

# Oklahoma ABLE Tech

*Assistive Technology Act Program  
for the State of Oklahoma*

## SoonerStart Collaboration



# Assistive Technology Resources Available for Infants and Toddlers in Oklahoma



Assistive Technology (AT) is identified as a device and a service. These two components typically go hand-in-hand, but not all of the time.

## Device

Assistive technology (AT) is any item, device, or piece of equipment used to maintain or improve a child's capabilities allowing him or her to participate more independently in daily activities. Some assistive technology (AT) items are simple, others are more complex, however, all are chosen to help the child play, communicate, and learn more easily in his or her natural environment.

## Service

Assistive technology services help children, their families, and service providers select, acquire, and use AT devices that fit each child's individual needs. This includes demonstrations, assessments, and trials of AT as well as training on using AT.

## How can Families Receive Needed AT for Free?

### Short Term Access

Oklahoma ABLE Tech provides short-term loan options of a wide variety of assistive technology (AT) to all Oklahomans to help with daily living needs. Through the Oklahoma Equipment Exchange Program and the Device Reuse program there are some assistive technology (AT) devices available on a permanent basis at no charge. A complete list of items available for short-term loan can be found at: [at.okstate.edu](http://at.okstate.edu)

Oklahoma ABLE Tech and SoonerStart collaborate to provide assistive technology (AT) to infants and toddlers, birth through 36 months. ABLE Tech provides AT assessment kits to SoonerStart teams around the state. SoonerStart uses these kits when working with families in their homes. The goal is to increase families' access to and acquisition of AT devices and services that may benefit children with disabilities in the SoonerStart program.

## Assistive Technology Devices Include Aids for:

The 10 Disability Categories	Examples of AT
Computers and Related	Adaptive keyboard/mouse
Daily Living	Adaptive feeding utensils
Environmental Adaptations	Switches with toys
Hearing	Assistive listening devices
Learning/Cognition/Development	Aids for early reading, writing, math
Mobility/Seating/Positioning	Aids for body/seating support
Recreation/Sports/Leisure	Interactive toys, balls, sensory
Speech Communication	Communication boards
Vehicle Modification & Transportation	Modified vehicles, specialized car seats
Vision	Magnifiers

"Having access to the ABLE Tech assistive technology devices moved Berklee to an understanding of direct cause and effect with toys and then on to a more abstract skill of requesting with the iPad."

– A client from Oklahoma County



### Long Term Access

The first thing to remember when seeking funding for assistive technology for infants and toddlers is that funding is available! Common funding sources providing AT for infants and toddlers include: Donna Nigh Foundation, Easter Seals of Oklahoma, Hearts for Hearing, Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Private insurance and many more. A complete list of funding resources can be found at: [okabletech-afunding.org](http://okabletech-afunding.org)

## About Oklahoma ABLE Tech

Oklahoma ABLE Tech is the statewide Assistive Technology Act Program for the state of Oklahoma. ABLE Tech's mission is to improve access to and acquisition of assistive technology for individuals with disabilities of all ages.

Resources available through ABLE Tech:

- Device demonstrations
- Device short-term loans
- Device reuse or exchange
- Financial loans
- Information and referrals
- Consultations
- Training workshops & presentations

## About SoonerStart

The mission of the SoonerStart Early Intervention Program is to use an individualized, comprehensive, coordinated system of services and supports to enhance the abilities of Oklahoma infants and toddlers with disabilities and developmental delays, and strengthen the capacity of their families to support their development.



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