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Access Technologies, Inc. proudly implements activities for the Oregon Statewide Assistive Technology Program; carrying out a continuum of four federally mandated state level and state leadership activities. These activities are designed to change the lives of individuals with disabilities through the improved access and acquisition of assistive technologies (devices and services); ultimately increasing their independence at home, school, work and in their community.

Our staff meet consumers in their community. That means our staff have the wonderful opportunity to travel throughout our

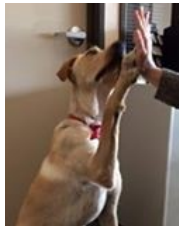
“For people without disabilities, technology makes things easier.

For people with disabilities, technology makes things possible.”

Look
Inside
for your
removable
ATM

great State, meeting so many wonderful people and learning about their life stories. During our last fiscal year, ATI staff drove more than 24,000 miles, providing one-on-one services to over 4,500 Oregonians, in addition to reaching over 274,000 people through Public Awareness and Information and Assistance services.

Let’s look at some of these services and see how many of our family members, friends and neighbors are now able to understand telephone conversations, read the menu at their favorite restaurant, maintain employment, and complete their school work with less frustration as a result of assistive technology devices and services they received through the Oregon AT Program in fiscal year 2016.

Ask REMI!

Hi I'm Remi. I'm a two year old Yellow Labrador and I'm the office dog at ATI. Perhaps we've had the pleasure of meeting during your visit to our office. My job duties include greeting customers, comforting clients, and now I have an AT column to write for Tech It Easy; called Ask REMI!

Email your technology related questions to me at info@accesstechnologiesinc.org

Dear REMI: I'm low vision, and looking for a way to easily tell my spice bottles apart, identify food in my freezer, and not mix up my laundry detergent with the bleach bottle. Thanks Kari!

Dear Kari:

Have you tried the PenFriend? This is way cool and super easy to use. The PenFriend allows you to record a voice message on self-adhesive labels, then use the PenFriend to read messages back.

Here's an example of how the PenFriend works. First, place a label on one of your spice bottles, touch the tip of PenFriend to the label, then hold down the record button while recording your message.

When you want to know what spice is in the bottle, simply touch the pen tip to the label and have the message read aloud.

There's a PenFriend in our Library. If you would like to explore this product firsthand, please call our office at 503-361-1201.

SEE—TOUCH—LEARN**The OSATP Demonstration and Loan Library**

has a new selection of amplified telephones ready for you to explore!

Device Demonstrations—what they are and who was served

During the demonstration, a knowledgeable Specialist provides a hands-on, guided exploration of specific types of technologies designed to ensure appropriate decision making.— because staff with Oregon's AT Program believes whether you are purchasing a bath bench for use following surgery, or you are in need of an alternative communication device, exploring various features and functions of different products help to ensure you are selecting the device that best meets your needs.

If you ask the 3,191 Oregonians, who received personalized demonstrations during the year,

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Canes/ Crutches

Canes- Adjustable

\$17.00

Designer Adjustable Canes. Derby handle, T-handle, Offset handle, Pistol Grip Gel, Pistol Grip Wood. Folding & Non Folding.

Canes-Crookneck

\$12.00

Standard aluminum cane with round vinyl hand grip. 300 lb. weight capacity, locking ring ensures added safety after adjustment.

Canes-EZ Rise

\$33.00

Combines rising assistance with a walking cane. Second soft grip handle is positioned approx 8" below standard offset soft grip handle.

Canes-Quad Base

\$20.00 Small \$22.00 Large

Quad base cane with offset padded hand grip. Large or Small base.



Quad Cane

Canes-Storage Pouch for Folding Canes

\$15.00

This storage bag/pouch has velcro enclosure, a slot for "business" card and is a great way to protect your folding cane. Can attach to belt.

Canes-Tall and Large

\$22.00

This cane has 1" steel tubing, offset handle with vinyl grip and wrist strap. 500 lb. weight capacity.

Canes-Universal Strap

\$7.50

Fits most wood or aluminum canes. When not in use, wear the cane on your wrist.

Crutches- Forearm

\$45.00 Adult \$50.00 Tall

Leg & forearm adjust independently, ergonomic contoured arm cuffs, vinyl hand grips, x-tra large tips for added stability.

Hospital Beds

Bed Assist Rail

\$48.00

Strong, nylon strap prevents the rail from moving. Provides assistance when moving from a lying position to a sitting position in bed. 250 lb. weight Capacity.

Bed Cane w/ Organizer

\$75.00

Steel handle/cane is mounted on board & secures between mattress & box spring. Can be attached to home or hospital bed. Adjusts from 19" to 22" high. Includes attachable organizer w/four pockets.



Bed Assist Rail

Table-Pivot Tilt "C" Base

\$85.00

The mast of the table is designed to adjust and lock into one of three positions. The range of horizontal to 90 degrees allows the table to become flat for writing and eating, or slant to hold a reading book. The "C" shaped base allows the table to come close to chair/wheelchair.

Table-Pivot Tilt Overbed

\$85.00

Height adj. 28" - 45". Separate tilt & raise/lower handles. Two locking and two standard casters, holds up to 50 lbs. Wood grain laminate top measuring 15"x30".

Lifts/ Transfer

Car Caddie

\$17.00

For those needing help from a sitting position to standing when exiting a vehicle. No-slip handle, easy installation, adaptable to fit any framed window, adjustable in height.

Gait Belt-Quick Release

\$25.00

Sturdy buckle makes it easier to put on belt and take off; size the belt and never have to re-thread! Buckle snaps closed, opens with a squeeze. Choice of 54" or 72"

Leg Lift

\$8.00

A simple way to help lift your leg. 36" long with hand and foot loops.

Independence is Priceless. . .but the technology to support independence has a pricetag!

Access Technologies, Inc. (ATI), strives to make low cost assistive technology available for varied needs.

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You may do so on our website, or please find our form contained within; mail or fax to us.

ATI accepts donations of clean usable equipment, along with cash donations in any amount.

All Donations to ATI are tax deductible. 503-361-1201 or 800-677-7512, FAX 503-370-4530



Transfer Board

\$40.00

Used to bridge the gap between two transfer points making patient transfers easy and safe. 29.5" x 7.5", solid pine with two hand slots to assist the caregiver in the placement and removal of the board. 440 lb. wt limit.

Miscellaneous

Doze Alert

\$35.00

Doze Alert Sleep Warning System fits behind ear. 18 pre-selected positions to activate alarm. 1.5 volt Battery included.

Talking Watch - Gold/White Face

\$40.00

One Button talking watch with alarm. Gold with white face & expansion band.

Talking Watch - Sport EZ

\$45.00

Sport EZ Talking Watch. Analog Face, water resistant, alarm function.

Talking Watch Pendant

\$45.00

One Button talking watch Pendant with alarm. Gold with white face & expansion band. Unisex

Personal Care/ Dressing Aids

4 piece Rehab Kit--Hip/Knee

\$24.00

Rehab Kit, after hip/Knee replacement, includes 4 items; 1 each: Lt-Wt Reacher, long-handled bath sponge or dressing stick, terry cloth sock-aid, and plastic hvy-dty shoehorn.

5 piece Rehab Kit--Hip/Knee

\$27.00

Rehab Kit, after hip replacement, includes 5 items; 1 each: Lt-Wt Reacher, long-handled bath sponge, semi-rigid sock-aid w/cord handle, dressing stick, and plastic hvy-dty shoehorn.

6 piece Rehab Kit--Hip/Knee

\$30.00

Rehab Kit, after hip replacement, includes 6 items; 1 each: Lt-Wt Reacher, contoured long-handled bath sponge, semi-rigid sock-aid w/cord handles, Leg Lifter, plastic hvy-dty shoehorn, and a pair of elastic shoelaces.



6 pc Rehab Kit

Cold Pak - Gel Reusable

\$15.00

Effective way of applying cold therapy to localized areas. When chilled or frozen, they remain cold for approx. 30 min. Easily conforms to any body contour. Reusable, heavy duty design, 11x14.

Dressing Stick

\$5.00

A simple way to help those needing assistance dressing. 27" wooden handle with "S" hook on one end and "?" shape on other end.

Easy Opener

\$5.00

Provides support with minimum strength to easily open bottles, bottle caps, pull tabs & box tops.

Elastic Shoe Lace

\$3.00

Tie shoes once and never tie again. Easy to use, reduces pressure points in shoes, for those with disabilities that prevent them from bending over. Black, Brown, Tan, or White.

Grabber/Reacher Claw

\$10.00

Helping Hands!! Lightweight, easy to use ergonomic, locking plastic grabber claw and magnetic tip.

Grabber/Reacher Suction

\$17.00

Helping Hands!! Lightweight, easy to use ergonomic grip, non-slip rubber grabber suction cups.

Long Reach Comfort Wipe

\$10.00

Toilet tissue holder reaches when you can't. Curved design to put pressure where you need it. Flexible head with secure grip and easy release button. No touching, No mess.

Shoehorn, Metal

\$10.00

Sturdy metal with rubber handle for those needing assistance putting on shoes.

Sock Aid Semi-Rigid

\$15.00

A simple way to help put socks on when bending is an issue. Semi-rigid plastic, cord with foam handles.

Sock Aid Terry

\$10.00

A simple way to help put socks on when bending is an issue. Terry cloth with loop handles.

Special Pill Combo Pak

\$4.00

Storage compartment for each day of week, plus all in one tool for splitting, crushing, and storage. Stainless steel splitting blade, built in pill storage area. Bottom serves as a drinking cup. Compact size.

Zipper & Button Enabler

\$5.00

For those with limited mobility needing assistance with buttons or zippers. Easy to grasp, folds to fit in purse or pocket.

Ramps

10 ft. Advantage Trifold Ramp

\$516.00

Access vans, steps, and raised landings, skid resistant surface, 29.5" wide, supports up to 800 lbs.

2 in. Threshold Ramp (Aluminum)

\$60.00

For doorways, sliding glass doors, single steps, and raised landings, 34" wide, supports up to 600 lbs.

6 ft. Advantage Trifold Ramp

\$263.00

Access vans, steps, and raised landings, skid resistant surface, 29.5" wide, supports up to 800 lbs.

7 ft. Advantage Trifold Ramp

\$303.00

Access vans, steps, and raised landings, skid resistant surface, 29.5" wide, supports up to 800 lbs.

7 ft. Signature Suitcase Ramp

\$280.00

Ultra-strong, single-fold, portable, non-skid tread, and self-adjusting bottom transition plate.

8 ft. Advantage Trifold Ramp

\$386.00

Access vans, steps, and raised landings, skid resistant surface, 29.5" wide, supports up to 800 lbs.

Top Lip Extensions

\$40.00

Top Lip Extensions (2 each) extends the Advantage Trifold, Suitcase Advantage, and Signature ramps. These are optional plates that increases the standard 3" ramp lip to 9", allowing the ramp to clear the rear bumper of SUVs and vans. Simply attaches to the top lip.



Zipper & Button Enabler

Scooter

Scooter Carry Bag

\$40.00

Easily attaches to Scooters. 1 zippered pocket, 3 mesh pockets, durable, & easy to clean. Nylon/Mesh.

Shower/ Bath/ Commodes

Bath Chair w/Back

\$35.00

Adjustable bath chair fits entirely inside the tub or shower, with back, holds up to 300 lbs.

Bath Chair w/Back, removable arms

\$50.00

Adjustable bath chair fits entirely inside the tub or shower, with removable back & arms. holds up to 300 lbs.

Bath Chair w/Back, Xtra Hvy-Dty

\$80.00

Large nearly square seat, 16" deep, with drainage holes, cross braces, for those who need extra stability in the shower, 600 lb. wt capacity.

Bath Chair w/o Back, Xtra Hvy-Dty

\$60.00

Large nearly square seat, cross braces, for those who need extra stability in the shower, 500 lb. wt capacity.

Bath Chair w/o Back/Arms

\$30.00

Adjustable bath chair fits entirely inside the tub or shower, no back or arms. Holds up to 300 lbs.

Bath Chair-Round

\$35.00

Compact round shower stool for tight spaces.

Bath Mat

\$20.00

AquaSense bath mat. Machine washable, antimicrobial, active suction grip, soothing massage zones.

Bath/Shower Bench-Transfer, Padded

\$71.00

Three sections of padded seat and padded back make this shower/tub transfer bench a comfortable choice. The tub side has suction cup feet with good selection of height adjustment.

Bath/Shower Bench-Transfer, Plastic

\$60.00

Three sections of plastic seat with reversible back make this shower/tub transfer bench a comfortable choice. The tub side has suction cup feet with good selection of height adjustment. Weight capacity 400 lbs.

Bath/Shower Bench-Transfer, Sliding-Folding

\$165.00

Molded, textured, plastic seat and back, lightweight aluminum frame. Entire seat slides side to side, seat snaps to frame for stationary use. Folds for storage.

Commode 3-in-1 (Standard w/drop down arms)

\$74.00

Has 12 qt pail, sleeve & lid, adj legs, molded plastic arms that drop down for easy transfer. 300 lb. wt. capacity.

Commode 3-in-1 (Standard)

\$50.00

Has 12 qt pail, sleeve & lid, adj legs, molded plastic arms. 300 lb. wt. capacity.

Commode Heavy Duty 3-in-1 Folding

\$98.00

Has 12 qt pail, sleeve & lid, adj legs, molded plastic arms. Folds for easy transport. 650 lb. wt. capacity.

Shower Chair and Commode - Rolling

\$120.00

Has 12 qt pail, sleeve & lid, adj legs, molded plastic arms. padded seat, removable back, locking rear wheels.

Toilet Safety Rails

\$40.00

Make the bathroom safer for individuals needing assistance in raising from a sitting position. Adjustable width and height, attaches to standard toilet, 250 lb. wt. capacity.

Toilet Seat-Hinged Raised

\$60.00

A seat riser made of two parts hinged together. Allows the ring to be lifted in the same manner as your standard toilet seat. Elevates by 3". Hardware kit included. Standard or Elongated.

Toilet Seat-Locking

\$28.00 w/o Arms \$68.00 w/Arms

A universal design that fits most toilets. Heavy-duty molded plastic construction provides additional strength and durability. Locking device has larger, heavy-duty worm screw and locking plate to ensure a safe, secure fit. Raises toilet seat height 5-inches.

Walkers/ Accessories

Glide Caps

\$9.00

Allows walker to slide easily and smoothly over most surfaces. These replace the existing rubber tips for smoother and easier gliding. Ideal for indoor use.

Glide Covers

\$9.00

The glide cover can easily be added to the walker, for use over existing rubber tip. The glide covers increase the life of the walker tips.

Glide Skis

\$9.00

The glide skis can easily be added to the walker back legs to help "glide" the walker.

Glides - Sneakers

\$9.00

Stylish tennis shoes allows walker to glide easily & smoothly over most surfaces. (Blue, Pink, or Purple)

Glides - Tennis Ball

\$18.00

Provides a quiet, smooth and durable glide when used with walker.

Rollator- 3 wheel

\$120.00

Lightweight, 3- 7.5" wheels. Loop lock, adjustable handles & brakes. Standard with pouch.

Rollator-2-in-1, Transport (Duet)

\$170.00

Combines transport chair & rollator into one. Contoured, two position, padded back rest attaches to front or back, large 8" casters. Lock prevents accidental folding. Foot rest folds down when being used as a transport chair & folds out of the way as rollator.

Tennis Shoe Glides



Glide Skis



Tennis Ball Glides



Glide Covers



Glide Caps



Rollator-6.0" Casters

\$140.00 w/Cane \$130.00 w/o Cane

Four wheel walker has padded seat & padded curved backrest. 6" casters, height of both seat and the handles adjust, 250 lb. wt. capacity. Under seat zippered bag and additional accessory pouch. Comes with or without matching cane.

Rollator-7.0" Casters

\$140.00

Four wheel walker w/seat, height adjustable arms with locking hand brakes, storage pouch, wt. 250 lb. wt. capacity. 7" casters.

Rollator-7.5" Casters

\$145.00

Four wheel walker w/seat, height adjustable arms with locking hand brakes, storage pouch, 7.5" casters.

Rollator-8.0" Casters

\$150.00

Four wheel walker w/seat, height adjustable arms with locking hand brakes, storage pouch, 300 lb. wt. capacity, 8" casters.

Rollator-Oversized Go-Lite

\$160.00

(GoLite) Extra wide, padded seat is 18" x 13", wire basket hangs under seat or in front of walker; The handles raise to 39", 8" casters, weighs 26 lbs. 400 lb.wt. capacity.

Walker - Rear Glide Brakes

\$25.00

For use on back of wheeled walkers. Nylon tip glides along surface until weight is applied to hand grip, which activates the rubber tip brakes. Allows for 8 height adjustments. Comes with or without 3" wheels.

Walker - Tall Extension Legs

\$25.00

Makes height adjustments from 36" to 43" on a standard adult walker.

Walker Basket

\$12.00

Can be used with all 1" folding walkers. It comes with a plastic insert tray and a cup holder, making transporting personal items a cinch.

Walker Tray - Folding

\$30.00

Durable plastic, 2 cup holders, easy to install. fits most walkers 16x12.



Dbl Trigger Walker

Walker Tray - Universal

\$35.00

Fits most mfr's walkers. Easy to clean, durable plastic with a cup holder.

Walker Wheels-5" Non-Swivel

\$18.00

This heavy duty 5" Non-swivel wheel allows walker to roll easily and smoothly in any direction and over irregular surfaces; includes rear glide caps, 8 height adjustment settings.

Walker Wheels-Swivel

\$19.00 -3" \$25.00 -5"

These heavy duty swivel wheels allow walker to roll easily and smoothly in any direction and over irregular surfaces; includes rear glide caps, 8 height adjustment settings.

Walker- Adult Dbl Button with or without 5" wheels

\$50.00 w/wheels \$30.00 w/o wheels

Deluxe folding walker, double button folding action. Vinyl hand grips.

Walker- Adult Dbl Trigger with or without 5" wheels

\$50.00 w/wheels \$40.00 w/o wheels

Pull up on extended dual palm trigger release levers, ideal for individuals with limited finger dexterity. Vinyl, ribbed contour handle grips, 350 lb. wt. capacity.

Walker- Adult Heavy Duty Dbl Button with or without 5" wheels

\$80.00 w/wheels \$70.00 w/o wheels

Folding, double button action. This walker is designed with a wider and deeper frame design for larger individuals up to 500 lbs.

Walker- Adult Single Button w/o wheels

\$30.00

Deluxe folding walker, single button folding action. Vinyl hand grips.

Walker- Hemi

\$45.00

Only 3" deep when folded; with two-levels. Provides support for standing from a seated position. For one arm use, lightweight "side" walker combines support and stability. Extra hand grip for ease of folding.



Rollator—3 wheel

Walker- JR. Dbl Button with or without 5" wheels

\$40.00 w/wheels \$30.00 w/o wheels

Easy push-button mechanisms may be operated by fingers, palms or side of hand. Each side operates independently to allow easy movement through narrow spaces and greater stability while standing .350 lb. wt. capacity

Walker- JR. Dbl Trigger with or without 5" wheels

\$50.00 w/wheels \$40.00 w/o wheels

Pull up on extended dual palm trigger release levers, ideal for individuals with limited finger dexterity. Vinyl, ribbed contour handle grips, 350 lb. wt. capacity.

Wheelchairs-manual

Wheelchair - Folding Transport Chair

\$115.00

Weights only 19 lbs. with 8" composite wheels. Back folds down for storage and transport. Standard rear wheel locks. 17" or 19" wide.

Wheelchair -Cruiser III--16, 18, or 20 inch

\$170.00-16" \$180.00-18" \$185.00-20"

Removable flip back desk arms; attractive carbon steel frame w/silver vein finish. Composite, light weight Mag-style wheels. Padded nylon seat and back.



Transport Chair



Wheelchair

2-in-1 Rollator





Assistive Technology MarketPlace

BARGAIN BASEMENT Gently used equipment available at ATI in Salem

Aneroid Sphygmomanometer \$30.00 Aneroid Sphygmomanometer. Vinyl cuff, index & range markings, gauge holder, artery indicator label, hvy dty vulcanized bladder, standard inflation bulb, precision calibrated manometer gauge. ATI 503-361-1201	Oversize Remote \$7.00 Tek Partner Universal Jumbo Oversized TV/VCR Remote ATI 503-361-1201 Oxygen Tank Carry Case \$10.00 Oxygen Tank Carry Case. Back Pack Style. ATI 503-361-1201	Raylight Magnifier \$25.00 14.7x COIL Raylite Lighted Magnifier - 1 inch Lens ATI 503-361-1201 Transport Chair - Spree3G Pediatric \$150.00 Spree3G "Tilt-in-space" Transport Chair. Tilts 60 Degrees around user's center of gravity. Base Frame & Footrest are Expandable, has harness & seatbelt. ATI 503-361-1201
Braille Notetaker \$100.00 PacMate BX400 Braille Notetaker ATI 503-361-1201	Page Magnifier \$35.00 Crystal Clear Page Magnifier 10" x 12". ATI 503-361-1201	TTY Ultratec Minicom IV \$40.00 Basic TTY for use in Acoustic mode. 20-character display with AC adapter and black carrying case ATI 503-361-1201
CCTV \$500.00 Optelec Clearview+ 17" Low Vision Video Magnifier ATI 503-361-1201	Panasonic 16 Btn Phone \$30.00 Panasonic VB-44210 16 button, 6 flexible line keys, dual colored LED, 10 personal speed dial keys, handsfree answer back on intercom, off hook voice announce. ATI 503-361-1201	
Hoyer Lift \$200.00 Hoyer Manual lift. Great for lifting individual from chair to chair, bed to chair, or floor to bed. Max wt. 400 lbs. Includes 3 slings. ATI 503-361-1201	<div data-bbox="649 1354 917 1606" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Panasonic 16-Btn Phone</p>	Walker - Dbl Btn w/o Wheels \$20.00 Easy push-button mechanisms may be operated by fingers, palms or side of hand. Each side operates independently to allow easy movement through narrow spaces and greater stability while standing. ATI 503-361-1201
Illuminated Magnifier \$7.00 2x + 2x Double Lens Illuminated Magnifier ATI 503-361-1201		Walker Legs (Pair) \$5.00 Replacement legs for standard walker. ATI 503-361-1201

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or

Donate your gently used items at ATI in Salem

(All donations to ATI are tax deductible)

Walker Wheels 5" non-swivel

\$10.00

This heavy duty 5-inch Non-swivel wheel allows walker to roll easily and smoothly in any direction and over irregular surfaces. 8 height adjustment settings

ATI 503-361-1201

Wheelchair - Breezy Ultra 4 Manual

\$75.00

Breezy Ultra 4 manual wheelchair. High strength, lightweight. 250 Lb. wt. capacity.

ATI 503-361-1201

Wheelchair - Quickie Iris Pediatric

\$75.00

Quickie Iris pediatric "Tilt-in-space" transport chair. Tilts 60 degrees around user's center of gravity. Contour-U padding and lap desk included.

ATI 503-361-1201

Wheelchair - Quickie Iris Pediatric

\$150.00

Quickie Iris pediatric "Tilt-in-space" transport chair. Tilts 60 degrees around user's center of gravity.

ATI 503-361-1201

Wheelchair - Zippie GS Pediatric

\$75.00

Zippie GS pediatric transport chair, with removable lap desk.

ATI 503-361-1201



Spree 3-G Pediatric



Quickie-Iris Pediatric

Consumer listings for sale.

Go to www.accesstechnologiesinc.org/marketplace for more information and contact numbers.

- Suitcase Ramp 5 Foot: \$50
- Suitcase Ramp 5 Foot: \$50
- Invacare Hoyer Lift: \$250
- Easy Stand 5000: \$1,200
- Invacare Power Wheelchair: \$1,000
- Electric Hosp. Bed (Bariatric): \$1,500
- Tuffcare Rhino 350 Patient Lifter: \$250
- Farview Portable Video Magnifier: \$100
- Gel Mattress Overlay: \$160
- Reclining Wheelchair: \$1500, WTCO
- U-Step 2 Walker: \$500
- Karmen Transport Wheelchair: \$500
- Breezy Ultra 4: \$450
- Prisma Portable Desktop Video Mag: \$700

WTCO = Willing to consider offer

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Or

Donate your Gently Used Items at ATI in Salem (All Donations to ATI are tax deductible)

Device Loans

With over 2,000 products in our Library, our State of the Art AT Library is designed to allow individuals to try out devices in their personal environment; whether that's in their home, at work, in the classroom, or in their community. Device loans result in more informed and accurate AT purchasing decisions; saving individuals time and money by avoiding "incorrect" purchases.

A local mom was one of the 346 individuals who accessed the Library in 2016; inquiring about speech communication applications (apps) that might serve as a voice for her young son who is nonverbal. After exploring a number of apps with the AT Specialist, Katie borrowed a tablet with specific age appropriate communication apps and began working with her son's Speech Language Pathologist, to determine the best solution for him. Together they identified *the app* and applied for financial assistance with the family's insurance company to purchase the \$250 app as well as the tablet. Now that her son had *found his* voice, the family was delighted they were allowed to extend the loan of the tablet device during this lengthy process.

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about their SEE - TOUCH - LEARN experiences they gladly express appreciation for the ability to gain first hand skills and education necessary to make more informed purchasing decisions.

Like Pam, who after hearing about the Oregon AT Program scheduled a guided demonstration to learn about assistive technology devices that could help her son overcome literacy barriers.

During the demonstration, Pam explained that her son has struggled with reading since he was in the 2nd grade, and now that he is in middle school, he worries about standing out. Together, Pam and her son explored a variety of assistive technology devices, apps and computer software programs, specifically designed to accommodate individuals with different learning styles.

Empowered with a greater understanding of easy to use AT solutions that could allow her son to be more successful in school, Pam said she was looking forward to sharing this information at their next IEP meeting.

Finance Activities

Obtaining Assistive Technology devices and services through the state financing activities saves individuals a significant amount of money and may be the only option available to them. Without these options Oregonians would go without the AT they need for work, school or daily activities in their community, like going to church or scheduling an appointment with their doctor.

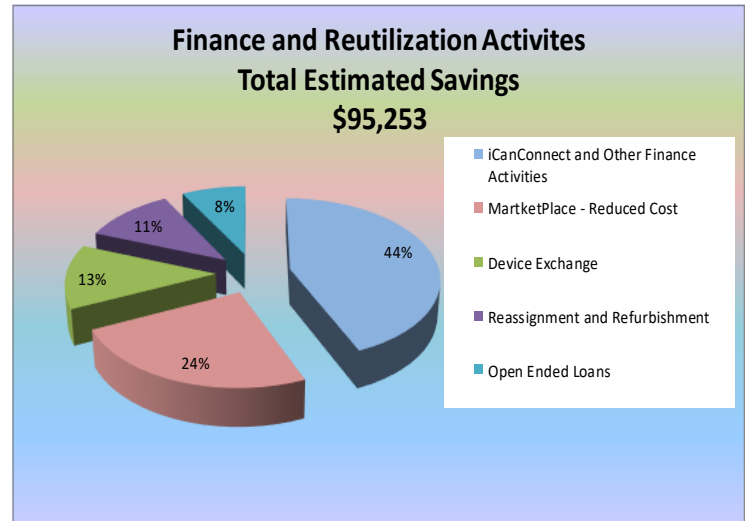
The Oregon AT Program increases the ability of Oregonians to acquire Assistive Technology by developing and expanding FINANCE services proven to WORK in our State. By providing a variety of finance activities, Oregon consumers are able to purchase and obtain assistive

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technology devices and services they wouldn't otherwise be able to afford.

This pie chart shows the combination the Finance and Reutilization activities offered through the Oregon Statewide AT Program saved Oregonians over \$95,000 in 2016. Here's a short story from one individual who was able to acquire important assistive technology because of these services. (To protect her privacy, the consumer's name has been changed.)



Cathy was stricken with Rubella/German Measles in the early 1960s; damaging both her optic and inner ear nerves. Overtime, her vision and hearing decreased and today, Cathy is clinically deaf/blind.

Recently, Cathy met with Oregon's AT Program to learn about portable technology that would allow her to text and email friends and family. During the meeting Cathy saw first-hand that the accessibility features of a portable tablet allows her to send/receive emails and text messages independently, and was delighted to learn that she qualified for services that permitted her to receive the tablet at no cost. Now, Cathy is able to stay connected with friends and family members even during regular medical treatments that require extended hospital stays.

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Present Coupon
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Purchase

\$ 5 Off Purchase of \$50
\$10 Off Purchase of \$100
\$20 Off Purchase of \$200

Valid thru December 23, 2016

One Coupon per Customer

Sorry, coupon only valid on in stock MarketPlace purchases. May not be combined with other offers.

Oregon ABLE Savings Plan

Oregonians with disabilities will be able to save money without fear of losing their vital state and federal benefits starting Dec. 6 with the Oregon ABLE Savings Plan.

What is an ABLE account?

ABLE Accounts, are tax-advantaged savings accounts for individuals with disabilities and their families, created as a result of the passage of the Stephen Beck Jr., Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014 or better known as the ABLE Act. The account owner is the beneficiary of the account, and income earned by the accounts will not be taxed. Anyone may contribute to the account (the account beneficiary, family and friends) using post-taxed dollars and will not be tax deductible, although some states may allow for state income tax deductions for contribution made to an ABLE account.



Why the need for ABLE accounts?

Millions of individuals with disabilities and their families depend on a wide range of public benefits for income, health care and food and housing assistance. Eligibility for these public benefits (SSI, SNAP, Medicaid) require meeting a resource test that limits the eligibility to individuals who report more than \$2,000 in cash savings, retirement funds and other items of significant value.

To remain eligible for these public benefits, an individual must remain poor. For the first time in public policy, the ABLE Act recognizes the extra and significant costs of living with a disability. These include costs, related to raising a child with significant disabilities or a working age adult with disabilities, such as accessible housing and transportation, personal assistance services, assistive technology and health care not covered by insurance, Medicaid or Medicare.

For more information about ABLE, go to www.Oregon529SavingsNetwork.com



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