



About Oklahoma ABLE Tech

Oklahoma ABLE Tech is the statewide Assistive Technology Act Program for the state of Oklahoma. ABLE Tech's mission is to improve access to and acquisition of assistive technology for individuals with disabilities of all ages.

Resources available through ABLE Tech:

- Device demonstrations
- Device short-term loans
- Device reuse or exchange
- Low-interest bank loans
- Information and referrals
- Training workshops & presentations

About SoonerStart

The mission of the SoonerStart Early Intervention Program is to use an individualized, comprehensive, coordinated system of services and supports to enhance the abilities of Oklahoma infants and toddlers with disabilities and developmental delays, and strengthen the capacity of their families to support their development.

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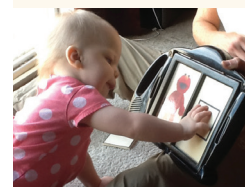
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**Assistive Technology Act Program
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**Assistive Technology for Infants
and Toddlers with Disabilities**



**An Oklahoma ABLE Tech and
SoonerStart Collaboration**

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Oklahoma ABLE Tech and SoonerStart desire to provide assistive technology to infants and toddlers, birth to 36 months. ABLE Tech provides assistive technology to SoonerStart teams in the form of assessment kits. SoonerStart uses these kits when working with families in their homes. The goal is to increase awareness of and access to assistive technology that may benefit children with disabilities in the SoonerStart program.

What is assistive technology?

Assistive technology (AT) is any item, device, or piece of equipment used to maintain or improve a person's capabilities, allowing them to function independently in their daily activities.

AT services help children, their families, and service providers find and use AT that fit each child's individual needs. Some AT is simple and others more complex, but all are chosen to help the child play, communicate, and learn more easily.

How can assistive technology help children with disabilities?

Young children with disabilities may have a difficult time performing everyday activities. Assistive technology can help them learn, develop, and become more independent and engaged in their daily lives.

Assistive technology includes:

- Cognitive and learning aids
- Speech communication aids
- Computer access aids
- Feeding aids
- Listening devices
- Mobility aids
- Seating and standing aids
- Visual aids
- Daily living aids
- Adaptive toys

Assistive technology allows children with disabilities to:

- See and hear better
- Be mobile and play
- Learn and communicate
- Participate in everyday activities
- Be more independent at meal time

"Using the topic boards assists Charles in communicating his wants and needs. He is able to communicate more effectively, therefore, eliminating much frustration. Implementing the topic boards, and integrating them into daily activities, has allowed Charles to engage and interact more fully with his friends and family."

~ Oklahoma County Parent

