

# Oklahoma ABLE Tech

Assistive Technology  
Small Changes...Big Differences



## SoonerStart 2017 Recognition Winner

4th Quarter: Garfield County

This SoonerStart team will receive new assistive technology (AT) to include in their county kit. Infants and toddlers under 3 years old and their families will be able to receive demonstrations of the new AT items. These services help families determine appropriate accommodations for children and decide whether or not they need AT.

Yearly Winner

This team is one that consistently reports demonstrations with high decision-making percentages, high satisfaction ratings, multiple disciplines participating, and constant improvement! They have consistently reported over 100 demos each quarter! Congratulations, Rogers County! This team will receive \$800 in new assistive technology to use with children receiving SoonerStart services in the Rogers County region!

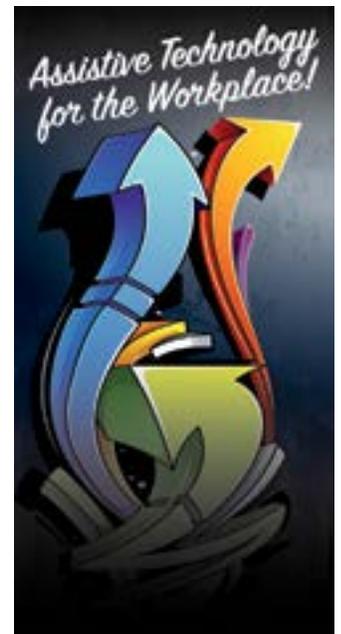
To view SoonerStart success stories and pictures, click here: [http://bit.ly/SS\\_Success](http://bit.ly/SS_Success)

## Oklahoma American Job Centers

ABLE Tech and DRS collaborated to help Oklahoma's American Job Centers (AJCs) to improve workforce services for people with disabilities.

The project began with assembling Access for All kits of assistive technology for the AJCs. The kits contain examples of low to high technology and descriptive materials to help AJC staff, job seekers, and employers learn about AT ideas to help employees with various needs that may affect their ability to do a job.

The AT kits include items that can help someone with functional needs related to vision, hearing, time management, and physical mobility limitations.



## TechAccessOK Returns to OKC!

October 16-17, 2017

TechAccessOK is Oklahoma's premier conference that focuses on accessibility in technology and the web. The conference will take place at the Reed Conference Center in Midwest City, Oklahoma, just minutes away from Will Rogers World Airport.

Technology touches all phases of our daily life, education and employment. An accessible web is a critical part of making sure that people with disabilities can participate fully and equally in all phases of life.

TechAccessOK brings together local, national and international experts to talk and learn about making the web more accessible to people with disabilities.

**Venue:** Reed Conference Center, Midwest City

**Schedule:** Oct 16th - Full-day hands-on preconference workshop.

Oct 17th - Conference sessions with Oklahoma and national speakers.

For more information, visit <http://techaccessok.org>



## AT Support Team Training: Six Learning Opportunities for Oklahoma Educators

Oklahoma ABLE Tech offers a variety of opportunities for individuals and districts to learn what students with disabilities experience in the classroom and how assistive technology devices help their learning and your teaching! In the 2017-18 academic year, we're offering AT Training to Oklahoma educators in the following ways to make participation convenient and highly worthwhile:

- **Online AT Curriculum** - Individuals and districts from anywhere in the state can learn about assistive technology using the QIAT protocol that covers consideration, assessment, and the law. The site launches when school starts!

- **In-Person Training** - We'll continue our regional day-long training sessions beginning this fall and continuing through the spring of 2018.

- **Live Webinars and Training Videos** - Our 2016-17 webinar series was well attended and we will continue with new topics in fall and spring. All webinars are archived and available for online viewing at any time.

- **Consultations** - Educators and families are invited to take advantage of our personalized consultation service.

- **AT for Demo and Loan** - ABLE Tech offers free six-week loans of over 2,000 devices you can demonstrate to students, parents, and anyone you believe will benefit from AT. Visit [AT.okstate.edu](http://AT.okstate.edu)

Call us at 800-257-1705 for help.

ABLE Tech provides services for students in public schools through a contract with the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

E-mail [kimberly.berry@okstate.edu](mailto:kimberly.berry@okstate.edu) to sign up for the Assistive Technology ListServ (AT-L) to receive timely news and information and visit [okabletech.okstate.edu](http://okabletech.okstate.edu) for updates!

### Student Worker Feature

Oklahoma ABLE Tech employs a number of Oklahoma State University students every year who provide invaluable assistance in executing the work of all sponsored programs. We are profiling these students in the next few issues of this newsletter.



**Abigail Ramirez** joined ABLE Tech this summer. She is attending OSU to receive her degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders, with the plans to go on to receive her Speech Language Pathology degree. At ABLE Tech, she helps with the financial loan program, smoke alarm project, and with short term device loans.

**Ali Fariss** is a Nutritional Sciences major and hopes to become a Registered Dietitian one day. As a Dietitian, she wants to specialize in Pediatrics or Oncology. At Oklahoma ABLE Tech, Ali focuses on sending and checking in device loans. Her job here at Oklahoma ABLE-Tech allows her to get a deeper understanding of those who have special needs and how to approach those as a Dietitian.



**Rachel Pack** is a graduate student majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Her main role as a student worker includes completing projects related to our SoonerStart partnership, Vending iPads initiative with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, and our role as a Continuing Education Provider for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

### Free Smoke Alarm & Alert Equipment!

Oklahoma ABLE Tech and Fire Protection Publications are busy scheduling professionals to install FREE life-saving smoke alarms and specialized alert equipment.

Due to the award of a federal grant from FEMA, installation can take place in approximately 300 homes throughout Oklahoma. This year's grant provides this life-saving equipment for people who are deaf or hard of hearing, blind or have low vision or use a mobility device.



Spread the word! Tell your family, friends, church family, etc.

To learn more, go to [http://okabletech.okstate.edu/Fire\\_Safety](http://okabletech.okstate.edu/Fire_Safety)

## Oklahoma Equipment Exchange

The Oklahoma Equipment Exchange (OEE) is a FREE program to help Oklahomans with disabilities acquire affordable equipment. To donate, sell, or locate equipment, visit our website or call us at 888.885.5588 (v/tty).



In Oklahoma City, you may call the Oklahoma Durable Medical Equipment Reuse Program (OKDMERP) at 405.523.4810 for FREE durable medical equipment such as canes, scooters, and hospital beds. Donations are always welcome!

Available Items	
CCTVs	For Sale
Standing Frame Wheelchair	For Sale
Children's Items (Pediatric gait trainer, tomato car seat, wheelchair)	For Sale
Van with Ramps	For Sale
Rollator Walker	For Sale
Power Wheelchairs	For Sale
Many Other Types of Equipment (Oxygen cannula Tubing, disposable underwear, all types of braces, etc.)	FREE

### Partner Success Story

Lynn Ryan was having difficulty reading and using the computer to write articles for a newsletter. Lynn wanted to be able to proofread her articles without her husband's help. With the help of NewView Oklahoma, Oklahoma ABLE Tech, and Low Vision Occupational Therapy, Lynn was able to find devices that have helped her be more independent. Lynn now uses a 3x stand magnifier to proof read the articles she writes and enjoys her independence.



### Adaptive Baby Care for Parents with Disabilities

The ABC program, which is supported by a grant from the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation, provides equipment to parents with disabilities or physical limitations that increases the ease and safety of baby care tasks. This equipment is available for loan until the family is able to purchase the item or until they no longer need it.

The ABC program allows parents with disabilities access to equipment that will help with feeding, diapering, sleeping, bathing, carrying, etc. In addition, available equipment can accommodate those with challenges such as fatigue, back pain, mobility, vision needs, and more.

To learn more about the Adaptive Baby Care program, visit the website at <http://www.okabletech-abc.org/>.

## Assistive Technology Device Feature Double Robotics

Double Robotics is a telepresence platform that resembles a Segway. It uses an iPad and motorized base to allow a homebound student or employee access to everyday school and work.



Bringing the rich learning environment of a classroom to a homebound or hospitalized student can be very difficult. Double enables the remote student to join the classroom in realtime, interact with other students one-on-one, and participate in group discussion. Double Robotics can also allow an out-of-office employee to join in on meetings, interact with coworkers, and participate in daily office life.

The robot has a 720p Adaptive HD Camera Kit with a 150 degree wide-angle lens that increases the field of view by 70% on the right and left sides.

## Oklahoma AT Center Locations

Oklahoma ABLE Tech and its partners operate device demonstration and device loan programs to increase access to AT. Inventory is available and searchable online, and individuals may borrow devices for up to six weeks at no cost. Please go to: [at.okstate.edu](http://at.okstate.edu)



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Hearing Loss Association



NewView Oklahoma



Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders



The Children's Center



Pathways Therapy Center



John W. Keys Speech and Hearing Center

The partners below are mobility dealers offering vans, scooters and adaptive equipment for your current vehicle. They don't loan vehicles but can demonstrate all capabilities of the equipment.



Handicapped Vehicle Services, Tulsa



Newby-Vance Mobility, Guthrie



United Access Mobility, Oklahoma City

## iDevice App Feature MBraille



MBraille brings you a mobile braille keyboard with free

features allowing you to type, edit, and send messages using contracted or uncontracted English braille. Available on Apple iTunes and Google Play.

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## Events and Training

- AUG 4-5 | AAC Evaluation Conference TCC/Bethany
- AUG 14 | DRS Commission Meeting State Office Bldg., OKC
- AUG 18 | ORC Quarterly Meeting State Office Bldg., OKC
- SEPT 14 | Beginner AT Team Training, Sand Springs
- SEPT 21 | ORC Strategic Planning Meeting DRS Evaluation Center, OKC
- OCT 3-5 | OTI Conference - Norman
- OCT 12 | Intermediate AT Team Training, Sand Springs
- OCT 11-12 | Art Cernosia Training, Tulsa
- OCT 16-17 | TechAccessOK Conference - Reed Conference Center - Midwest City, OK

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