

## Assistive Technology Resources

### Commonly used Vendors for AT devices



<https://enablingdevices.com/>



[Home - AbleNet \(ablenetinc.com\)](http://Home - AbleNet (ablenetinc.com))



[MaxiAids | Independent Living, Low Vision, Blind, Mobility](#)



[Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). Spend less. Smile more.

### AT Resources in Minnesota

#### Assistive Technology – Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute

Assistive Technology (AT) is a crucial part of Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute. We believe that through technology intervention all things are possible. Whether you are interested in computer access or a simple talking clock, we have the program to fit your needs.

#### Assistive Technology Department at Gillette Children's Hospital

The Assistive Technology Department (ATD) at Gillette Children's designs and creates customized orthoses (braces), powered wheelchair controls, artificial limbs (prosthetics), augmentative communication devices, protective headgear, custom seating and wheelchair modifications.

#### AT Lab – SEMCIL

SEMCIL's AT Lab house's a variety of vision, mobility, computer and related peripherals,

and daily living devices. The program is available to anyone who identifies as having a disability and offers AT lab tours, device demonstrations, short-term loans, and assistive technology assessments. SEMCIL's Access Program offers accessibility evaluations, modifications, and modular and temporary ramps for new and existing homes and businesses.

### **Closing the Gap**

Focuses on assistive technology for children and adults with special needs through its bi-monthly newspaper, Resource Directory, annual international conference, extensive Web site and on-line service, Solutions.

### **Great Lakes ADA Center**

The Great Lakes ADA Center's mission is to increase awareness and knowledge with the ultimate goal of achieving voluntary compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Center provides guidance on the ADA and accessible information technology for the Great Lakes Region: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

### **Job Accommodation Network (JAN)**

The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) is the leading source of free, expert, and confidential guidance on workplace accommodations and disability employment issues. JAN's consultants offer one-on-one guidance on workplace accommodations, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and related legislation, and self-employment and entrepreneurship options for people with disabilities.

### **Lighthouse Center for Vital Living**

The Lighthouse Center for Vital Living offers comprehensive training and technology services for individuals with vision loss and other disabilities or challenges to independence. We offer technology instruction specific to individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Through our Assistive Technology Library, we can also loan or demonstrate a wide variety of devices. Training services and assessments are offered at our Center, in clients' homes or workplaces, or remotely. To find out what is possible, call Chris at 218-624-4828 or fill out a [referral form](#).

### **Metropolitan Regional Arts Council (MRAC)**

MRAC serves audiences in Minnesota's seven-county metropolitan region through grants, services, and technical assistance to the arts communities of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties.

### **Minnesota Assistive Technology for All**

The System of Technology to Achieve Results Program has developed a site for its loanable devices featuring images of the devices and links to manufacturer websites. The site allows users to create an account, track the history of items they have borrowed, request loans, request demonstrations, and complete surveys.

### **Minnesota Guide to Assistive Technology**

Assistive technology helps people of all ages with disabilities, including older adults with functional needs, increase, maintain, and improve independence at home, school, work, and in their communities. The purpose of this site is to increase awareness of assistive technology and provide information to help with the consideration, selection, and use of assistive technology whenever and wherever it will be used.

### **Minnesota STAR Program**

STAR informs Minnesotans about issues of assistive technology, opens the door to assistive technology for the citizens of Minnesota through state and federal legislation, works with state agencies and builds and maintains community collaborative and communication efforts.

### **Telephone Equipment Distribution (TED) program**

The TED Program provides telephone equipment to people who are deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind, speech impaired or have a physical disability and need adaptive equipment in order to use the phone. The equipment is loaned out at no cost as a long-term loan. Available equipment include Captel phones, light flashing ring signalers, TTYs, amplified telephones, loud ringers, hands free speakerphones and more.

### **Trace Center**

The Trace Research & Development Center is a part of the College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland. Founded in 1971, Trace has been a pioneer in the field of technology and disability, known for high-impact research and development.

### **Using Assistive Technology To Succeed At School And Work**

Assistive technology promotes greater independence by helping people complete tasks that they could not do on their own, or had great difficulty doing. This page is the gateway for you to learn more about assistive technology and how it can help you, a family member, or coworker, or friend live a more fulfilling life.

## **FREEDOM Resource Center**

Our mission is to work toward equality and inclusion for people with disabilities through empowerment, community education, and systems change.

## **OPTIONS**

Interstate Center for Independent Living promotes independence through services. Options offers: Information and Referral, Advocacy, Independent Living Skills, Peer Visiting, Community Education, and Outreach. Options has free loaner equipment for persons in need within the counties they serve.

## **SMILES**

SMILES Center for Independent Living provides services to individuals with a range of disabilities. Individuals, with disabilities, family members, service providers, community organizations, agencies, and businesses turn to SMILES for information and assistance.

## **PACER Center**

The mission of PACER Center is to expand opportunities and enhance the quality of life of children and young adults with disabilities and their families, based on the concept of parents helping parents. With assistance to individual families, workshops, materials for parents and professionals, and leadership in securing a free and appropriate public education for all children, PACER's work affects and encourages families in Minnesota and across the nation.

## **MN-NEAT**

Minnesota Networking in Education and Assistive Technology (MN NEAT) is a technology focused group comprised of members who work with all types of assistive technology and remote support to provide better care and increased independence for everyone.

**For more specific topics and resources please visit [Minnesota Council on Disability \(MCD\)](#)**

**<https://www.disability.state.mn.us/other-resources/resources-by-topic/> - at**