Technology for Ohioans with Disabilities!

Assistive Technology of Ohio (AT Ohio) is a federally-funded, statewide disability program located in the College of Engineering at The Ohio State University. The mission of AT Ohio is to help people all across the state to learn about and obtain the types of technologies that help people with disabilities go to school, get a job, or just live more independently.

Services Provided by AT Ohio

AT Ohio provides a wide range of services including:

1. Disability Technology Lending Library
2. Disability Technology Lease Program
3. Disability Toy Lending Libraries
4. Computer Refurbish and Recycle Program
5. Education and Training Programs
6. School Telepresence Program

“... What a relief to have had ample time to use this device so we feel certain. We have now received our own device through insurance. What a wonderful program this is!”

- Anna K.
Athens, Ohio

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Message from the Director

It was a year of tremendous growth at AT of Ohio! We are now fully moved into our new space on west campus of The Ohio State University and are much better suited to meet the assistive technology needs of Ohioans with disabilities. Even though we are an OSU program, we perform these services for the entire state of Ohio. If you are an Ohioan with a disability, a family member, or a professional working in the field, you qualify for our services.

Our Device Lending Library has hundreds of devices waiting to be checked out, including some of the latest technological products in the field of A.T. In addition, our Demonstration Laboratory allows everyone to come to our office on west campus and “walk into the world” of assistive technology. Let us know what type of disability you are working with, and we can have those devices out, turned on, and waiting for you to interact with!

On top of all of this, A.T. Ohio will begin statewide monthly trainings this summer in the area of assistive technology. These trainings will be on point for anyone working with Ohioans with disabilities, including those in the fields of aging, workers’ compensation, developmental disabilities, injured veterans and more. There will be a different half-day training each month, normally on the second Wednesday of the month.

We hope to see you in 2020 and beyond! I encourage you to take that first step by going to our website at: atohio.org, or by calling (800) 784-3425, or just email us at atohio@osu.edu. Thank you!

William T. Darling, Director

AT Ohio Partners with the Gala of Hope Foundation to help children with cancer

Assistive Technology of Ohio has expanded their School Telepresence Robot program into the Miami Valley. Through a partnership with Dayton Children’s Hospital and the Gala of Hope Foundation, A.T. Ohio is bringing telepresence robots into the classrooms of students with cancer across the greater Dayton, Ohio area.

The Gala of Hope Foundation is a Dayton-based charity that works to help Miami Valley families impacted by cancer. The School Telepresence Robot program brings robots into the classrooms of students who will be missing school for extended periods of time while they are undergoing radiation and chemotherapy treatments.

Originally started with one robot in a Worthington, Ohio classroom in 2017, the program has grown to include 21 different students across the state of Ohio. Our original partner, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, continues their tremendous support to reach kids throughout central Ohio and across the state.

This program also has reached children who have developmental disabilities who are unable to physically attend classes, but need the interactive experience the telepresence robots provide. Many thanks go out to the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council for their financial support as well. We appreciate everyone who has helped us grow the program to bring telepresence robots into the lives of kids who are going through a difficult time.
Take a Virtual Tour of A.T. Ohio!

Through the magic of our Telepresence Robots, you can now take a “virtual” tour of the offices of Assistive Technology of Ohio. To help reach disability professionals who are not in the central Ohio area, we now offer the ability to tour our facility and learn about our services by beaming in to our west campus location via a telepresence robot!

The interactive tour with a staff member generally takes about 45 minutes, which includes ample time for questions and discussion of specific cases you have.

In taking the tour, you can not only learn about all of the devices and services we have, but you will also, by tour’s end, be an expert on the use of Telepresence Robots!

AT Ohio Recycles Computers for Ohioans with Disabilities

People with disabilities are the least likely among us to own a computer and know how to use one. Imagine trying to navigate in this world—going to school, obtaining and maintaining a job, keeping in touch with friends—if you didn’t have a computer. Through the AT Ohio Computer Refurbish and Redistribution Program, Ohioans with disabilities can receive a refurbished computer for a fee of $60, delivered to your front door. If you can pick it up in person, the fee is only $30! Visit atohio.org to find out more information about how you can donate or, if you are an Ohioan with a disability, sign up for your refurbished computer today!

2019 AT Ohio Device Lending Library Statistics

Number of Device Loans: 332
Primary purpose of short-term loans
   Assist in decision-making: 293 (88.2%)
   Serve as a loaner: 10 (3.0%)
   Short-term accommodation: 22 (6.6%)
   Training purposes: 7 (2.1%)

Short-term Loans by Type of Borrower:
   People with disabilities: 127 (38.2%)
   Family members / guardians: 141 (42.5%)
   Teachers: 40 (12.0%)
   Health / Rehabilitation: 12 (3.6%)
   Community Living: 11 (3.3%)
   Employment Representatives: 1 (0.3%)

Primary disability area of device loan:
   Vision: 16 (4.3%)
   Hearing: 2 (0.5%)
   Speech communication: 134 (35.7%)
   Learning / developmental: 180 (48.0%)
   Mobility/seating/positioning: 8 (2.1%)
   Daily living: 8 (2.1%)
   Computers and related: 25 (6.7%)
   Other: 2 (0.5%)

2019 AT Ohio Computer Distribution Statistics

Number of computers distributed: 71

Northwest Ohio: 2 (2.8%)
Northeast Ohio: 40 (56.3%)
Southwest Ohio: 6 (8.5%)
Central Ohio: 21 (29.6%)
Southeast Ohio: 2 (2.8%)
**Newest addition: The Reveal 16i**

We are excited to announce that we have added the Reveal 16i from Humanware to our Device Lending Library. The Reveal 16i has Optical Character Recognition and Text-to-Speech capabilities. Google products Docs, Drive, Gmail, Google+, Hangout, and Google Chrome are pre-installed. It has Internet and Bluetooth connections and has an adjustable 16” screen. The Reveal is part of our Device Lending Library and our Device Demonstration Program! Come check it out today!