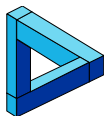


Assisting Consumers Through Technology

Information & Referral

Products: Department store chains, medical suppliers, the Internet and a neighbor's garage are just a few of the places assistive technology can be found. Through the ACTT Demonstration Center, we will assist you in accessing over 250 assistive technology catalogs, as well as an Internet database of over 20,000 adaptive products. These, along with AT related books and magazines, make our resource library an invaluable tool in locating devices for school, work, home, or leisure.

Funding Sources: With the cost of assistive technology ranging anywhere from the price of a paper clip to that of a luxury automobile, funding is often a major barrier to receiving needed equipment. It is our goal to educate consumers on how to obtain assistive technology through funding sources such as Medicare and Medicaid, private insurance and HMO's, Worker's Compensation, Social Security Administration, Vocational Rehabilitation, Veteran's Administration, charitable foundations, and even the state school system.



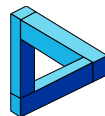
Demonstration

Available Devices: The ACTT Demonstration Center houses a wide variety of assistive technology. Consumers are always welcome to come and look, experiment, or play with our demonstration items. Some of the AT devices available for demonstration are:

- Augmentative Communication Devices
- Computer Hardware & Software Adaptations
- Kitchen Aids, Key & Knob Turners
- Alerting Systems for the Hard of Hearing
- Bathing, Toileting, and Grooming Aids
- Magnifying Devices
- Adaptive Fishing Equipment
- Blind and Low Vision Cards and Games

Missouri TAP for Telephone: A full range of telephone equipment and telephone signaling devices to meet the needs of individuals with all types of disabilities at **no cost**. Some of the disabilities that qualify are:

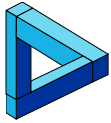
- Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Vision Impairments
- Speech Impairments



Advocacy

Employment & Education: There are many situations where advocacy is required to obtain needed technology. Within the realms of employment and education, there are instances in which a person with a disability is **legally entitled** to assistive technology. For example, employers are, in some cases, required by Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to provide a "reasonable accommodation" to an employee with a disability. Similarly, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) entitles every disabled child to a "free and appropriate public education," which, in many cases, includes assistive technology. The ACTT program is committed to providing you with the examples and legal information you need to become a successful advocate for yourself or your child.

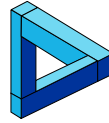
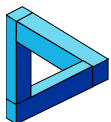
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Basic Information

Assistive Technology Device: Any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.

Assistive Technology Service: Any service that directly assists an individual with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device.



ACTT

The Assisting Consumers Through Technology project was established in an attempt to increase access to assistive technology for residents with disabilities in Greene, Christian, Dallas, Lawrence, Polk, Stone, Taney, and Webster counties. The demonstration center is housed at the Southwest Center for Independent Living, a non-profit, consumer-driven, disability service and advocacy agency.

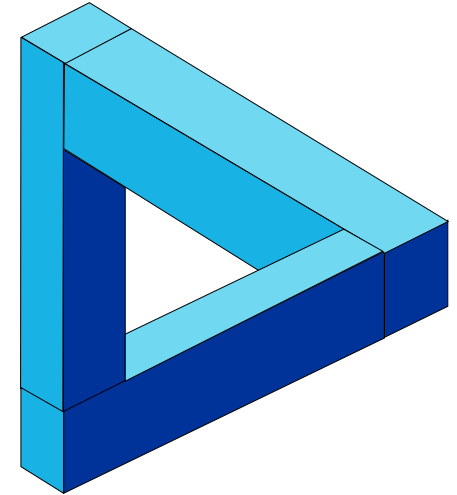
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