loan to borrow money to purchase equipment to have an employment or telework outcome. Telework can be either through an employer or self-employment, which is work that can be performed from home and/or remote sites away from the office, such as work on the road.