WASHINGTON Assistive Technology Resources

AccessIT

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Organization Type: Assistive Technology, Information Centers, University-Affiliated Programs
Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific
AccessIT promotes the use of electronic and information technology for students and employees with disabilities in educational institutions at all academic levels. The AccessIT website, which serves as a resource for accessible information technology, includes accessibility checklists, best practices, frequently asked questions, links to resources and case studies, tailored to applications of information technology in education. The site features a searchable knowledge base of questions and answers, case studies, and promising practices. The organization has created two information technology accessibility videos, a free web design course curriculum for high schools, an online course on IT accessibility, an Educational Accessibility Checklist and a mock site for demonstrating web accessibility issues. AccessIT resources benefit multiple audiences, which include information technology policy makers such as school principals, district directors and technology directors, and implementers of these policies, including educators, computer lab personnel and library staff.

Colligo: Digital Content and Assistive Technology

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Organization Type: General, Assistive Technology, Private Sector Companies
Colligo's technology makes knowledge accessible and affordable for all. They are partnering with several agencies, libraries and schools to publish books in formats that will aid people with low vision, dyslexia, learning disabilities, reading obstacles, or other disabilities. Colligo continues to create cost effective assistive technology that opens accessibility for many.

Crick Software Inc.

14687 N.E. 95th Street
Redmond, WA 98052
Phone: 1-(866) 332-7425 (425) 467-8260
Crick Software, based in Seattle, Washington, is solely focused on producing innovative educational software. The company concentrates particularly on software tools for literacy. Crick Software promotes the inclusion of children of all abilities by creating flexible products that can be tailored to the needs of individuals. Most products have the option of switch access, for people with a disability.

**wDO-IT University of Washington**

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**Organization Type:** Assistive Technology, Information Centers, Parent/Family Support, University-Affiliated Programs  
**Disabilities Served:** General / Non-disability Specific  
Do-It is: People with disabilities successfully pursuing college and careers; Programs to promote the use of electronic and information technology to maximize the independence, productivity and participation of people with disabilities; Resources for K-12 educators, post-secondary faculty and administrators (The Faculty Room), librarians, employers, and parents and mentors; Publications and videotapes for you to reproduce and distribute at presentations and exhibits.

**EnableMart - Technology for Everyone!**

4210 E. 4th Plain Blvd.  
Vancouver, WA 98661  
**Phone:** 1-(888) 640-1999  
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**Organization Type:** Assistive Technology, Private Sector Companies  
**Disabilities Served:** General / Non-disability Specific  
EnableMart is a comprehensive assistive technology vendor. EnableMart currently has a product offering of over 800 products from over 60 different assistive technology manufacturers. At EnableMart they believe that an increase in awareness of the products that are available TODAY will enable more individuals with disabilities to live independent and productive lives at home,
work, school and play. Their mission is to make it easy for you to research, locate and purchase assistive technology products.

**Ershig Assistive Technology Resource Center (E-ATRC)**

E-ATRC – Miller Hall 212; Woodring College of Education; MS 9090; Western Washington University; 516 High Street
Bellingham, WA 98225-9090
**Phone:** (360) 650-2783
**E-mail:** Linda.Schleef@wwu.edu
**Website:** [http://www.wce.wwu.edu/Resources/ATRC/](http://www.wce.wwu.edu/Resources/ATRC/)
**Contact Name:** Linda Schleef, Coordinator
**Organization Type:** General
**Disabilities Served:** General / Non-disability Specific
The Ershig Assistive Technology Resource Center (E-ATRC) contains a collection of over three hundred Assistive Technology items, equipment and products, with a focus on technology supports for students with diverse learning needs in preschool through grade 12.

**Special Education Technology Center: Central Washington University**

400 East University Way
Ellensburg, WA 98926
**Phone:** (509)963-3350
**Fax:** (509)963-3355
**E-mail:** connolly@cwu.edu
**Website:** [http://www.cwu.edu/~setc/index2.html](http://www.cwu.edu/~setc/index2.html)
**Contact Name:** Jerry Connolly, Director
**Organization Type:** General
**Disabilities Served:** General / Non-disability Specific
The Special Education Technology Center (SETC) is located at Central Washington University. The Center supports all public school districts in the state of Washington and the personnel who work in those districts. They also support any student, preschool through age 21, who formally received special education services and who may require assistive technology to access their education. Finally, SETC supports families of students with special needs. They provide collaborative technology planning for specific students whose disabilities require that they use some form of assistive technology in order to fully access their education. The Center also features a lending library of toys, switches, augmentative communication devices, alternate keyboards and other computer input devices, environmental control devices and software designed for students with special needs. Finally, they provide staff development on topics including assistive technology overview, augmentative communication, alternate computer input, software solutions and environmental control.

**University of Washington - Center for Technology and Disability Studies**

Box 357920
Seattle, WA 98195-7920
UWCTDS is an interdisciplinary program located in the Center for Human Development and Disability and is linked to the academic Department of Rehabilitation Medicine in the School of Medicine. The Center provides integrated research, education and training, technical assistance and consultation, policy analysis, and legal advocacy related to disability and technology issues. UWCTDS is supported by grants from the U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Health and Human Services, and other funding sources.

**Washington Assistive Technology Act Program**

University of Washington; Box 357920
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Fax: (206) 543-4779
E-mail: uwctds@u.washington.edu
Website: [http://watap.org/](http://watap.org/)

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

The Washington Assistive Technology Alliance (WATA) is a consumer advocacy network that includes the University of Washington Center for Technology and Disability Studies (UWCTDS), and the AT Resource Center at Easter Seals Washington (EATRC). WATA also receives guidance from a Consumer Majority Advisory Board. WATA activities include: information and referral; consultation, and training related to selection of AT devices, services and funding; legal advice and advocacy; policy development and legislative action; technical consultation and training; publications; and development and maintenance of online resources.

**Washington Assistive Technology Foundation**

100 South King Street, Suite 280
Seattle, WA 98104
Phone: (206) 328-5116 1-(800) 214-8731
E-mail: info@watf.org
Website: [http://www.watf.org/](http://www.watf.org/)

**Disabilities Served:** Assisted Technology, Independent and Community Living, State and Local Organizations

**Organization Type:** Consumer Advocacy
Impaired, Cystic Fibrosis, ADHD/ADD, Leukemia, Bipolar Disorder, Tourette Syndrome, Apraxia of Speech, Dyslexia, Epilepsy
The Washington Assistive Technology Foundation (WATF) provides low interest loans to purchase assistive technology or business equipment. WATF also rents CCTV magnifiers for a reasonable monthly fee. WATF is a nonprofit organization serving Washington State residents.

Washington State School for the Blind

2214 E. 13th Street
Vancouver, WA 98661-4120
Phone: (360) 696-6321
Fax: (360) 737-2120
Website: [http://www.wssb.wa.gov/](http://www.wssb.wa.gov/)
Contact Name: Craig Meador, Principal
Organization Type: Schools and School Districts
Disabilities Served: Visual Impairment / Blind
This mission of the Washington State School for the Blind is to provide specialized quality educational services to youth ages birth to 21 who are blind or visually impaired within the state of Washington. Their purpose is to serve as a statewide demonstration and resource center and provide direct and indirect services to students both on campus and in the children’s local communities. They envision a place where children who are blind and visually impaired can live independently.

CLINICS

UW Medical Center – Drivers Rehabilitation Program
1959 N.E. Pacific, Seattle, WA 98195
Phone: 206-543-3600
Email: rehab@u.washington.edu
Description: The Occupational Therapy Department at UW Medical Center conducts a program to evaluate and instruct individuals with disabilities for driving potential. Participants in the Driving Rehabilitation Program receive specialized drivers training, and if needed, assistance in the selection of adaptive equipment and instruction in its use.
Any disabled person who applies to the program will be considered.
Areas Served: Washington state, Pacific Northwest, and Alaska
Eligibility: A physician must refer applicants to the Driving Rehabilitation Program. Applicants must be physically stable with a good driving record, and be able to maintain good judgment in driving emergencies.
How to apply: Call for current information about fees and a list of organizations that may be able to assist with driving instruction costs
Fees: Most services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance Worker's Compensation, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and other third-party payers
Description: The Assistive Technology Clinic provides evaluation and training to people with physical disabilities who may require technology to increase their level of function. The clinic offers evaluation and prescription for wheelchair seating, mobility, augmentative communication and computer access needs. This clinic is the only program in the Northwest providing such service for adults with disabilities.

Areas Served: Washington state, Pacific Northwest, and Alaska

Eligibility: Call for updated information

How to apply: To make an appointment, call the Assistive Technology Clinic coordinator

Fees: Most services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance

Good Samaritan Community Healthcare Occupational Therapy Department

407 14th Ave. SE -- Puyallup, WA 98372

Phone: 253-697-4000; Fax: 253-539-0885

Email: info@goodsamhealth.org

Web site: http://www.goodsamhealth.org

Area Served: Pierce County and Western Washington

Description: Offers consultation and evaluation regarding computer access, environmental control, independent living activities and home accessibility/ safety. Also provides letters of justification for funding sources.

Eligibility: Brain and spinal cord injury, stroke and neurological disorders

How to Apply: Call for information

Fees: Most services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance

A.T. AND LIFE SKILLS TRAINING

Washington Assistive Technology Alliance (WATA)

University of Washington

Phone: 1-800-214-8731; TTY: 1-866-866-0162

Email: info@watf.org

Web site: http://www.watap.org/

Description: WATA is a consumer advocacy network that includes the AT Resource Center at the University of Washington (ATRC), the AT Resource Center at Easter Seal Society in Spokane (EATRC), and the Washington Protection and Advocacy System (WPAS). WATA is supported by a grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) funded through the Washington Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, and enjoys the guidance of a Consumer Majority Advisory Board. Provides information on and referrals to assistive technology devices. Sponsors a computer loan program. Many services are free or low cost. They maintain an
extensive web site of assistive technology products and services.
Areas Served: Washington state
Eligibility: Individuals with disabilities and their caregivers
How to apply: Call for services
Fees: Most services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance

CHILD AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Children with Special Health Care Needs
401 5th Ave, Suite 1000 – Seattle, WA 98104
Phone: 206-296-4610; Fax: 206-296-4679
Email: Donna_Borgford-Parnell@kingcounty.gov
Web site: http://www.metrokc.gov/health/cshcn/
Description: Provides information and referrals for children with special health care needs. Assists families seeking health care, medical assistance, and durable medical equipment. Primarily serves low income, women, and children with special needs.
Areas Served: King County
Eligibility: Age 18 and under. Equipment requests must have been denied by Medicaid or private insurance
How to apply: Call for services
Fees: State and Federally funded program

GRANTS, LOANS AND SWAPS

Disabled Children's Relief Fund
P.O. Box 89 Freeport, New York 11520
Description: Disabled Children's Relief Fund (DCRF), a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, provides disabled children with assistance to obtain wheelchairs, orthopedic braces, walkers, lifts, hearing aids, eyeglasses, medical equipment, physical therapy, and surgery.
Areas Served: U.S
Eligibility: Children throughout the U.S. who do not have adequate health insurance, especially the physically challenged
How to apply: Write for application. Applications are available between March and September
Fees: NA

Helpline House – Medical Equipment Loan
282 Knechtel Way NE - Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
Phone: (206) 842-7621
Email: helpline@helplinehouse.org
Web site: http://www.helplinehouse.org
Description: Medical equipment loans to low income elderly and disabled. Loans include mobility equipment, toilet extenders, crutches, etc.
Areas Served: Bainbridge Island only  
Eligibility: Low income children, elderly and disabled  
How to apply: Call for services  
Fees: Donation encouraged but not required

**Good Samaritan Community Healthcare – Pediatric Adaptive Equipment Swap**
407 14th Ave. SE -- Puyallup, WA 98372  
Phone: 253-848-5571; Fax: 253-539-0885  
Email: info@goodsamhealth.org  
Web site: [http://www.goodsamhealth.org](http://www.goodsamhealth.org)  
Area Served: Pierce County and Western Washington  
Description: Hosted by the Children’s Therapy Unit’s AT Program the Pediatric Adaptive Equipment Swap maintains a computerized database of interested families. Actual storage of the equipment is not provided.  
Eligibility: Brain and spinal cord injury, stroke and neurological disorders  
How to Apply: Call for information  
Fees: Call for information

**Puget Sound Labor Agency**
2800 First Ave. Rm. 124 – Seattle, WA 98121  
Phone: 206-448-9277; Fax: 206-448-3457  
Email: psla@pslaonline.org  
Website: [http://www.pslaonline.org](http://www.pslaonline.org)  
Description: Volunteer union members build low-cost/no-cost wheelchair ramps, install grab bars and hand rails for the elderly and disabled. Client pays for materials; waiting list; one month minimum.  
Area Served: King County  
Eligibility: Qualified low-income children, elderly and disabled. Must own home. No rentals or apartments  
Fees: Free for qualified low-income elderly and disabled. Others pay for materials (wood, grab bars etc.)

**Washington Assistive Technology Foundation (WATF) – LOAN FUND**
100 So King St., Suite 280 – Seattle, WA 98104  
Phone: (206) 328-5116 or (888) 808-8942 V/TTY  
Email: info@watf.org  
Web site: [http://www.watf.org/accessfund.htm](http://www.watf.org/accessfund.htm)  
Description: Helps Washington residents with disabilities obtain the technologies they need to live independently and to succeed at school, at work, at play and in the community. Through its Access Fund, WATF offers low interest loans for assistive technology (AT) and home and vehicle accessibility modifications.  
Areas Served: Washington state  
Eligibility: Persons with disabilities and their caregivers  
How to apply: To apply for a loan, call or visit web site  
Fees: Most services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance.
WA Assistive Technology Alliance (WATA) – Funding Sources in WA State
CTDS, University of Washington, Box 357920 Seattle, WA 98195-7920
Phone: (206) 826-1038 or (800) 214-8731 V/TTY
Email: info@watf.org
Description: Resource Funding Guide. Developed and produced by the University of Washington Center for Technology and Disability Studies (http://uwctds.washington.edu) at the University of Washington Center for Human Development and Disability for the Washington Assistive Technology Alliance.
Areas Served: Statewide
Eligibility: Persons with disabilities and their caregivers
How to apply: Call for services
Fees: $8.00 print copy by mail – free download from web.

RESOURCE CENTERS – HOME AND SCHOOL

Disability Resource Connection – Home Modification Program
607 SE Everett Mall Way, Suite 17 - Everett, WA 98208
Phone: (425) 347-5768: V/TTY - (425) 710-0767 FAX
Web: http://www.drconline.net
Email: charley@drconline.net
Description: Both Everett and Snohomish County Housing Authorities have home loan programs so homeowners can make needed changes. Find ways in which people with disabilities can purchase homes. Section 8, HUD/public housing and other housing options also available.
Areas Served: Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom Counties
Eligibility: Residents of Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom Counties
How to apply: Call for services
Fees: Most services provided free of charge

Special Education Technology Center – State of WA School Districts
400 East University Way -- Mail Stop 7413 -- Ellensburg, WA 98926-7413
Phone: (509) 963-3350; Fax: (509) 963-3355
Email: Connolly@cwu.edu
Website: http://www.cwu.edu/~setc/
Referral Method: A referral must be made through the school
Description: Maintains a lending library (switches, toys, AAC devices, alternative computer access, low tech resources; see website for complete list.) The center provides assistive technology collaborative planning for children with disabilities. Assistive devices available for loan, rent, lease or lease to own.
Area served: Washington state, school districts, children up to age 21 enrolled in the school system Eligibility: Any students under current IEP or 504 plan, receiving services from a WA state school district. Summer institute is available in August. See website listed above.
Fees: No fee
Description: Provides Assistive Technology, such as grab bars, raised toilet seats, portable commodes, bath benches, etc., assists the caregiver in meeting the normal daily activity needs of the care recipient. Additional assistive devices and services include Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) and Project Lifesaver.
Areas Served: 360-694-8144 - Clark County; 360-577-4929 - Cowlitz & Wahkiakum
Eligibility: Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Counties
How to apply: Call for services
Fees: Most services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance

Washington State Assistive Technology Exchange
Phone: 800-214-8731
Web site: http://wata.org/reuse/
Description: This online recycling database allows posting of 'wanted' and 'offered' messages. Devices may be any sort of assistive technology, including computers and related items (software, modems, printers, etc.).
Areas Served: Statewide
Eligibility: The database is primarily for residents of Washington State
How to apply: Call for services Fees: Use of the database is free