



Georgia's Assistive
Technology Act Program

Tools for Life: Your Assistive Technology Act Program!

Welcome to the Assistive Technology Revolution!



The world around us is evolving at an astounding rate. Assistive Technology (AT) developments have been foundational in this evolution and a catalyst for producing positive life-changing results for individuals with disabilities.

This session will take a closer look at:

- AMAC | Tools for Life – AT Act Program
- Understanding Assistive Technology
- Defining “Low/Light Tech” to “Mid/High Tech Solutions”
- Funding Resources

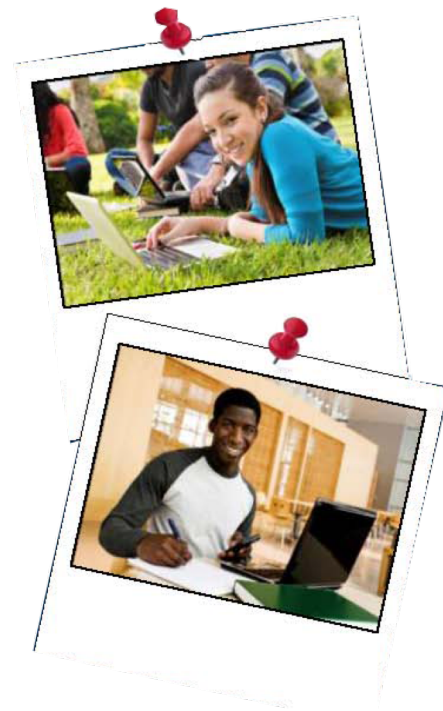
...all in about 25 minutes!

For Handouts: [Visit the Tools for Life Wiki Page – www.qatfl.gatech.edu/tflwiki](http://www.qatfl.gatech.edu/tflwiki)

AMAC Accessibility



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Accessibility Made Smart



AMAC creates practical solutions that work, with a focus on utility, ease of use, and high quality.

- **Accessibility Consulting** focuses on organizational accessibility needs with evaluation, technical assistance, customer support, and website accessibility solutions.
- **Braille Services** produces customized projects from both print materials and electronic text including partial books and chapters or graphics only using cutting-edge technology.
- **Captioning Services** makes classrooms, meetings, labs and other audio environments fully accessible for deaf or hard-of-hearing.
- **Professional E-Text Producers** provide high-quality e-text in many formats such as PDF, DOC, DAISY, and HTML.
- **Certified Assistive Technology team** provides on-site and remote assessments, demonstrations, training and technical assistance for education, work, and daily living environments.

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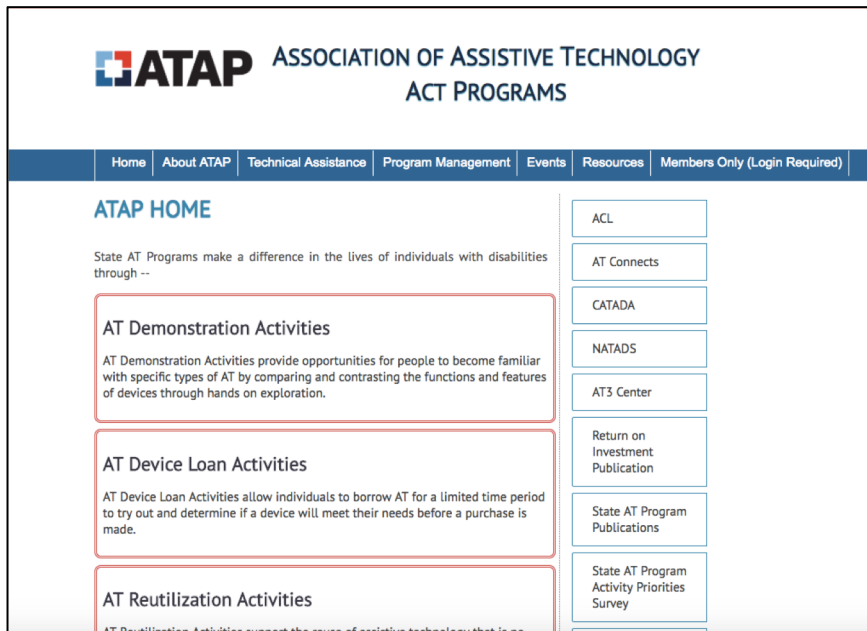
Tools for Life

We're here to help Georgians with disabilities gain access to and acquisition of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services so they can live, learn, work, and play independently in the communities of their choice.



Get to Know Your AT Act Program

[Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs – www.ataporg.org](http://www.ataporg.org)



The screenshot shows the ATAP website home page. At the top is the ATAP logo and the text "ASSOCIATION OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ACT PROGRAMS". Below this is a navigation bar with links: Home, About ATAP, Technical Assistance, Program Management, Events, Resources, and Members Only (Login Required). The main content area is titled "ATAP HOME" and includes a paragraph: "State AT Programs make a difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities through --". Below this are three highlighted boxes: "AT Demonstration Activities" (describing opportunities for people to become familiar with specific types of AT), "AT Device Loan Activities" (describing how individuals can borrow AT for a limited time), and "AT Reutilization Activities" (describing support for the reuse of assistive technology). On the right side, there is a vertical list of links: ACL, AT Connects, CATADA, NATADS, AT3 Center, Return on Investment Publication, State AT Program Publications, and State AT Program Activity Priorities Survey.

Tools for Life Website



The screenshot shows the Georgia Tech Tools for Life website. The header features the Georgia Tech logo and the 'TOOLS for LIFE' logo with the tagline 'Georgia's Assistive Technology Act Program'. A navigation bar includes links for HOME, ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY, TFL NETWORK, CALENDAR OF EVENTS, and social media icons. A search bar is also present. The main content area has a left sidebar with links like TRAINING, FUNDING, PUBLICATIONS, TFL WIKI, MEET THE TFL TEAM, MEET THE ADVISORY COUNCIL, DIRECTIONS/MAP, JOIN OUR MAILING LIST, SCHEDULE A TOUR, and AT REFERRALS. The central banner area displays a photo of a woman assisting a man with a headset, with the text 'Discover Your AT Solutions!'. Below the banner is a 'Welcome to Tools for Life' message. The right sidebar contains sections for WEBINARS (Current Webinar Schedule, Webinar Archives), TOOLS FOR LIFE APPFINDER (with an image of a smartphone and app icons), AT ONLINE EXCHANGE (gTRADE logo), and AT FUNDING GUIDE (DOLLARS & SENSE logo).

Your TFL AppFinder

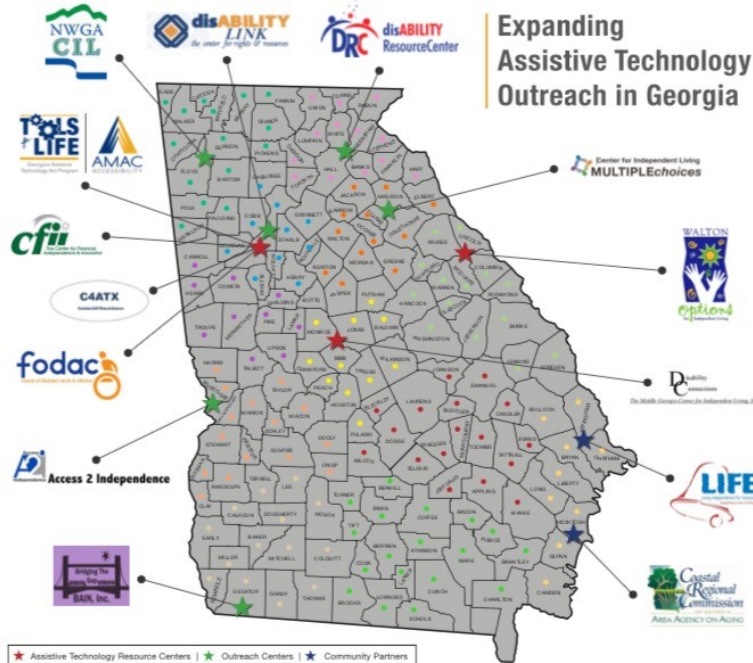


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- ✓ App Name
- ✓ Categories
 - Books/Reading
 - Education
 - Environmental Adaptations
 - Hearing
 - Vision
 - Navigation
 - Cognition, Learning, and Development
 - Personal Care and Safety
 - Productivity
 - Communication
 - Therapeutic Aids

Tools for Life Network

Assistive Technology Resource Centers, Outreach Centers, Community Partners and Affiliates



GEORGIA'S AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS

- Atlanta Regional Commission Aging Division
Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Conley, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Pickens
- Coastal Georgia Area Agency on Aging
Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh
- CSRA Area Agency on Aging
Baker, Calhoun, Gilmer, Habersham, Johnson, Lincoln, Lumpkin, McDuffie, Richmond, Spalding, Spalding County, Wilkes
- Heart of Georgia Area Agency on Aging
Appling, Berkleley, Camden, Chatham, Chatham County, Jeff Davis, Johnston, Laurens, Marion, McIntosh, Wilkes, Wilkes County, Wilkes
- Legacy Link Georgia Mountain Area Agency on Aging
Baker, Blount, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Colquhoun, Fannin, Forsyth, Franklin, Gilmer, Habersham, Henry, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Putnam
- Middle Georgia Area Agency on Aging
Baldwin, Bibb, Blount, Brantley, Butts, Calhoun, Carroll, Chatahoochee, Clayton, Coffee, Columbia, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Early, Gwinnett, Hall, Haralson, Henry, Jones, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Putnam
- Northeast Georgia Area Agency on Aging
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- River Valley Area Agency on Aging
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- Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging
Baldwin, Bibb, Blount, Brantley, Butts, Calhoun, Carroll, Chatahoochee, Clayton, Coffee, Columbia, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Early, Gwinnett, Hall, Haralson, Henry, Jones, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Putnam
- SOWEGA Council on Aging Southwest Georgia Area Agency on Aging
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- Three Rivers Area Agency on Aging
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What is Assistive Technology?

- Assistive Technology (AT) is any item or piece of equipment that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities in all aspects of life, including at school, at work, at home, and in the community
 - Assistive Technology ranges from no/low/light tech to high tech devices or equipment



Assistive Technology Services



Assistive Technology Services are any services that directly assists an individual with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device. These services include:

- Evaluating
- Providing devices
- Selecting, Designing, Customizing
- Maintaining, Repairing
- Coordinating
- Training/Technical Assistance – student, family, and school service providers

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Frustration

Anxiety

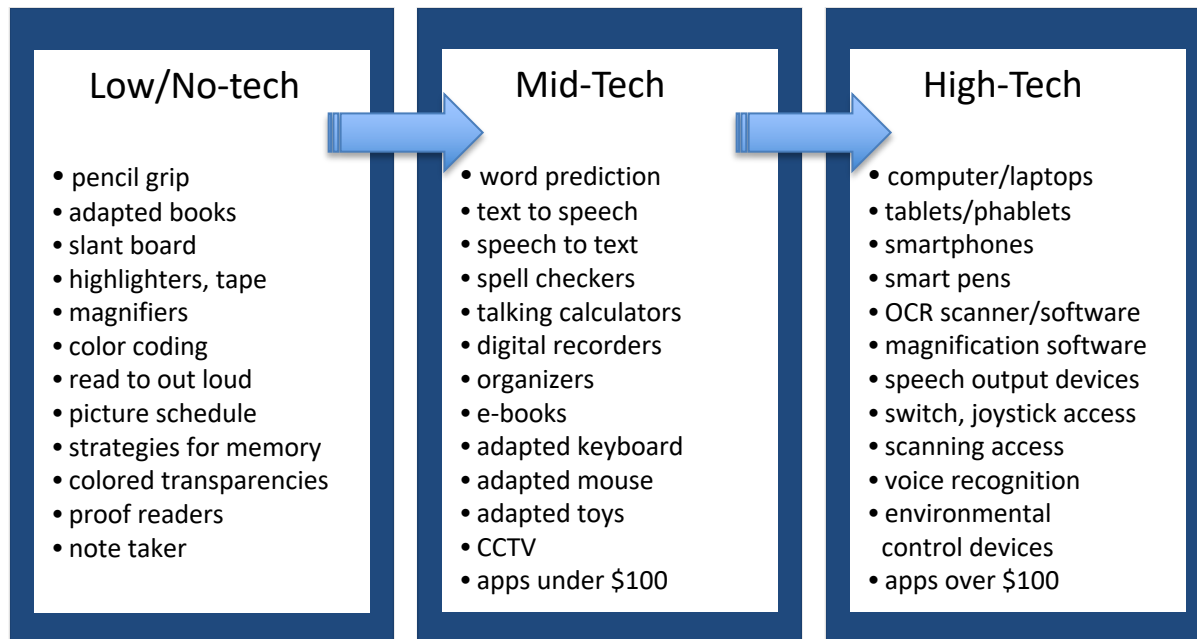
Stress

Tension

Assistive Technology Continuum

Observations and “Hanging out with Intent”

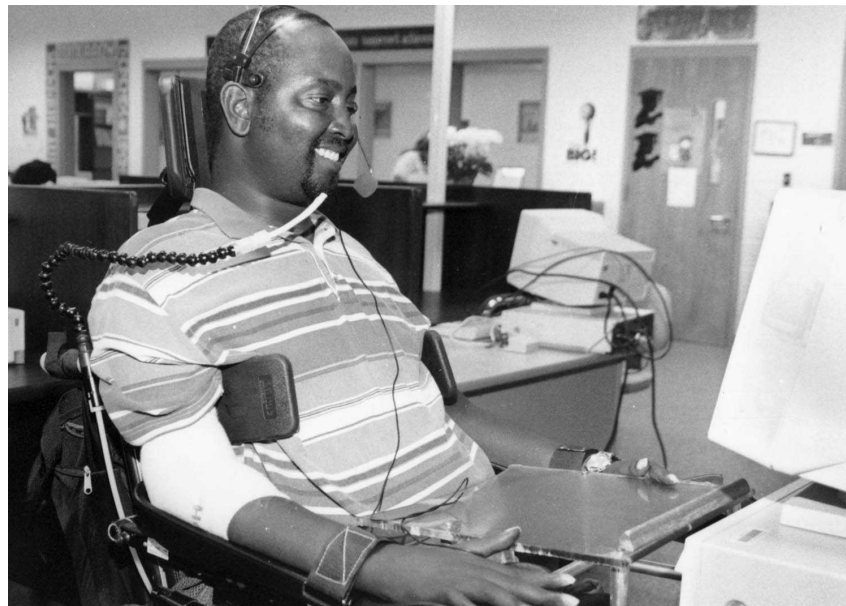
Assistive Technology is a ***continuum of tools, strategies, and services*** that match a person's needs, abilities, and tasks.



Why Assistive Technology?

- For a person without a disability, assistive technology makes life easier.
- For a person with a disability, assistive technology makes life possible.

Tip: USE AT! We have yet to meet a successful person who doesn't use any AT.



Acquisition and Funding for AT



Credit-Able

- Alternative financing program for Georgia
- Small low-interest loans
 - \$250 to \$10,000
 - Interest rate of 2-5%
- Used for
 - Equipment
 - Software
 - Home modifications
 - Vehicle modifications



Why Credit-Able?

- Flexibility
- Personal
- More accessible
- Helps to build or rebuild credit
- Save money!



Eligibility Criteria

Be a resident of Georgia

AND

A person with
a disability

or

A family
member/guardian
of a person with a
disability

or

An employer of
a person with a
disability

AND

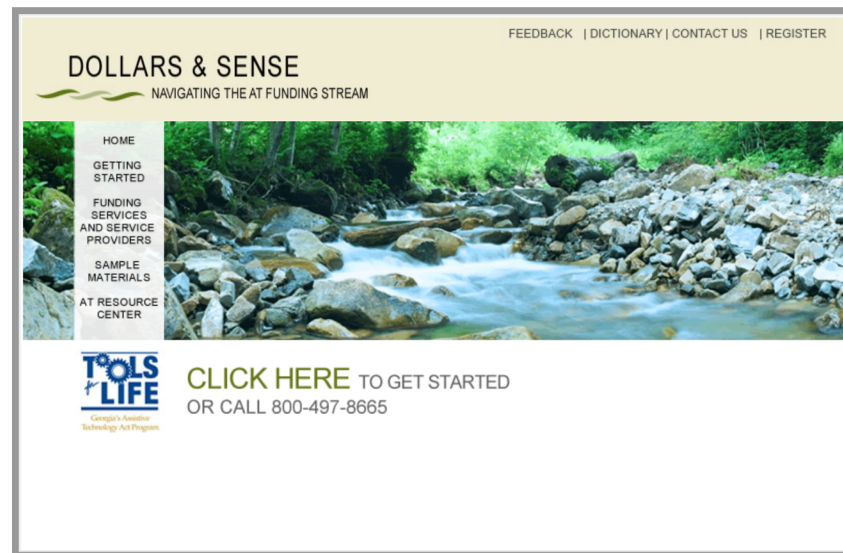
Be able to pay
back the loan

&

Using the loan for
AT

Dollars & Sense

- Online funding guide
- Create and add resources not listed
- Local, statewide, and national
- [Dollars & Sense Website Here – gatfl.gatech.edu/ds](http://gatfl.gatech.edu/ds)



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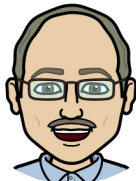
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