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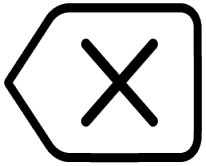
Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Tips



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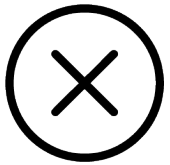

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Start with the Person, NOT the Tool

Feature match & find the communication system with the right features for the individual.

Select the Right AAC Grid Size

Choose a grid size based on what the AAC user can see and activate.

Make it Fun!

Choose activities that are fun and motivating while trialing the device with the individual.

Use Aided Language Stimulation

Model the language on the device by using the device as you talk.

Avoid Frequent Testing

Examples: “where’s the pizza,” “show me the color blue,” etc.

Provide Access to AAC

Keep the communication system within arm’s reach of the individual at all times.

Allow Enough Time with the Device

Give the individual opportunities to explore the vocabulary on the device.

Acknowledge Communication

Recognize the communication just as if it came out of the individual’s mouth.

It’s OK to Need Help

Check out the other side of this handout for more resources.

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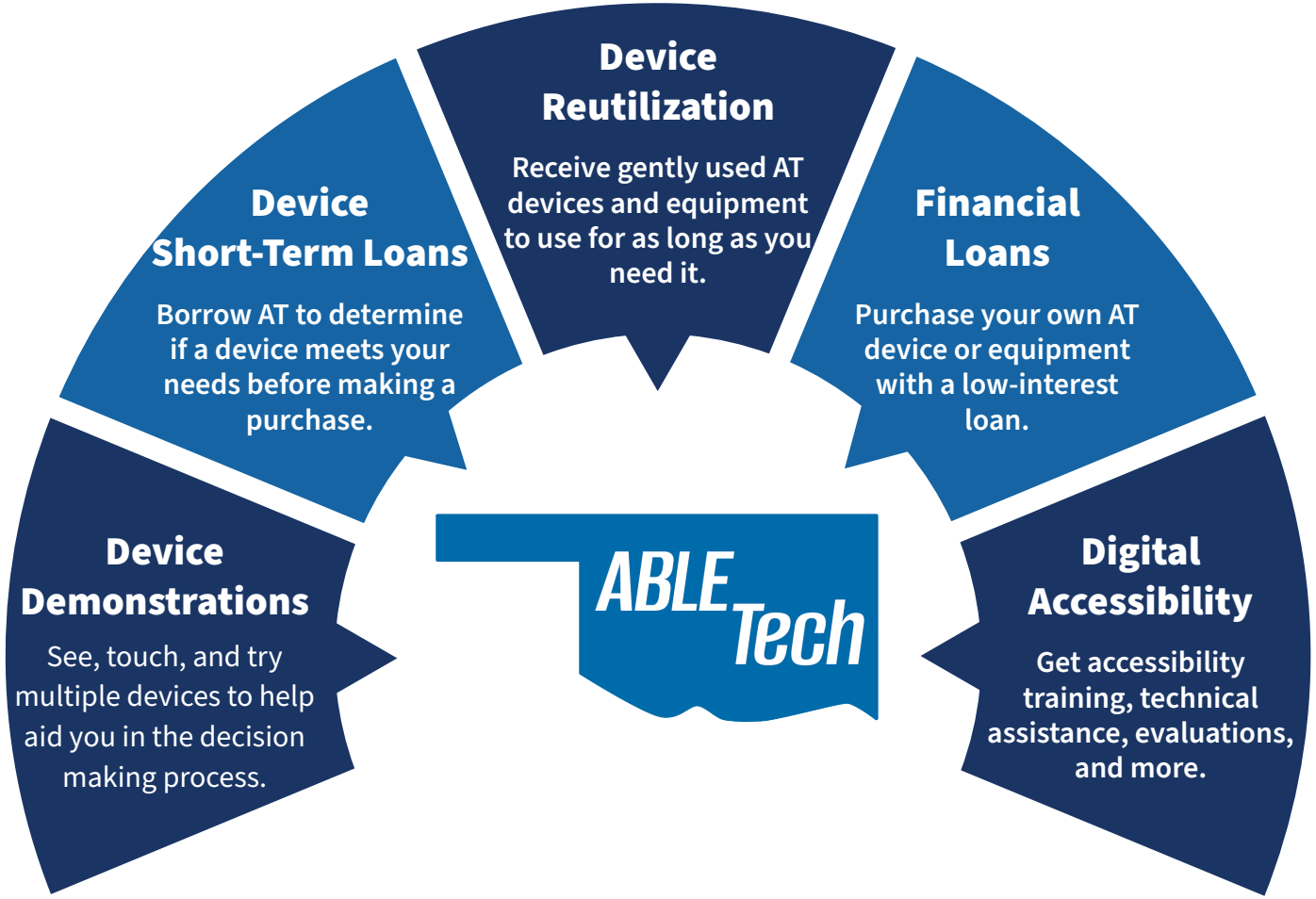

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