

# NATIONAL

## Assistive Technology

### Resources



## **NATIONAL Assistive Technology Resources**

### **ABLEDATA**

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ABLEDATA provides objective information about assistive technology products and rehabilitation equipment available from domestic and international sources. Although ABLEDATA does not sell any products, we can help you locate the companies that do.

### **AbilityHub**

c/o The Gilman Group, L.L.C.  
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Rutland, VT 05702-6356,  
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Email: [info@abilityhub.com](mailto:info@abilityhub.com)

**AbilityHub.com**'s purpose is to help you find information on adaptive equipment and alternative methods available for accessing computers. Searching the Internet for accurate information on Assistive Technology is much like "*looking for a needle in a haystack*". This website attempts to reduced the size of the *haystack* and bring you the information in an organized fashion.

### **ALLTech**

125 Presumpscot Street, #7  
Portland, ME 04103  
phone: 207-321-6080  
Fax: 888-748-4043

ALLTech identifies technology solutions to the educational, daily living, communication, and workplace challenges experienced by people of all abilities and ages. Our unique and comprehensive array of services, trainings, and research is surpassed only by our passionate commitment to developing a knowledgeable citizenry, educated workforce, and improved quality of life. Through our work, we promote access and meaningful participation for ALL.

ALLTech has a number of existing and new initiatives. Our equipment demo and loaner program provides short term, no cost loans of assistive technology and augmentative communication products. Taking advantage of this program is helpful in supporting teams as they go through the AT consideration/decision-making process. In addition, it offers consumers continued access while their personal devices are being repaired or while waiting for funding.

Our new Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM) Technical Assistance project will support educators who don't have the time or resources to provide student mandated access to print-based

instructional materials. Such access is guaranteed in federal education statutes, such as IDEA and NCLB. ALLTech can support you with AIM and NIMAS in the following ways:

- Coordination of textbook acquisition from the State's NIMAC "authorized user"
- Acquisition and implementation of individual or institutional subscriptions to bookshare.org/rfb&d.org
- Coordinate District/student AIM-related materials and activities
- Coordinate paperwork (subscription forms)
- Organize individual student ID's
- Download digital books/burn audio CDs
- Distribute with copyright laws intact
- Provide professional development to staff regarding tools to access digital text
- Provide individual training/support to students who have print disabilities and use AIM

## **AccessIT**

Box 357920  
University of Washington  
Seattle, WA 98195-7920  
206-685-4181 (Voice)  
866-866-0162 (TTY)  
206-543-4779 (FAX)  
Email: [accessit@u.washington.edu](mailto:accessit@u.washington.edu)  
<http://www.washington.edu/accessit/index.html>

The National Center on Accessible Information Technology in Education (AccessIT) was funded by a 5-year grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) of the U.S. Department of Education through September, 2006.

AccessIT's Knowledge Base, Web Design and Development Curriculum, Information Technology in Education Accessibility Checklist, and Accessible University Mock Site continue to be available online and managed and updated by AccessComputing, a project funded by the National Science Foundation (grant #CNS-0540615) and led by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering and DO-IT at the University of Washington.

Access to information technology, from telephones to computer software, is essential for people with disabilities to fully participate in today's high tech world. The increasing use of technology presents remarkable opportunities for people with disabilities. However, information technology presents new accessibility challenges to those who have sensory, mobility, learning, and other disabilities. If we do not address these challenges and assure that information technology can be used by everyone, the potential for the Internet and other technologies as a great equalizer will go unrealized. AccessIT developed materials, and provided training and technical assistance to facilitate adoption of policies and practices leading to the increased use of accessible information technology in educational settings.

- The AccessIT website is a resource for educational entities and their constituents regarding accessible information technology. The website includes accessibility checklists, best practices, frequently asked questions, links to resources, and case studies, tailored to applications of information technology in education. It features a searchable knowledge base of questions and answers, case studies, and promising practices.
- Additional resources include a pair of videos related to IT accessibility, free web design course curriculum for high schools, an online course on IT accessibility, an IT in Education Accessibility Checklist, and a mock site for demonstrating web accessibility issues. These and other resources are listed and linked from the AccessIT Home Page.

### **Alliance for Technology Access**

1304 Southpoint Blvd., Suite 240  
Petaluma, CA 94954

Email [ATAinfo@ATAccess.org](mailto:ATAinfo@ATAccess.org)

• Voice 707.778.3011 • Fax 707.765.2080 • TTY 707.778.3015

The mission of the Alliance for Technology Access (ATA) is to increase the use of technology by children and adults with disabilities and functional limitations.

The ATA is a growing national network of technology resource centers, organizations, individuals and companies. ATA encourages and facilitates the empowerment of people with disabilities to participate fully in their communities.

Through public education, information and referral, capacity building in community organizations, and advocacy/policy efforts, the ATA enables millions of people to live, learn, work, define their futures, and achieve their dreams.

### **American Printing House for the Blind**

1839 Frankfort Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40206  
Phone: (502)895-2405 or (800)223-1839

The American Printing House for the Blind (APH) is located in Louisville, Kentucky. APH produces braille and large print textbooks, leisure-reading materials, educational aids such as computer software, braille/large print calendars and much more. Their products are sold throughout the United States and the world.

### **AssistiveMedia**

400 Maynard St. Suite 404  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104-2434  
(734) 83403034-545  
e-mail [info@assistivemedia.org](mailto:info@assistivemedia.org)

They provide audio access to reading materials for anyone with a reading access barrier. Talented volunteers record magazine articles and other short works which are then available for download or in our podcast. There are hundreds of recordings of magazine articles, short stories, and selections from anthologies.

### **National Public Website on Assistive Technology**

Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access ([CATEA](#))

Georgia Institute of Technology ([GT](#)) College of Architecture ([COA](#))

Email: [catea@coa.gatech.edu](mailto:catea@coa.gatech.edu) Fax: 404-894-9320 Phone: 404-894-4960 (v/tty)

Assistive technology (AT) is "devices and aids which can help a person with a disability perform activities that might otherwise be difficult or not be possible."

Our mission is to provide access to information on AT devices and services as well as other community resources for people with disabilities and the general public.

### **Infinitec Southwest Assistive Technology Center**

7550 West 183rd Street  
Tinley Park, Illinois 60477  
(708) 444-8460 Phone  
(708) 444-8470 Fax

Infinitec means "infinite potential through technology."

The Mission of Infinitec is to advance independence and promote inclusive opportunities for children and adults with disabilities through technology.

The Infinitec staff helps people with disabilities find and get access to information, technology services, training, assistive equipment and specialists by creating partnerships that maximize resources.

Assistive technology is any type of device that accomplishes a task for someone who cannot achieve it naturally. Examples include synthetic voice for speech, reading programs for those with learning disabilities or blindness, or a wheelchair for one who cannot walk on their own.

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**Celebrating our 111th Year**

**<http://www.lowvision.org>**

ILVS is devoted to issues of vision loss, low vision aids, vision rehabilitation and the role of the doctor - low vision specialist.

The Low Vision Gateway to the Internet is your starting point to the world's resources for

vision loss, vision-impairment, blindness, low vision aids and low vision rehabilitation services.

***Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center***

1780 North Research Parkway, Suite 112

Logan, UT 84341

**Phone:** (435) 752-0238 (435) 753-9750 (TDD)

**Fax:** (435) 753-9750

**E-mail:** [John.Copenhaver@usu.edu](mailto:John.Copenhaver@usu.edu)

**Website:** <http://www.rrfcnetwork.org/mprrc>

**Contact Name:** John Copenhaver

**Organization Type:** Assistive Technology, National Organizations and Associations

**Disabilities Served:** General / Non-disability Specific

Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center (MPRRC) is one of six Regional Resource Centers and is part of the Federal and Regional Resource Centers Network (RRFC), which provides services to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Trust Territories, and the schools of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The MPRRC serves Arizona, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. The entire network is part of the Office of Special Education Programs, which is under the umbrella of the U.S. Department of Education. MPRRC's services included assisting with the improvement process as a result of OSEP visit in 1999, assisting with the self assessment, specifically assisting with focus group process and analysis of data; assisting with a statewide project to address issues of secondary transition by assisting with design of the project and delivery of training; assisting with the development of an action plan for addressing issues of disproportionality; and assisting with developing and implementing a major system for recruitment and retention of special education professionals.

**National Assistive Technology Research Institute**

<http://natri.uky.edu/>

NATRI's mission is threefold:

1. To conduct research related to the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of assistive technology (AT) services in schools,
2. To identify promising practices in the delivery of AT services, and
3. To disseminate research findings and information about promising practices in ways that will assist school personnel to develop or improve AT policies and practices for students with disabilities.

**Assistive Technology Planner**

**from IEP Consideration to Classroom Implementation**

<http://www.tamcec.org>

The Assistive Technology Planner is designed to support teachers, families, and administrators as they work in collaboration with other IEP team members in planning and implementing assistive technology (AT) services. The planner consists of a separate booklet for teachers, families, and

administrators. It is accompanied by a user's guide that contains a reproducible AT implementation plan form. The planner will be available through the Technology and Media Division of CEC at <http://www.tamcec.org>.

The planner consists of a separate booklet for teachers, families, and administrators.

### **NOCK, the National Organization Caring for Kids**

6424 North Ninth Street  
Tacoma, WA 98406  
253-565-4484

Thousands of special needs children across the U.S. are in critical need of assistive technology to improve their health, education, safety, and quality of life.

Tragically, due to funding challenges, many children are unable to get the technology they so desperately need.

NOCK is a national children's charity that provides assistive technology including communication devices, wheelchairs, and seating systems, to disabled and special needs children when there is nowhere else to turn. NOCK changes lives by giving these children and their families a chance for better health, increased social interaction, better educational opportunities, and hope for physical and mental independence.

NOCK, the National Organization Caring for Kids, is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for children with disabilities and special needs through the use of assistive technology.

For families with special needs children, the circumstances of caring for these children can be unexpected and overwhelming. Many families do not have the resources they need to provide the level of care that their children need. All too often, special needs kids do not receive medically prescribed equipment, such as wheelchairs or communication devices, due to economic barriers.

NOCK opens doors, delivering crucial support in the lives of special needs children. NOCK raises funding from grants, private donors and corporate giving to provide assistive technology to families in need who are not able to obtain help from insurance, public programs or their own economic resources.

Through two unique programs, NOCK provides speech and mobility devices that significantly enhance each child's level of independence, health, safety, education, and self-esteem. To provide the needed assistive technology, NOCK has established a National Partnership Network of mobility and communication partners that meet strict standards set forth by RESNA (Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America) to ensure quality care.

## **SUPER (Still Useful Product and Equipment Referral)**

### **Simon Technology Center**

### **PACER Center**

8161 Normandale Blvd.  
Minneapolis, MN 55437-1044  
[www.pacer.org/stc/](http://www.pacer.org/stc/)  
952-838-9000, Voice  
952-838-0190, TTY  
952-838-0199, FAX

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The PACER SUPER Service connects people seeking to buy used assistive technology with sellers. Buyers must contact sellers of used equipment directly. PACER does not provide technical support for products. PACER requests all items for sale are clean and in working condition, but cannot in any way guarantee the quality of the product.

### **Closing the Gap**

526 Main Street  
P.O. Box 68  
Henderson, Minnesota 56044  
**Telephone:** 507-248-3294  
**Fax:** 507-248-3810

Closing The Gap, Inc. is an organization that focuses on assistive technology for people with special needs through its bimonthly magazine, annual international conference and extensive Web site.

Published six times a year, the Closing The Gap magazine highlights hardware and software products appropriate for people with special needs, and explains how this technology is being implemented in education, rehabilitation, and vocational settings around the world.

The annual Resource Directory, the February/March issue, is a guide to the selection of the latest computer-related products available for people with special needs. (This acclaimed guide may also be purchased separately.)

Closing The Gap's annual international conference, Assistive Technology in Special Education and Rehabilitation, is held each fall in Minneapolis, MN, exploring the many ways that technology is being used to enhance the lives of people with special needs. The 28th Annual Conference will be held October 19-23, 2010.

## **Selected Vendors and Manufacturers**

### **|||Ability Research Inc.|||**

P.O. Box 1721, Minnetonka, MN 55345 (612) 939-0121 <http://www.skypoint.com/~ability/>

- They produce the Hand Held Voice
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### **|||Ablenet|||**

1081 Tenth Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55414 (612) 379-0956 or (800) 322-0956

<http://www.ablenetinc.com>

- They sell: the Tango\*, Flash, Talking Symbols notepads, SuperTalker communicator, Step by steps, iTalk2, Jelly Bean switches, Specs switches, Jelly Beamer wireless switch, battery device adapters and a variety of battery devices including a digital camera and the All Turn-It Spinner. They also have mounts, Powerlink control unit, books and curriculum resources.

\*See Blink Twice for more info on the Tango: <http://www.blink-twice.com/>

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### **|||ADAMLAB|||**

ADAMLAB 55 East Long Lake Road, Suite 337 Troy, MI 48085 (248) 362-9603 Phone (248) 362-9606 Fax

<http://www.adamlab.com/>

- They sell the Super Hawk (digitized speech) Black Hawk, Light Hawk, and other Hawk communication devices
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### **|||Adaptivation, Inc.|||**

2225 W. 50th Street, Suite 100 Sioux Falls, SD 57105, 1-800-723-2783 or 605 335-4445, fax: 605 335-4446. <http://www.adaptivation.com/>

- They sell the VoicePal, Sequencer, Chipper, Randomizer, FreeHand, FreeSwitch, Pal Pads, wireless Pal Pad, Taction Pads (Flexible Switches) and Battery Interrupters.
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### **|||AlphaSmart, Inc.|||**

973 University Ave., Los Gatos, CA 95032, 888-274-0680 or 408-355-1000, 408-355-1055 (fax) <http://www.alphasmart.com/>

- They sell the AlphaSmart, Dana, Dana Wireless, and the Neo - portable keyboards with a variety of editing and productivity functions. Connect to a computer or directly to a printer.
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### ||||Applied Human Factors, Inc.||||

P.O. Box 228, Helotes, TX 78023, Phone: 888 243-0098 or 210 408-0098, Fax: 210 408-0098,  
<http://www.ahf-net.com>. They conduct research and sell REACH Interface Author, REACH with Smart Keys, REACH with Smart Lists, REACH Sound-It-Out Phonetic Keyboard, REACH Scan Plus, REACH Scan Plus Lists, SoothSayer Word Prediction, ScanBuddy, REACH Tablet, Mouse&Caret Buddy, Smart Speech, and the AHF User Bundle.

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### ||||Assistive Technology, Inc.||||

333 Elm Street, Dedham, MA 02026 USA (800) 793-9227 or (781) 461-8200

<http://www.assistivetech.com>

- They sell the Mercury, MiniMerc™, LEO, Augmentative and Alternative Communication devices, the LinkPLUS™ Speech Generating Device (keyboard), and Stages software

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### ||||Attainment Company||||

PO Box 930160, Verona, WI 53593-0160, Phone US: 1-800-327-4269 International: 1-608-845-7880

<http://www.attainmentcompany.com/>

- They sell a variety of communication aids and devices including the GoTalks, Personal Talker (talking photo frames) and numerous resources.

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### ||||Augmentative Resources Inc||||

8331 Epicenter Blvd., Lakeland, FL 33809, 863 984 5404 Local and International, 877 471 1863 Toll Free, 863 984 6175 Local and International Fax, 877 471 1865 Toll Free Fax

<http://www.augresources.com/vindex.html>

- They sell a vast array of communication and literacy products made out Velcro-sensitive fabric.

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### ||||Blink Twice||||

41 East 11th Street 10th Floor, New York NY 10003 Website: [www.blink-twice.com](http://www.blink-twice.com), 877 254-6511 Email: info@blink-twice.com

- They sell the Tango communication device and support materials.

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### ||||CAST||||

40 Harvard Mills Square, Suite 3, Wakefield, MA 01880-3233 (781) 245-2212, (781) 245-5212 FAX <http://www.cast.org>

- They research Universal Design for Learning and publish articles and books.

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||||**Creative Communicating**||||

P.O. Box 3358, Park City, Utah 84060, 435- 645-7737, 435-658-0925 (fax)

<http://www.creativecommunicating.com/>

- They sell the Storytime Series of products, teacher resource manuals, videos, puppets, software programs, adaptive equipment, engineering materials, online subscription to Adapted Stories to Go, and on-line courses.

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||||**Creative Educational Surplus / Discount School Supply**||||

1000 Apollo Road, Eagan, Minnesota 55121-2240, 1 800 886-6428 (fax) 800 681-2245

<http://www.discountsschoolsupply.com/>

- This company sells lots of great teaching materials gathered from surplus markets. They have containers, parts for crafts, science supplies, etc. They also have an extensive line of Velcro products.

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||||**Crestwood Company**||||

6625 N. Sidney Place, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209-3259 (414) 352-5678

<http://www.communicationaids.com/>

- They sell communication devices, adapted toys, switches, pictures symbol systems and a variety of parts for constructing manual communication systems.

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||||**Crick Software**||||

Sold through a large number of third party distributors. Phone: 425-467-8260. Email:

USSales@cricksoft.com <http://www.cricksoft.com/>

-They sell Clicker, Penfriend, ClosePro and other software for literacy, multimedia, access, and communication. Check out their extensive shared resources at: <http://www.learninggrids.com/us>.

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||||**Don Johnston, Inc.**||||

26799 West Commerce Drive, Volo, IL 60073 USA (847) 740-0749 or (800) 999-4660

<http://www.donjohnston.com> email: info@donjohnston.com

- They sell SOLO, which includes: Read:Outloud, Draft:Builder, Write:Outloud, and Co:Writer. They have several series of Start-to-Finish books, and a variety of other resource materials and software for literacy.

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||||**Dunamis Inc.**||||

3545 Cruse Road, Suite 312, Lawrenceville, Ga 30044 800-828-2443 or 770-279-1144. Fax: 770-279-0809

<http://dunamisinc.com>

- They sell a wide range of assistive technology, augmentative communication and learning products from a broad range of manufacturers. They also do consulting, trainings and custom

software design.

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### |||**Dynavox Systems LLC**|||

2100 Wharton Street, Suite 400 , Pittsburgh, PA 15203, 1-800-344-1778, 412-381-4883, Fax 412-381-5241

<http://www.dynavoxsys.com> email: sales@dynavoxsys.com

- They sell the DynaVox, Dynamite, Dyanwrite, Dynamo, MIGHTYmo, MINImo, Enkidu devices as well as communication software that will run on Windows computers.

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### |||**Educational Resources**|||

1550 Executive Drive, Elgin, Illinois 60123 708 888-8300 or fax: 708 888-8499/8689

<http://www.edresources.com>

- They are a discount supplier of software and hardware from many companies.

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### |||**Enabling Devices / Toys for Special Children**|||

385 Warburton Avenue Hasting-on-Hudson, NY 10706 1-800-832-8697 or (914) 478-0960

<http://www.enablingdevices.com/>

- (Steven Kanor Ph.D., Biomedical Engineer) He sells a wide variety of innovative adapted toys and switches, Cheap Talks, Say-it, Shadow Talker, Adapted TV Remote Control, and Nintendo Interface Module.

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### |||**Exceptional Computing**|||

450 N.W. 58th Street, Gainesville, FL 32607 phone: 352-331-8847

<http://www.exceptionalcomputing.com/>

- They sell a No-Contact switch, Magnet Switch, Latch Switch, adapted music products, and adapted products from a variety of companies.

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### |||**Feelings, Inc.**|||

PO Box 574, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. 757-460-4342 or (fax) 757 425-6257, b.star@hamptonroads.com

- They sell communication vests and toys made from Tempo Loop Display fabric.

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### |||**Frame Technologies**|||

W681 Pearl St., Oneida, WI 54155 (voice and fax) 414 869-2979 email: cframe@netnet.net

<http://www.frame-tech.com>

- They sell inexpensive digitized voice-output devices: Voice-in-a Box, TalkPad and MicroVoice.

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### ||||Gallaudet University Bookstore||||

800 Florida Ave. NE, Washington, DC 20002-3695 fax (202)651-5489 <http://www.gallaudet.edu/> (pull down GU Pres under Quick Links at the top of the page)

- They sell the Comprehensive Signed English Dictionary and numerous children's books in Sign.

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### ||||The Great Talking Box Company||||

2245 Fortune Drive, Suite A, San Jose, CA 95131 Phone: 1-408-456-0133 or 1-877-275-4482 Fax: 1-408-456-0134, <http://greattalkingbox.com/> e-mail: inquire@greattalkingbox.com

- They sell the E-Talker, Dynamic Display Augmentative Communication device, the EasyTalk and Digicom-2000.

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### ||||Gus Communications, Inc.||||

Gus Communications, Inc. 1006 Lone Tree Court, Bellingham, WA 98229 (360) 715-8580,

<http://www.gusinc.com>

- They sell Gus! Communicators, SpeechPRO and Communicator dynamic display software for Windows.

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### ||||Hach||||

P.O. Box 11754, Winston-Salem, NC 27116 800 624-7968 or fax 800 410-7282

<http://www.computersforkids.com/>

- They sell integrated touch screens for IBM and Macintosh, programmable switch interface for IBM and a variety of software and hardware for both platforms.

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### ||||Inclusive TLC, Inc||||

315 Wootton Street, Boonton, NJ 07005 1 800 462-0930, fax 973 331--9849 phone 973 331-9898

<http://inclusiveTLC.com/>

- They sell a variety of adapted inputs as well as software designed to be used with one or two switches.

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### ||||IntelliTools||||

1720 Corporate Circle Petaluma, CA 94954 Main Phone: 707-773-2000 Toll Free: 800-899-6687 FAX:

707-773-2001 <http://www.intellitools.com>

- They sell IntelliKeys (with cables to IBM, Macintosh and Apple IIGS and IIe with a card), Overlay Maker , IntelliTalk , IntelliPics and ClickIt .

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### ||||Judy Lynn Software||||

278 Dunhams Corner Rd., East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816 telephone/fax: (732) 390-8845

<http://www.judyllynn.com>

- Single switch software for IBM PC and Compatibles and a switch interface.
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|||**LAB Resources**|||

112 Main Street Pewaukee, WI 53072 262-691-3476 FAX: 262-691-4193,  
<http://www.elabresources.com/>

- They carry a variety of adapted devices from many companies at reasonable prices.
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|||**Lekotek**|||

1955 Cliff Valley Way, Atlanta, Georgia 30329 (404) 633-3430 <http://www.lekotekga.org/>

- They sell switch adapted trackballs for Macintosh and PC computers, the Switch Power Pad, shareware and public domain software for Macintosh, PCs and Apple 2 line.
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|||**Learning Magic, Inc.**|||

1139 Vista Place, Suite, Edmonds WA 98020 203, Phone: 425-712-3141 Fax: 425-744-4571 <http://www.learningmagicinc.com>

- They have a variety of creative software activities that work with IntelliTools Classroom Suite and Player, as well some that work with My Own Bookshelf, from SoftTouch. Activities have been created by Byron Wilkes, Ann Brundige and others. They also have free downloadable activities on their website.
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|||**Linda J. Burkhart**|||

6201 Candle Court, Eldersburg, MD 21784 (410) 795-4561 or fax: 410 795-8834 email:  
linda@Lburkhart.com <http://www.Lburkhart.com>

- Software, handouts, and books for children who face significant challenges.
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|||**Lockfast, Inc.**|||

10904 Deerfield Dr., P.O.Box 42488, Cincinnati, OH 45242 513-891-5020 or 800 543-7157

- They sell Velcro sensitive Tempo Loop Display fabric and Velcro. Ask for Educational Seconds.
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|||**Madentec**|||

4664 99 St., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6E 5H5, Phone: (780) 450-8926, Fax: (780) 988-6182, Toll Free: (877) 623-3682 <http://madentec.com>

- They sell a variety of computer access products such as Discover Envoy®, IntelliSwitch, and Tracker.
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|||**Mayer-Johnson Co.**|||

P.O. Box 1579 Solana Beach, CA 92075-1579 (800) 588-4548 or (858) 550-0084 fax: (858) 550-0449  
<http://www.mayer-johnson.com>

- They sell Picture Communication Symbols, Boardmaker (for making overlays on the Macintosh or IBM

computer), Speaking Dynamically Pro (for making a picture based Dynamic communication display with voice-output on the Macintosh), Writing with Symbols 2000, other software, the Hand Held Voice, resource books and activity books for using Picture Communication symbols.

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### |||**Modular Hose**|||

1108 Front Street - Lisle Illinois 60532 - USA - 1-630-852-1699, 1-800-759-2839

<http://modularhose.com/>

- They sell Loc-Line and the tool to assemble the links. The 3/4 inch Loc-Line is the size often used to construct switch mounts.
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### |||**Options by Infogrip**|||

1141 East Main Street, Ventura, California 93001, 800 397-0921 or 805 652-0770 (fax) 800 652-0880

<http://www.infogrip.com/>

- This company sells adapted computer access products from a wide range of manufacturers. They also have a few augmentative communication devices. They sell Y cables for mice and keyboards for both Macintosh and PC computers that can be used for partner activities at the computer.
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### |||**Origin Instruments Corp.**|||

854 Greenview Dr., Grand Prairie, TX 75050 (214) 606-8740 <http://www.orin.com/>

- They sell the Head Mouse and software for computer access.
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### |||**Prentke Romich Company**|||

1022 Heyl Rd. Wooster, Ohio 44691 (216) 262-1984 (800)-262-1984

<http://www.prentrom.com/index.html>

- They sell: Vanguard, Vantage, AlphaTalker, PathFinder, Springboard, WordPower, Picture Word Power, switches, and other products for communication, computer access, and environmental control.
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### |||**R.J. Cooper and Associates**|||

27601 Forbes Road #39 Laguna Niguel, CA 92677, 1-800-rjcooper (800-752-6673) or 949-582-2749

<http://www.rjcooper.com>

- They sell the Switch Hopper and Switcheroo switch interfaces. They also have single switch software programs, Cross Scanner, Biggy and a variety of other products.
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### |||**Saltillo Corporation**|||

2143 Township Road #112, Millersburg, OH 44654, 330 674-6722 or 800-382-8622 fax: 330 674-6726,

email: aac@saltillo.com, <http://www.saltillo.com/>

- They sell the ChatPC, the ChatBox, Bluebird, Hummingbird, Cardinal, and a variety of other

## Augmentative Communication Devices

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### |||Simtech Publications|||

134 East Street Litchfield, CT 06759-3636 Voice Mail and Fax: (860) 567-1173 <http://www.hsj.com/>

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### |||Slater Software, Inc.|||

351 Badger Lane, Guffey, CO 80820, toll-free (877) 306-6968, phone (719) 479-2255, fax (719) 479-2254  
<http://www.slatersoftware.com/>

- They sell a line of picture writing software and applications such as PixWriter, Picture it and Read and Tell. Software works on both Windows and Mac.

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### |||SoftTocuh, Inc.|||

17117 Oak Drive, Ste. C, Omaha, NE 68130 Phone: (877)763-8868, Fax: (402)334-8478, Email:  
[sales@softtouch.com](mailto:sales@softtouch.com) <http://www.softtouch.com/>

- They sell a variety of software with adapted access, such as My Own Bookshelf, Songs I Sing in Preschool, Wheels on the Bus, etc.

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### |||Software for Sam|||

2971 53rd St. SE Auburn, WA 98092-8310 206 735-6350

- They sell the Wolf Edit software program for programming the Wolf on an IBM computer. They also sell good quality tactile symbols and related communication information.

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### |||TASH Inc.|||

Unit 1,91 Station Street, Ajax, Ontario, Canada L1S 3H2 (416) 686-4129 or 800-463-5685

<http://www.tashinc.com/>

- They have a large variety of computer related products including keyguards, expanded keyboards, switches, Scanmate and Switchmate 4.

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|||Technology For Education Inc.|||

1870 East 50th Street Suite 7, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota 55077-1270, Phone 1-800-370-0047,  
Phone 1-651-457-1917, Fax 1-651-457-3534

<http://www.tfeinc.com/>

- They have a large variety of assistive technology products including the Stealth Switch Interface.
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|||Troll Touch|||

25020 W. Avenue, Stanford, Suite 110 Valencia, California 91355 (805) 295-0770

<http://www.trolltouch.com/>

- They sell integrated touch windows for PowerBooks and touch monitors for Macs and PCs
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|||Turning Point Therapy & Technology, Inc.|||

PO Box 310751, New Braunfels, TX 78131-0751 Toll free: 877-608-9812, Phone: 830-608-9812  
Fax: 830-606-3810 <http://www.turningpointtechnology.com/>

-They sell standard and custom keyguards for a variety of desktop computers, laptops, alternative keyboards, and communication devices. They are willing to create custom keyguards for any applications.

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|||Words+, Inc.|||

P.O. Box 1229, Lancaster, CA 93584 (800) 869-8521 (805) 949-8331

<http://www.words-plus.com>

- They sell Say-it SAM, TuffTalker, Freedom Toughtalker, and a variety of software and access technology.
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|||Zygo Industries, Inc.|||

P.O. Box 1008, Portland, OR 97207-1008 (800)-234-6006 or (503) 684-6006 <http://www.zygo-usa.com/>

- They sell the Macaw, Light Writer, Polyanna, Optimist communication device, the Grid and other software. They also carry a variety of switches, mounting hardware and access products.
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**NATIONAL EQUIPMENT RESOURCES**

**AMERICAN AMPUTEE FOUNDATION**

**PO Box 250218, Hillcrest Station**

**Little Rock, Arkansas 72225**

**Telephone: (501) 666-2523**

**Fax: (501) 666-8367**

**(Serving persons who have had amputations with prosthetics and orthotics.)**

**THE INTERNATIONAL BRAILLE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER FOR THE BLIND**

**1800 Johnson Street**

**Baltimore, MD 21230**

**Telephone: (410) 659-9314**

**(Serving blind persons, employers, professionals, vendors of technology, family members, and members of the public.)**

**NATIONAL SPINAL CORD INJURY ASSOCIATION**

**6901 Democracy Blvd. Suite 300-9**

**Bethesda, MD 20817**

**Telephone: (301) 588-6959**

**Toll Free: (800) 962-9629**

**Fax: (301) 588-9414**

**(Serving persons with spinal cord injuries.)**

**PEARLE VISION FOUNDATION**

**2465 Joe Field Rd.**

**Dallas, TX 75229**

**Telephone: (972) 277-6191**

**Fax: (972) 277-6422**

**(Serving individuals who demonstrate financial hardship and are in need of low vision aids or equipment.)**

## **Alternative Financing Programs**

The following list provides contact information for the Assistive Technology Loan and Access to Telework Loan programs in each state. The types of loan programs administered by an organization are listed under the contact information. For an up-to-date list of Alternative Financing Programs, go to the [ABLEDATA Alternative Financing Program Resource Center](#).

## *[Arizona](#)*

### *Arizona Loans for Assistive Technology Program*

Northern Arizona University  
Institute for Human Development  
4105 North 20th Street, Suite 260  
Phoenix, Arizona 85016

Telephone: 800-477-9921 toll free or 602-728-9532.  
TT: 602-728-9536.  
Fax: 602-728-9535.

Email: [jill.sherman@nau.edu](mailto:jill.sherman@nau.edu).  
Web site: <http://www.azlat.org>.

Programs: Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Loan Program; Access to Telework Loan Program.

TT: 302-651-6794.

Fax: 302-651-6793.

Email: [mineo@asel.udel.edu](mailto:mineo@asel.udel.edu).

Web site: <http://www.dat.org/funding/LowInterestLoan.html>.

Programs: Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Loan Program; Access to Telework Loan Program.

## *[Florida](#)*

### *Florida Alternative Financing Program*

Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology  
325 John Knox Road, Bldg 400, Suite 402  
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Telephone: 888-788-9216 toll free (Florida only) or 850-487-3278.  
Fax: 850-487-2805.

Email: [faast@faast.org](mailto:faast@faast.org).  
Web site: <http://www.faast.org/AlternativeFinancing.cfm>.

Programs: Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Loan Program; Access to Telework Loan Program.

## *[Iowa](#)*

### *Iowa Loan Program*

Abilities Fund  
410 North 18th Street  
Centerville, Iowa 52544  
Telephone: 888-222-8943 toll free or 641-856-2173.  
Fax: 641-856-3101.  
Email: [info@abilitiesfund.org](mailto:info@abilitiesfund.org).

Web site: <http://www.abilitiesfund.org>.

Programs: Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Loan Program; Access to Telework Loan Program.

### **Kansas**

#### *Kansas Assistive Technology Cooperative*

625 Merchant, Suite 205

Emporia, Kansas 66801

Telephone: 866-465-2826 toll free (voice or TT) or 620-341-9002 (voice or TT).

Fax: 620-342-6400.

Email: [katcomail@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katcomail@sbcglobal.net).

Web site: <http://www.katco.net>.

Programs: Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Loan Program; Access to Telework Loan Program.

### **Louisiana**

#### *Louisiana Alternative Financing Program*

Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network

3042 Old Forge Road, Suite D

Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808

Telephone: 800-270-6185 toll free (voice or TT) or 225-925-9500 (voice or TT).

Fax: 225-925-9560.

Email: [info@latan.org](mailto:info@latan.org).

Web site: <http://www.latan.org>.

Program: Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Loan Program.

### **Maine**

#### *mPower – Maine's Adaptive Equipment Loan Fund*

Alpha One

127 Main Street

South Portland, Maine 04106

Telephone: 800-640-7200 toll free (voice or TT).

Email: [info@mpowerloans.org](mailto:info@mpowerloans.org).

Web site: <http://www.mpowerloans.org>.

Program: Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Loan Program.

### **Michigan**

#### *Michigan Assistive Technology and Telework Loan Funds*

c/o United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan

3401 E. Saginaw, Suite 216

Lansing, Michigan 48912

Telephone: 800-828-2714 toll free or 517-203-1200.

Fax: 517-203-1203.

Email: [march@ucpmichigan.org](mailto:march@ucpmichigan.org).

Web site: <http://michiganloanfunds.org>.

Programs: Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Loan Program; Access to Telework Loan Program.

### ***Minnesota***

#### *Assistive Technology of Minnesota*

1800 Pioneer Creek Center, Box 310

Maple Plain, Minnesota 55359-0310

Telephone: 866-535-8239 toll free or 763-479-8239.

TT: 800-627-3529 toll free.

Fax: 763-479-8243.

Email: [info@atmn.org](mailto:info@atmn.org).

Web site: <http://www.atmn.org>.

Programs: Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Loan Program; Access to Telework Loan Program.

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### ***Montana***

#### *MonTECH*

University Of Montana Rural Institute

634 Eddy, 009 CHC

Missoula, Montana 59812

Telephone: 877-243-5511 toll free (Montana only) or 406-243-5751.

Email: [montech@ruralinstitute.umt.edu](mailto:montech@ruralinstitute.umt.edu).

Web site: <http://montech.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/financial.asp>.

Program: Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Loan Program.

### ***Nevada***

#### *Nevada Assistive Technology Loan Fund*

CareChest

7910 N. Virginia Street

Reno, Nevada 89506

Telephone: 775-829-2273.

Fax: 775-829-8745.

Email: [loans@carechest.com](mailto:loans@carechest.com).

Web site: [http://www.carechest.com/HELP/HELP.html#Assistive\\_Technology\\_Loans](http://www.carechest.com/HELP/HELP.html#Assistive_Technology_Loans).

Program: Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Loan Program.

## *New Mexico*

*Access Loan New Mexico*  
San Juan Center for Independence  
3535 E. 30th, Suite 101  
Farmington, New Mexico 87402  
Telephone: 505-566-5831.  
Fax: 505-566-5842.  
Email: [lmccabe@sjci.org](mailto:lmccabe@sjci.org).  
Web site: <http://www.sjci.org/afp.html>.  
Program: Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Loan Program.

*New Mexico Tele-Work Loan Program*  
New Mexico Technology Assistance Program  
435 St. Michael's Drive, Building D  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505  
Telephone: 800-866-2253 toll free or 505-954-8533.  
TT: 800-659-4915 toll free.  
Fax: 505-954-8608.  
Email: [andy.winnegar@state.nm.us](mailto:andy.winnegar@state.nm.us).  
Web site: <http://www.nmtap.com/NMTeleWorkLoan.html>.  
Program: Access to Telework Loan Program.

## *North Dakota*

*North Dakota Alternative Financial Loan Program*  
North Dakota Association for the Disabled, Inc.  
1913 South Washington  
Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201  
Telephone: 800-532-6323 toll free or 701-795-6609.  
TT: 800-265-4728 toll free.  
Fax: 701-239-7229.  
Email: [tladouceur@ndad.org](mailto:tladouceur@ndad.org).  
Web site: <http://www.ndipat.org/services/default.asp?ID=321>.  
Program: Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Loan Program.

## *Oklahoma*

*Oklahoma Alternative Financing Program*  
Oklahoma ABLE Tech  
1514 West Hall of Fame  
Stillwater, Oklahoma 74078-2026  
Telephone: 888-885-5588 toll free or 405-744-9748.  
TT: 800-257-1705 toll free.  
Fax: 405-744-2487.  
Email: [gmiliss@okstate.edu](mailto:gmiliss@okstate.edu).

Web site: [http://www.ok.gov/abletech/Financing\\_Activities/](http://www.ok.gov/abletech/Financing_Activities/).  
Programs: Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Loan Program; Access to Telework Loan Program.

### ***Utah***

*Alternative Financing Program*  
Utah Assistive Technology Foundation  
Center for Persons with Disabilities  
6835 Old Main Hill

Telephone: 800-524-5152 toll free or 435-797-2025.

TT: 435-797-7089.

Fax: 435-797-2355.

Email: [uatf@cpd2.usu.edu](mailto:uatf@cpd2.usu.edu).

Web site: <http://www.uatf.org>.

Programs: Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Loan Program; Access to Telework Loan Program.

### ***Washington***

*Washington Access Fund*  
Washington Assistive Technology Foundation  
100 South King Street, Ste. 280  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Telephone: 800-214-8731 toll free or 206-328-5116.

TT: 888-808-8942 toll free.

Fax: 206-328-5126.

Email: [info@waf.org](mailto:info@waf.org).

Web site: <http://www.waf.org>.

Programs: Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Loan Program; Access to Telework Loan Program.

### ***Wisconsin***

*WisLoan and Wisconsin Telework Loan Programs*  
IndependenceFirst  
600 West Virginia St., Suite 401

Telephone: 877-463-3778 toll free or 414-226-8306.

TT: 414-291-7520.

Fax: 414-291-7525.

WisLoan Email: [pkraemer@independencelfirst.org](mailto:pkraemer@independencelfirst.org).

Telework Loan Email: [kaltman@independencelfirst.org](mailto:kaltman@independencelfirst.org).

WisLoan Web site: <http://www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/wistech/wisloan.htm>.

Wisconsin Telework Loan Web site:

<http://www.independencefirst.org/services/other/telework.asp>.

Program: Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Loan Program; Access to Telework Loan Program.

### ***Wyoming***

#### *Wyoming Technology Access Program*

Wyoming Independent Living Rehabilitation, Inc.

305 West First Street

Casper, Wyoming 82601

Telephone: 800-735-8322 toll free or 307-226-6956 (voice or TT).

Fax: 307-266-6957.

Email: [webmaster@wilr.org](mailto:webmaster@wilr.org).

Web site: <http://www.wilr.org/wytap.html>.

Program: Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Loan Program.

## **National Funding Sources**

### ***American Association of People with Disabilities***

1629 K Street NW, Suite 503

Washington, D.C. 20006

Telephone: 800-840-8844 toll free (voice or TT) or 202-457-0046 (voice or TT).

Fax: 202-457-0473.

Email: [aapd@aol.com](mailto:aapd@aol.com).

Web site: <http://www.aapd.com>.

Members of AAPD are eligible to join the Digital Federal Credit Union, which offers Mobility Vehicle Loans and Access Loans for adaptive equipment and modifications.

### ***Association of Blind Citizens (ABC) - Assistive Technology Fund***

P.O. Box 246

Holbrook, Massachusetts 02343

Telephone: 781-654-2000.

Fax: 781-961-0004.

Email: [atf@blindcitizens.org](mailto:atf@blindcitizens.org).

Web site: [http://www.blindcitizens.org/assistive\\_tech.htm](http://www.blindcitizens.org/assistive_tech.htm).

The ABC's Assistive Technology Fund (ATF) makes grants to cover 50% of the retail price of adaptive devices or software. Legally blind residents of the United States are eligible.

### ***AUDIENT Program***

Northwest Hearing Care

901 Boren Avenue, Suite 810

Seattle, Washington 98104-3534

Telephone: 877-283-4368 toll free or 206-838-7194.

Fax: 206-838-7195.

Email: [info@audientalliance.org](mailto:info@audientalliance.org).

Web site: <http://www.audientalliance.org>.

This nationwide program helps seniors, children, and families obtain discounted hearing aids.

### ***Cochlear Implant Assistance Program***

Colorado Neurological Institute

701 East Hampden Avenue, Suite 330

Englewood, Colorado 80113

Telephone: 303-788-4010.

Email: [npyle@thecni.org](mailto:npyle@thecni.org).

Web site: <http://www.thecni.org/hearing/assistance.htm>.

This program provides cochlear implants at no charge to qualified candidates. However, only the device is free. Patients are responsible for physician, hospital, anesthesiology, and audiological fees.

### ***Digital Federal Credit Union***

220 Donald Lynch Boulevard

P.O. Box 9130

Marlborough, Massachusetts 01752-9130

Telephone: 800-328-8797 toll free or 508-263-6700.

Web site: <http://www.dcu.org>.

The Digital Federal Credit Union offers Mobility Vehicle Loans and Access Loans for adaptive equipment and home or vehicle modifications. Members of the American Association of People with Disabilities are eligible to join the credit union.

### ***GiveTech***

4630 Geary Boulevard, Suite 101

San Francisco, California 94118

Telephone: 415-750-2576.

Fax: 415-387-1516.

Email: [info@givetech.org](mailto:info@givetech.org).

Web site: <http://www.givetech.org>.

GiveTech provides computer input technology for individuals with severe physical disabilities who lack the financial ability to purchase it.

### ***Lions Clubs International***

300 W. 22nd Street

Oak Brook, Illinois 60523-8842

Web site: <http://www.lionsclubs.org>.

Lions Clubs International is a volunteer organization with a focus on service to the blind and

visually impaired. Local clubs provide free eye care, eyeglasses, braille writers, large print texts, white canes, and guide dogs. The Lions Clubs International Web site includes a locator for finding local clubs.

#### ***National Organization Caring for Kids***

P.O. Box 1822  
Tacoma, Washington 98401  
Telephone: 253-851-6625.  
Web site: <http://www.nockonline.org>.

The National Organization Caring for Kids (NOCK) helps parents of children with disabilities to fund assistive technology products after traditional funding sources have been exhausted. Its focus is on mobility and communication devices. Participants must be referred by one of NOCK's partners, which include Dynavox Systems, United Seating and Mobility, Care Medical, Olympic Pharmacy, and Sunrise Medical.

#### ***Muscular Dystrophy Association***

National Headquarters  
3300 E. Sunrise Drive  
Tucson, Arizona 85718  
Telephone: 800-344-4863 toll free.  
Email: [mda@mdausa.org](mailto:mda@mdausa.org).  
Web site: <http://www.mdausa.org>.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association assists with the purchase of wheelchairs, leg braces, and communication devices for children and adults with neuromuscular diseases. The AT must be medically prescribed by the local MDA clinic physician. The maximum allowable assistance is established by MDA annually.

#### ***SHARE Foundation***

University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth  
285 Old Westport Road  
North Dartmouth, Massachusetts 02747  
Telephone: 508-999-8482.  
Email: [share@umassd.edu](mailto:share@umassd.edu).  
Web site: <http://www.share.umassd.edu>.

The SHARE Foundation helps individuals with disabilities to obtain customized computer input systems, and often donates needed systems free of charge to those who cannot afford them and who are unable to find other financial support.

#### ***Travis Roy Foundation***

111 Huntington Avenue  
Prudential Center, 19th Floor  
Boston, Massachusetts 02199-7613

Telephone: 617-239-0556.

Fax: 617-227-4420.

Email: [administrator@travisroyfoundation.org](mailto:administrator@travisroyfoundation.org).

Web site: <http://www.travisroyfoundation.org>.

The Foundation makes grants to individuals with spinal cord injury for specific adaptive modifications or equipment. Grants typically range from \$4,000 to \$7,500.

## Grants for Assistive Technology

### **Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf**

If your child is under 6 and has a moderate to profound hearing loss, you can apply for money to pay for intervention, educational and/or rehabilitation services. There is also money available for children with hearing loss between the ages of 5 and 19 to attend art or science courses during the summer, weekends, or even after school. For more information, contact: Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, 3417 Volta Place, NW, Washington, DC 20007; Telephone: 202-337-5220, TTY: 202-337-5221. <http://www.agbell.org/financialaid.cfm>

### **Disabled Children's Relief Fund (DCRF)**

DCRF focuses special attention on helping children throughout the U.S. that do not have adequate health insurance, especially the physically challenged. In some cases, DCRF may be the last resort. DCRF grant applications may be used for modest awards for assistive devices, rehabilitative services, arts and humanities projects, or for efforts to bolster compliance with existing laws for the benefit of children with disabilities. Applications may be submitted by families (parent or guardian) for an individual child, or by a non-profit organization for a small group of children. Applications are available between April and September. [www.dcrf.com](http://www.dcrf.com)

### **HIKE Fund, Inc. - Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment**

Any hearing impaired person between the ages of newborn and twenty years, with financial need, may apply for a hearing aid. With proper application, other hearing devices, as needed, on an individual basis may be considered for funding. Included may be enclosed caption converters for television, tactile units, FM units (into which a hearing aid is plugged for amplification), computers to assist deaf children in communicating, as well as other technical devices may be prescribed. Supported by the International Order of Job's Daughters. 352-688-2579 (FL), <http://www.thehikefund.org/>

### **Kya's Krusade**

Contacts: Kylie Miles – [kylie@kyaskrusade.org](mailto:kylie@kyaskrusade.org) or 614-735-9703, Ashandra McLymont – [ashandra@kyakrusade.org](mailto:ashandra@kyakrusade.org) or 614-323-6399 Offers financial assistance to families for additional physical and occupational therapy sessions and equipment that are not covered by insurance. Eligibility requirements: (1) the child must be under 18 years old and have a confirmed diagnosis of Arthrogryposis or a less publicized physical disability, (2) the physical or occupational therapist must be licensed and

registered with the American Physical Therapy Association or the American Occupational Therapy Association, and (3) the equipment must be available at the time of the request, from a verified retailer.  
[www.kyakrusade.org](http://www.kyakrusade.org)

### **MDA-ALS, Friedreich's Ataxia, Oculo-pharyngeal Muscular Disorder Communications Fund**

MDA is helping to pay for communications technology for people who are primarily affected with ALS, Friedreich's ataxia, and oculo-pharyngeal muscular disorder and over 30 other neuromuscular disorders which cause muscle weakness and extends to the tongue and muscles involved in speech. MDA will allow up to \$2,000 for the one-time purchase of an augmentative communication device. Purchase may be covered by Medicare or Medicaid but MDA will assist with the costs not covered. For more information contact Paula Orandash at 800-393-8552.

### **M.O.R.G.A.N. Project, Inc. – Quality-of-Life (QOL) Grant Program**

QOL grants provide families with a wide variety of supports related to their medically fragile child with lifetime physical special needs. Applications will be accepted only for children under the age of 18. The grant does not pay medical bills, insurance premiums or out of pocket expenses, partial funding, nor provide funds for therapy, schooling or emergency assistance. Examples of qualifying requests would be uncovered DME-type items (such as an adaptive shower chair or an adaptive car seat), or travel expenses to attend a medical conference or support group meeting (such as airfare, hotel room, meals, etc.) in order to network with other families in the same situation. Currently this cap is set at a maximum of \$1,000 per recipient, and subject to available funds. The average grants approved are between \$250 and \$500 per recipient. If you meet our organization's criteria and have all the documentation items required, then you can apply to be pre-qualified online at <http://www.themorganproject.org/Grants1.html>

### **Multiple Sclerosis Foundation: Brighter Tomorrow Grant Program**

The Multiple Sclerosis Foundation is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of those diagnosed with MS. The Brighter Tomorrow Grant is an award of up to \$1,000 to provide goods or services that will help improve the quality of life of someone with MS. In past years, the program has provided items for improved daily life such as appliances, personal items, car repairs, and home modification. Education and improved health and well-being were also encouraged through the presentation of exercise equipment and classes, hobby supplies, and financial assistance for educational purposes. Recipients desiring greater independence have received wheelchairs, ramps, and other assistive technology equipment. Deadline for grant applications is October 1<sup>st</sup>.

[http://www.msfocus.org/programs\\_events/prog\\_grants\\_bwmg.html](http://www.msfocus.org/programs_events/prog_grants_bwmg.html)

### **Multiple Sclerosis Society**

The MS Society provides partial grants to individuals with multiple sclerosis for assistive technology and durable medical equipment. A prescription is needed. There is a \$400 fiscal year cap on grants. The MS Society can be reached at 410-527-1770 (Central MD), 410-543-0007 (Eastern Shore), or 301-228-3808 (Western Maryland). [www.nmss.md.org](http://www.nmss.md.org)

### **Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation (MDFF)**

MDFF is a fund of last resort. All other available funding must be exhausted before or used in conjunction with MDFF. Applicants must have one of 43 neuromuscular diseases or dystrophies covered under the MDFF program. Grants are provided for: purchase and repairs of equipment, respiratory devices, camperships, accessibility and vehicle modifications. If item is paid for by more than 50%, the item is considered property of MDFF and must be returned when no longer needed. Insurance deductibles do not qualify. Maximum amount for ramp grants is \$5,000 (only temporary ramps are allowed for rental properties). Maximum for vehicle modifications is \$4,000. Maximum for home modifications is \$5,000. Payment is made directly to the vendor. Call 1-800-544-1213 for an application. Find MDFF online at [www.mdff.org](http://www.mdff.org).

### **National Transplant Assistance Fund & Catastrophic Injury Program (NTAF)**

NTAF talks with patients to determine whether or not fundraising is feasible given their unique circumstances. NTAF can help tailor a plan to meet both ambitious and modest fundraising goals, and can work with fundraising groups both large and small -- even if the committee comprises only the patient and a few family members or friends. NTAF will help patients and their volunteers develop everything from tribute sheets with a personal and persuasive story, to online donation materials, flyers, press coverage and other materials. Once patients read through the material NTAF provides and decide to fundraise with our organization, patients begin planning individually-tailored fund-raising campaigns with their NTAF patient services coordinators. Patients complete an application which includes questions concerning financial need. This application is reviewed by a transplant or catastrophic injury medical professional who adds relevant insurance information. Funds raised come to NTAF where they are held in Regional Restricted Funds in honor of the patient, for the region where the patient lives, together with other funds raised in that region. Once the completed application demonstrating financial need has been approved, a patient may submit a request for assistance (Fund Request Form) with appropriate proof of expense. The NTAF Board of Directors has final approval over the disbursement of funds, based upon patient financial need. NTAF charges a 4% administrative charge on all funds raised. Contact NTAF at 1-800-642-8399 for more information. <http://www.transplantfund.org/>

### **TPA Scholarship for Deaf and Near Deaf**

<http://www.travelersprotectiveasn.com/>

The Travelers Protective Association of America established the TPA Scholarship Trust for the Deaf and Near Deaf in 1975 to provide financial aid to children and adults who suffer deafness or hearing impairment and who need assistance in obtaining mechanical devices, medical or specialized treatment or specialized education as well as speech classes, note takers, interpreters, etc. and in other areas of

need that are directly related to hearing impairment. Completed application must be returned to the Trust by March 1st each year. Trustees review all applications on file in April, notify recipients in May and scholarship checks are mailed after August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **United Cerebral Palsy Equipment Fund**

United Cerebral Palsy of Central Maryland, Inc.

Provides grants to individuals with Cerebral Palsy and physical disabilities.

Average grant: \$300

No referral is required. Call directly for an application.

410-574-7696 ext. 217

### **United Healthcare Children's Foundation**

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