

Maryland Assistive Technology Program

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES



ABOUT US

Maryland TAP provides statewide access to assistive technology (AT) through equipment demonstrations, loans, reuse, financing, and training.

www.mdtap.org

We're a free, statewide service through the Maryland Department of Disabilities.

WHAT IS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY?

Assistive Technology, also known as AT, encompasses a wide variety of items from low-tech such as a claw reacher to high-tech devices that utilize smart screens and speakers to “speak” for someone who is nonverbal. And everything in-between!

AT improves a person’s functional abilities so that individual can have greater independence and success with a task(s).

Who We Are



<https://youtu.be/ixFm30tkjAc>

WhAT We Do in Maryland

- AT demonstrations and customized consultations with AT Clinicians – In-person and virtually!
- Issue short-term device loans, up to 4 weeks at a time
- Host in-depth AT sessions exploring a variety of AT topics - In-person and virtually!
- Host statewide AT events such as Accessible Gaming Days, Financial Resiliency Webinar Series, AT Talks & Tours, and more!



AT Libraries

Community AT Libraries across the State

Community AT Libraries – 9 Locations

MDTAP – Statewide
[Maryland Assistive Technology Program](#)

Central Maryland
(Baltimore City, Harford, & Baltimore Counties)
[IMAGE Center](#)

(Anne Arundel & Howard Counties)
[Accessible Resources for Independence](#)

(Howard County Only)
[Howard County Loan Closet - AT Library](#)

Northern Maryland
(Harford & Cecil Counties)
[Arc Northern Chesapeake Center](#)
By appointment only



Libraries across the State

[Southern Maryland](#)

(Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties)

[Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living, Inc.](#) (SMCIL)

(Montgomery & Prince George's Counties)

[Independence Now](#)

[Western Maryland](#)

(Allegany, Garrett, and Washington Counties)

[Resources for Independence, Inc.](#)

(Carroll & Frederick Counties)

[Freedom Center of Maryland](#)

[Eastern Shore](#)

(Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties)

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More of WhAT We Offer

[Interactive Assistive Technology Access Map](#)

[Virtual AT Library](#)

[Home Modifications Directory](#)

[AT Webinars & Trainings](#)



Tour our AT Library, right from your desk!

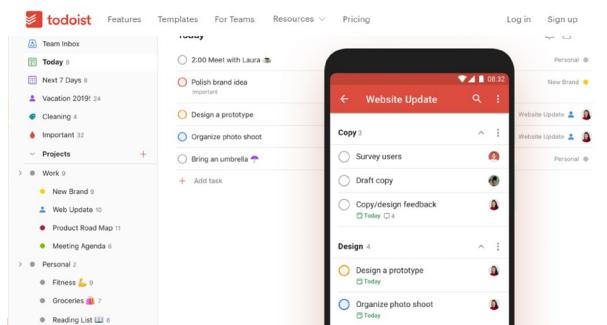


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AT for Independent Living!



AT for School & Work



AT for Fun!



Recycled /
Refurbished AT &
DME

Online Equipment Exchange

MDTAP maintains the Maryland Assistive Technology Exchange, an equipment exchange page through Facebook Yardsale

Maryland Assistive Technology Equipment Reuse



Maryland High-Tech AT Reuse Center (MATR)

MD AT REUSE (MATR) EQUIPMENT

- CCTVs/Video Magnifiers/Magnifiers
- iDevices
- Adapted computer keyboards, mice, switches
- Speech communication devices
- Amplified telephones
- And more
- [Search all available items online](#)

Visit MATR By Appointment Only –

7125 Riverwood Drive, Suite D1 Columbia, MD 21046

To schedule a MATR donation, consultation, or pickup, contact 443326-9703
MDTAP.AT-Reuse@maryland.gov

Other Statewide Equipment Reuse Options

The Maryland Department of Aging Equipment Reuse

Program provides durable medical equipment (DME) to Marylanders with any illness, injury, or disability, regardless of age, at no cost. All equipment will be sanitized, repaired, and redistributed to Marylanders in need. To donate equipment or to request an item, email:

DME.MDOA@maryland.gov or call 240-230-8000.

Maryland Loan Closet Directory

This directory provides information on local loan closets across the state.



**Maryland
Durable Medical
Equipment
Re-Use**

Equipment for Children, too!

Maryland is lucky to have not one but TWO organizations dedicated to recycling and refurbishing durable medical equipment for children! From adapted strollers to gait trainers, therapy equipment to car seats, these programs are ensuring that all families and all children have exactly what they need to thrive.

[Lollipop Kids Foundation](#)



[Equipment Connections for Children](#)



FUNDING AT

AT Financial Loan Program Snapshot

- Provides low-interest loans to Maryland residents with disabilities or their families to buy assistive technology
- Covers all types of AT including vehicles, computers, home modifications, and more
- Interest rates between 3-4%
- Loan amounts between \$300-\$50,000

<http://mdod.maryland.gov/mdtap/Pages/AT-Financial-Loan-Program.aspx>

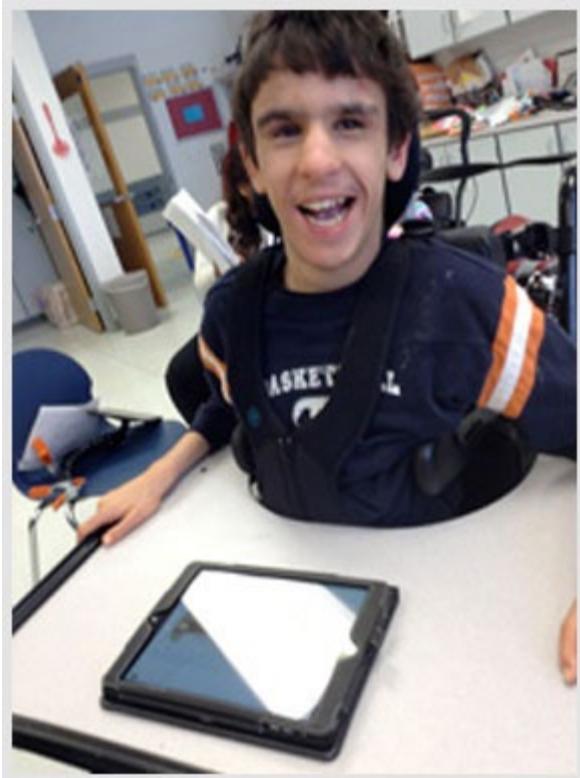


What Can I Buy With A Financial Loan?

- Home modifications
- Adapted & non-adapted vehicles
- Scooters and wheelchairs
- Braille equipment
- Vision aids (CCTV's, magnifiers, etc.)
- Hearing aids
- Communication devices
- Smart home devices
- Computers and iDevices
- Recreational AT (adapted bikes, adapted gaming systems, etc.)
- Many other devices



Discounted Assistive Technology – Purchasing Cooperative



MDTAP partners with AT Discount Sales & Services, LLC to access the lowest prices for AT when purchasing equipment. And you can too!

AT Discount Sales & Services, LLC provides discounts and product information for all AT needs.

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Maryland Accessible Telecommunications

In partnership with our sister program, MAT, the Western MD and Southern MD adapted telephone evaluation centers are located alongside our AT libraries.

MAT device evaluators provide FREE assessments, purchases, and installation for consumers across the state. [Apply online.](#)

Landline and mobile phones are available for people with **hearing loss, vision loss, physical disabilities, and I/DD**.



Statewide Portable Ramp Access Project

MDTAP oversees the statewide portable ramp project, loaning a variety of portable ramps to consumers who need short-term ramp solutions. These ramps are housed at 6 local Centers for Independent Living across the state:

[IMAGE Center of Maryland](#) – Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Harford County

[Independence Now](#) – Montgomery County, Prince George's County

[Accessible Resources for Independence](#) – Howard County, Anne Arundel County

[Southern Maryland CIL](#) - Calvert County, Charles County, St. Mary's County

[Resources for Independence](#) - Allegany County, Garrett County, Washington County

[Bay Area CIL](#) – Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester



Other AT Funding Sources

CILs AT Grants – These can often go up to \$5,000, but many require a % contribution from the consumer. Each of the 7 CILs maintain their own structure and application process.

LISS Funding – up to \$2,000 for services and devices.

Medicaid Waiver Programs – all 3 (Family Supports, Community Supports, and Community Pathways) include AT and AT Services, though the amounts fluctuate.

Local service organizations such as Business and Professional Women's Associations, Exchange Club, Kiwanis, Elks, Lions, SERTOMA, JayCees, Church Groups, "A Dream Come True", "Make-A-Wish", Masons/Shriners, Churches, Knights of Columbus, and the Quota Club.

Accessible IT

Statewide IT Accessibility Initiative

DIGITAL ACCESS WEB ACCESS DOCUMENT ACCESS APPS & KIOSKS

The Maryland Department of Disabilities Information Technology (IT) Accessibility Initiative supports state agencies to meet Maryland's Non-Visual Access standards.

The IT Accessibility Initiative staff provide the following supports and services:

- Evaluations of technology platforms
- Consultation
- Technical assistance
- Information technology accessibility training

Visit us to learn more!

<http://mdod.maryland.gov/news/Pages/Web-Accessibility.aspx>

MD AT Info Everywhere

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