

Assistive Technology Links

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General and Introductory Information on Assistive Technology

Assistive Technology Training Online Project (ATTO)

<http://atto.buffalo.edu/registered/ATbasics.php>

Provides a variety of information including: AT Basics, Tutorials on a variety of products, AT Decision Making and Resources. The AT Basics can provide a good overview for someone new to AT. The tutorials can be useful to staff members who need to learn specific features and operating information on individual assistive technology.

Assistive Technology Web Quest

http://www.wcs.edu/specialed/webquest/assistive_quest.htm

Provides links and information on assistive technology in a question-answer format.

Alliance for Technology Access (ATA)

<http://www.ataccess.org/resources/atabook/default.html>

Provides information about the ATA as well as a full version of *Computer and Web Resources for People with Disabilities: A Guide to Exploring Today's Assistive Technology*. This book is an excellent resource, and the Technology Toolbox in Part II is extremely useful for individuals just getting started with assistive technology. The site also has an AT Mini-Assessment that can be downloaded.

CSUN-Center for Disabilities

<http://www.csun.edu/cod/conf/index.htm>

Contains proceedings for all years of the Conference on Technology and Disabilities. It also contains many excellent papers on a variety of assistive technology applications and topics.

Closing the Gap

<http://www.closingthegap.com/index.lasso>

This site has a variety of forums with useful information about AT, a place to request a free copy of their newsletter and excellent online directory of assistive technology. Access to the directory and past issues of the newsletter are granted for a membership fee.

Generating Assistive Technology Systematically (GENASYS)

http://www.valdosta.edu/coe/ecre/ATRB/AT_in_schools.htm

An excellent and brief overview of assistive technology. Quick tips on how to make Web sites accessible.

Quality Indicators of Assistive Technology (QIAT) Consortium

<http://www.qiat.org>

This Web site contains a collection of many useful documents and tools related to assistive technology and it provides the opportunity to join the QIAT electronic mailing list where teachers, therapists, and family members routinely discuss assistive technology issues.

Resource Guide for Teachers and Administrators about Assistive Technology

<http://www.wati.org/resourceguide.htm>

A 24-page downloadable PDF document that provides an excellent, easily understood overview of assistive technology. This booklet may be reproduced and is an excellent tool for training.

Assistive Technology Consideration and Assessment

Assistive Technology Training Online (ATTO) Project, AT Decision Making Module

<http://atto.buffalo.edu/registered/DecisionMaking>

This module teaches a decision making process to use in assistive technology assessment.

AT Assessment forms from Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative (WATI)

<http://www.wati.org/assessmentforms.htm>

These forms are free and lead the user through a well-established assessment process. The packet includes the WATI Assistive Technology Consideration Guide.

Assistive Technology Consideration Quick Wheel

<http://www.ideapractices.org/resources/detail.php?id=22168>

This online version of the AT Consideration Quick Wheel can be a useful way to preview the full text of the actual wheel that is a low technology tool that for use by IEP teams.

ConnSENSE Bulletin

<http://connsensebulletin.com/>

The site provides practical resources on assistive technology through a number of articles, resources, position papers, and Washington updates.

Georgia Project for Assistive Technology AT Consideration Checklist

<http://www.gpat.org/GPAT%20Resources%20Documents/Consideration%20Checklist.pdf>

This checklist can be very useful to IEP teams as they consider the student's need for assistive technology.

Hey! Can I Try That?

<http://www.edtechpoints.org/hey.htm>

A free workbook for teens and those serving them to help identify potential assistive technology. It can be downloaded.

Minnesota Assistive Technology Manual (2003 edition)

<http://education.state.mn.us/content/005769.pdf>

The manual provides the most current information on evaluation and consideration of assistive technology. Contains processes and forms that have adaptations of some of the nationally recognized programs.

Texas Assistive Technology Network, Considering AT in the IEP

<http://www.texasat.net/trgmod.htm>

This downloadable training module was developed to help IEP teams effectively consider the need for assistive technology.

University of Kentucky Assistive Technology (UKAT) Project

<http://edsrc.coe.uky.edu/www/ukatii/>

The UKAT Toolkit provides an assessment tool as well as basic information on assistive technology and the law.

Assistive Technology Professional Development

Georgia project for AT

<http://www.gpat.org/>

A variety of resources including forms, resource lists, and an excellent list of national resources.

Valdosta State University in cooperation with the Georgia Project for AT

<http://coefaculty.valdosta.edu/spe/ATRB/index.html>

Excellent training modules including videos about a wide range of assistive technology devices and services.

Augmentative Communication

Alternative and Augmentative Communication for Young Children

<http://aac.unl.edu/yaack/toc.html>

This Web site provides a comprehensive overview of augmentative communication in a very understandable format.

AAC Institute

<http://www.aac institute.org/>

This organization provides useful information about helping individuals to communicate through the use of augmentative communication.

Family-Centered Assistive Technology Sites

Family Center on Technology and Disability

<http://www.fctd.info/>

This site includes a variety of useful resources including an introduction to assistive technology (AT 101) and laws related to assistive technology.

Family Village

<http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/index.htmlx>

Assistive Technology is found in the Accessibility Shopping Mall and is arranged by type of product with very helpful descriptions.

Schwab Learning Foundation

<http://www.schwablearning.org/articles.asp?g=4&r=488>

The 3rd edition of the Assistive Technology Guide is available to download at this site. It contains an excellent overview of the types of tools available for parents to use with their child.

Learning Disabilities and Assistive Technology

Learning Disabilities Online:

http://www.ldonline.org/ld_indepth/technology/technology.html

Numerous articles about assistive technology for individuals with learning disabilities including technology integration and assistive technology assessment.

Learning Disabilities Resources

<http://www.ldresources.com>

This site developed by a team led by Richard Wanderman contains many excellent articles about how assistive technology can help an individual with a learning disability.

Center for Applied Special Technology

<http://www.cast.org/>

CAST is best known for developing the concept of universal design for learning (UDL). Information on UDL, full text of several books

about UDL, and other resources are available through the site.

Software, Hardware, and Low-Tech AT

Ability Hub

<http://www.abilityhub.com>

This site offers frequently asked questions about the use of assistive technology to access the computer as well as an overview of many products.

ABLEDATA

<http://www.abledata.com/>

A searchable database of assistive technology products.

Fritschi's Assistive Technology Tools Chart

<http://fritschi.home.mindspring.com/tools2.html>

This Web site is an outstanding resource. It has brief descriptions of hundreds of products from low tech to hardware and software with hot links to their products.

Special Education Technology in British Columbia

<http://www.setbc.org/setinfo/setequip.html>

This list of resources has hot links to all companies whose products are listed.

Trace Center

http://www.trace.wisc.edu/world/computer_access/#three

A listing of many Web sites that provide free or low cost software programs that provide computer access for individuals with disabilities.

Web Site Accessibility

The CPB/WGBH National Center for Accessible Media (NCAM)

<http://ncam.wgbh.org/index.html>

NCAM is a research and development facility that provides information regarding expanding access to media and information technology for people with disabilities in their homes, schools,

workplaces, and communities.

World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)

<http://www.w3.org/>

Provides a forum for information exchange regarding the development of World Wide Web to its full potential. Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) is devoted to increasing Web accessibility through various guidelines and tool, among other things.

Trace Center, University of Wisconsin–Madison

<http://www.tracecenter.org/>

Undertakes projects that aim to increase access to any individual. The site provides guidelines on universal design principles, creating accessible Web sites, consumer products, or documents.

DO-IT Program, University of Washington

<http://www.washington.edu/doi/Resources/educators.html>

Gives K–12 educators' academic resources to be able to fully include students with special needs in their classrooms.