



Tools for Life: Georgia's AT Act Program Can Help You Connect the Dots to AT Funding

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Tools for Life: An Overview
- The Need for Alternative Funding
- Funding Solutions & Resources
- How can we help?

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Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come.

~Anne Lamott

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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.



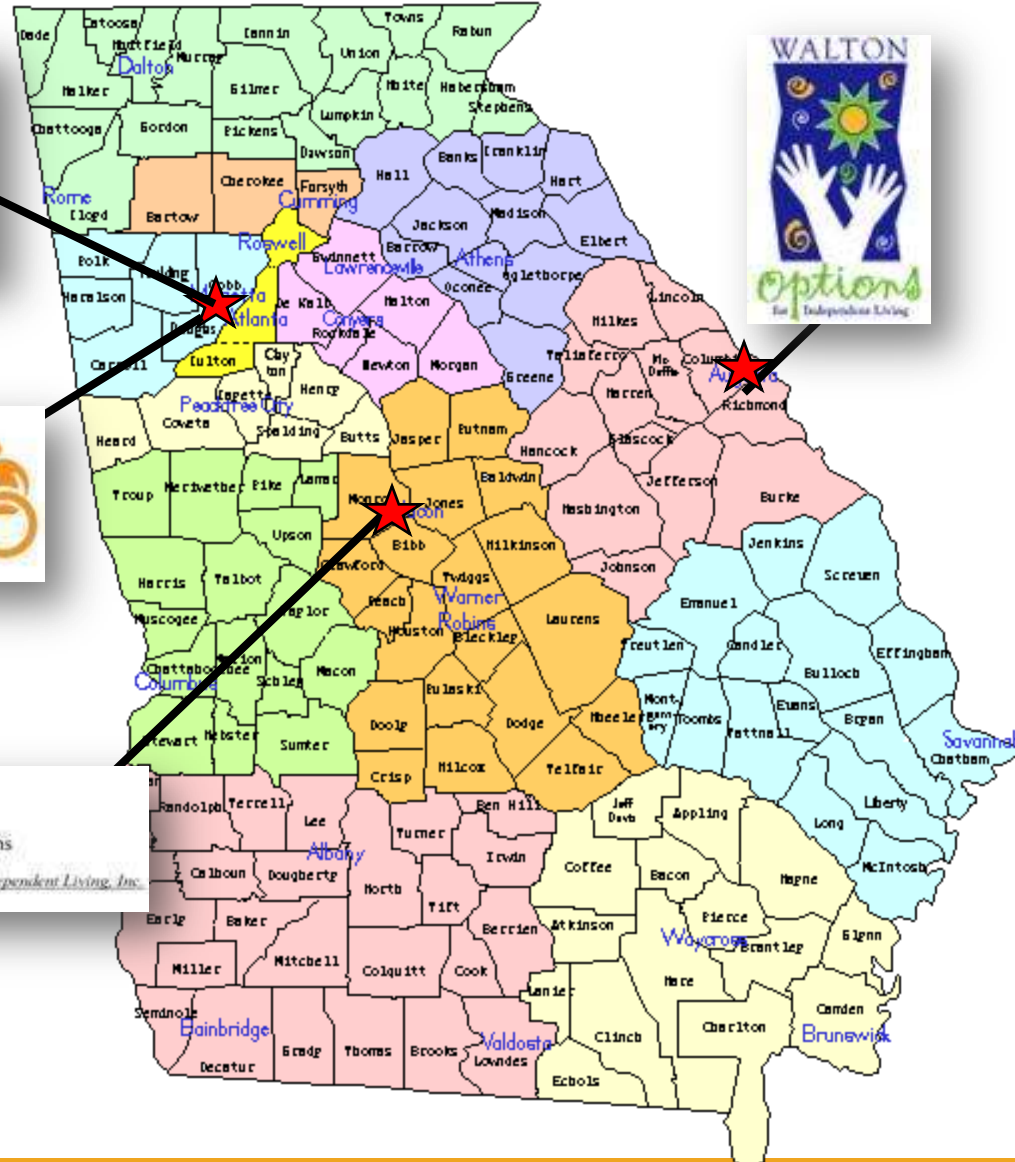
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Georgia's Federal AT Act Program

- TFL developed Georgia's Plan for AT
- We serve individuals of all ages & all disabilities in Georgia
 - Over 50,000 thru various activities throughout the year
- TFL Network
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 - Lending Libraries
 - Training and Demonstrations
 - AT Reuse
 - AT Funding Education/Assistance and Resources
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- AT Lending Library
- AT Evaluations & Training
- AT Demos
- Resource and Assistance
- AT Funding Assistance
- DME Reuse





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Presenter: Martha Rust, AMAC/TFL

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Welcome to Tools for Life

Tools for Life, Georgia's Assistive Technology Act Program, is dedicated to increasing access to and acquisition of assistive technology (AT) devices and services for Georgians of all ages and disabilities so they can live, learn, work and play independently and with greater freedom in communities of their choice.

Tools for Life and the TFL Network work collaboratively together to accomplish our mission through:

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Get a Financial Loan to purchase AT

The CFII - The Center for Financial Independence & Innovation, Inc. (The CFII) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping individuals with disabilities and their family members advance their financial independence and security.




Obtain AT through our AT Cooperative Buying Program

The Georgia AT Depot is a state-wide buying Cooperative for Assistive Technology for customers in the state of Georgia. The Georgia AT Depot is modeled after the Maryland AT Co-op, which has operated a successful cooperative buying program since 1998. The Georgia AT Depot is a collaborating partner with the Maryland Co-op. In this way we can provide Georgia customers the best discounts possible.



Obtain Reused/Gently Used AT Devices

gTRADE, Georgia's Online Equipment Exchange, encourages members to offer AT and DME for sale or donation to others who may benefit from using technology unneeded by others.



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The Need for Alternative Funding

- Funding is the greatest barrier for individuals with disabilities to acquire assistive technology
- Third party funding sources are not increasing and their eligibility criteria are narrowing
- Traditional credit financing for assistive technology has not been available for individuals with disabilities

What to do when someone needs AT?

- Many agencies are “payers of last resort”
- Develop an AT Funding Plan
- Determine which equipment is needed as a medical necessity, which is needed for educational purposes, which is needed to reach vocational goals.
- There is no agency that can pay for all AT - Leverage and toggle all resources!

Direct AT Service Activities



- Web-based Funding Guide
- A resource for locating funding sources for AT devices and services. This guide was developed to make the funding process easier and to assist consumers in getting the assistive technology they need.
- New resources added frequently!

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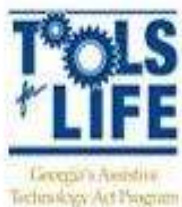
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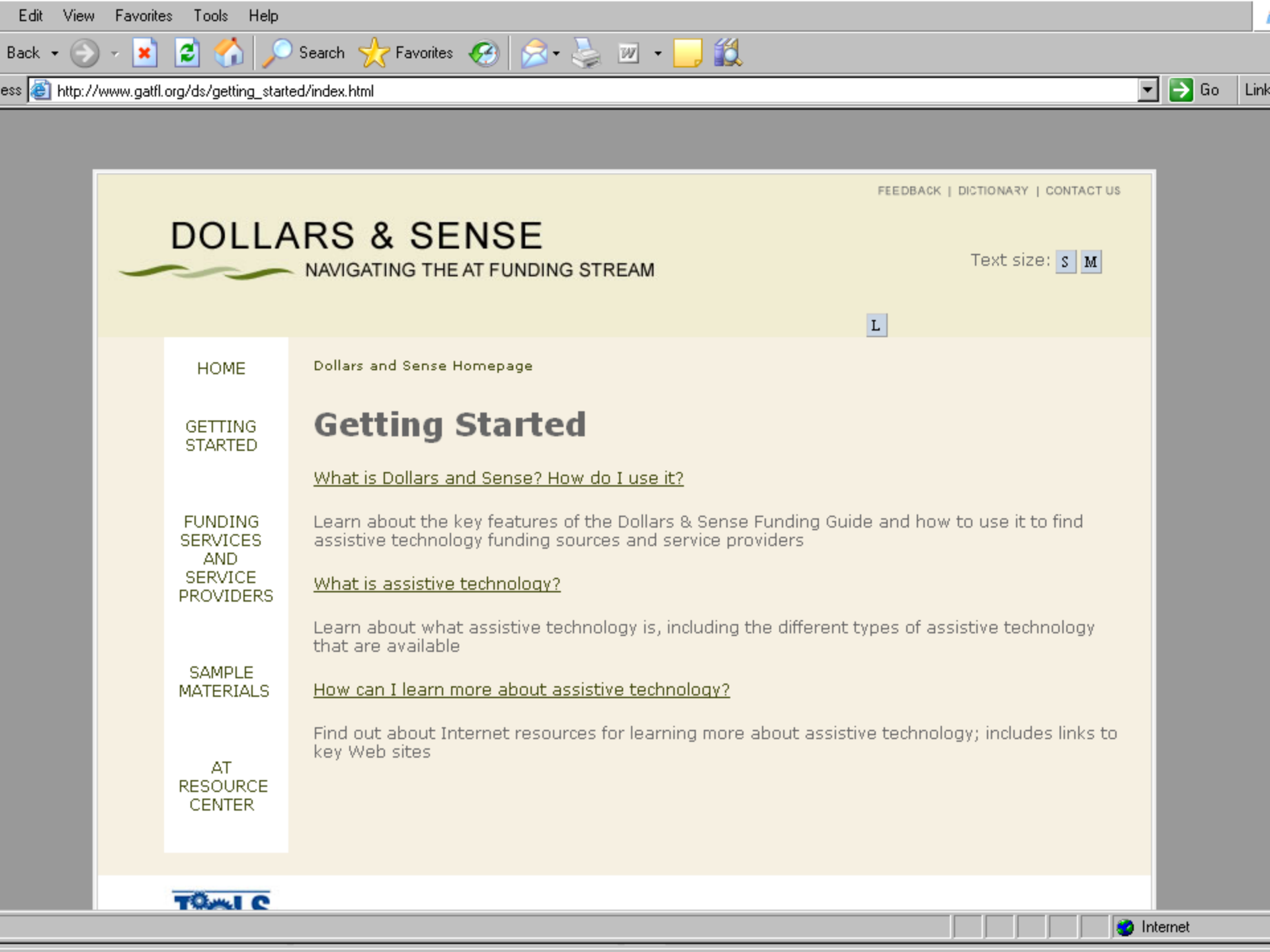
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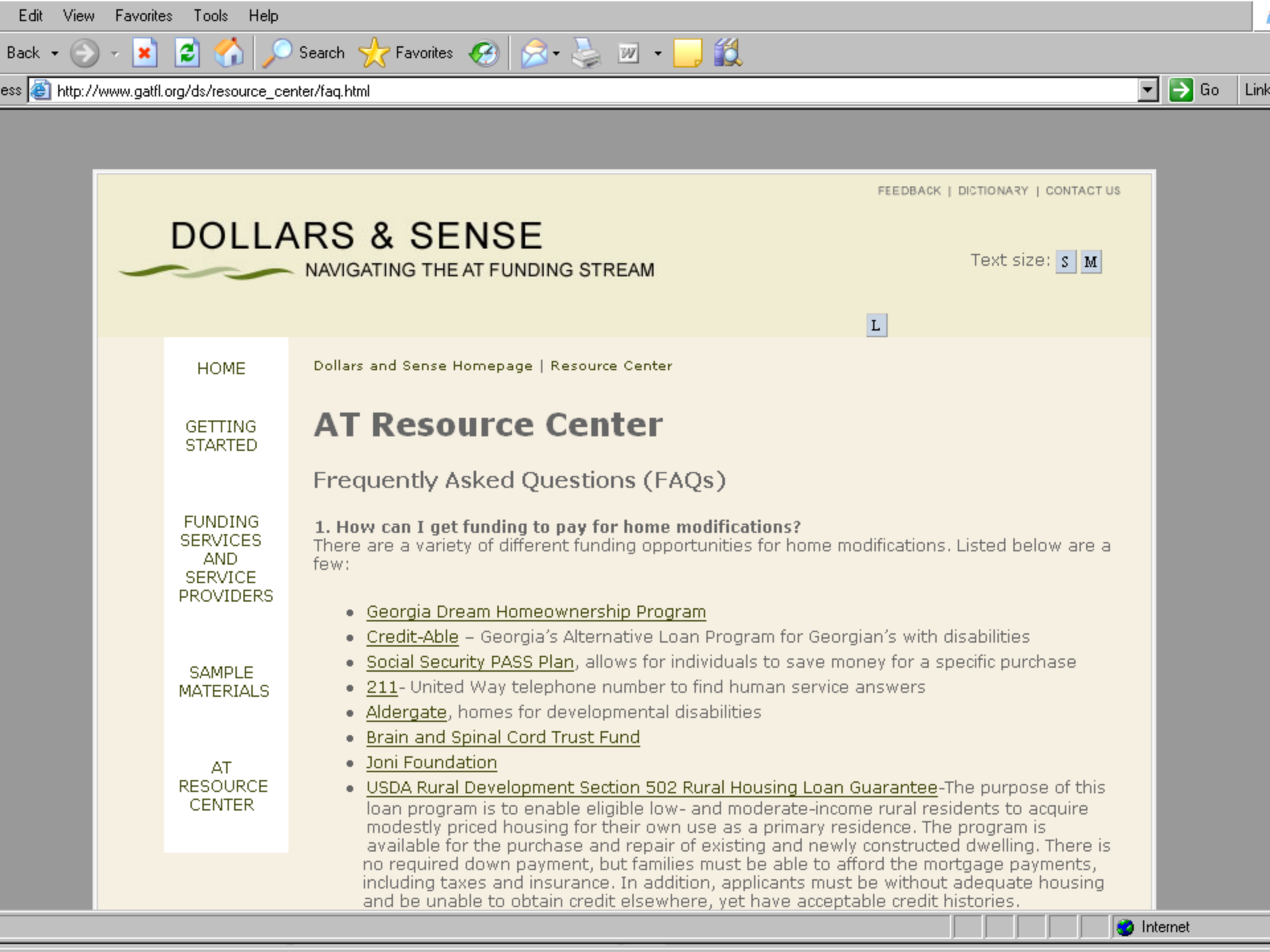
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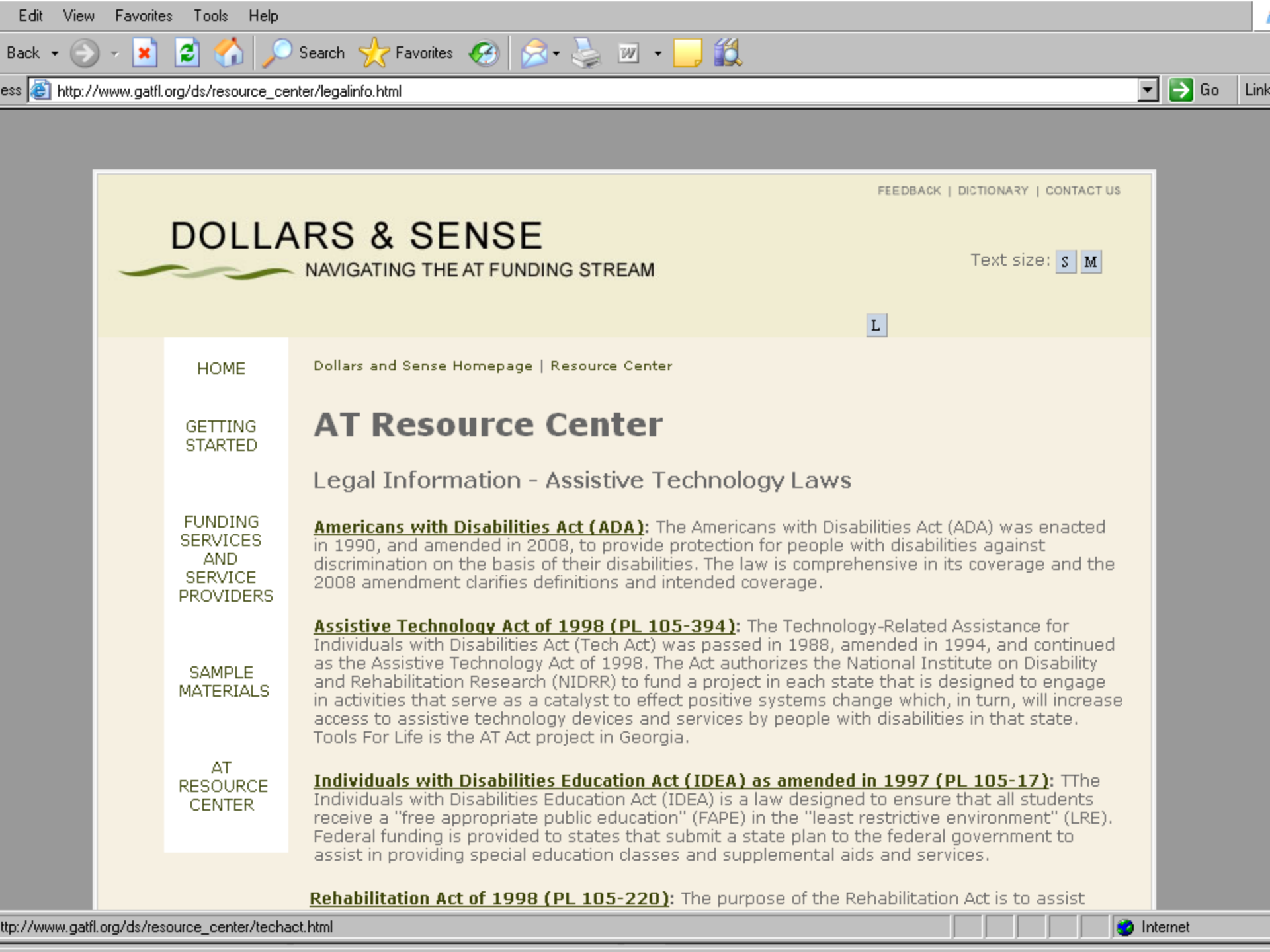
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There are a variety of different funding opportunities for home modifications. Listed below are a few:

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- [Georgia Dream Homeownership Program](#)
- [Credit-Able](#) – Georgia’s Alternative Loan Program for Georgian’s with disabilities
- [Social Security PASS Plan](#), allows for individuals to save money for a specific purchase
- [211](#)- United Way telephone number to find human service answers
- [Aldergate](#), homes for developmental disabilities
- [Brain and Spinal Cord Trust Fund](#)
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- [USDA Rural Development Section 502 Rural Housing Loan Guarantee](#)-The purpose of this loan program is to enable eligible low- and moderate-income rural residents to acquire modestly priced housing for their own use as a primary residence. The program is available for the purchase and repair of existing and newly constructed dwelling. There is no required down payment, but families must be able to afford the mortgage payments, including taxes and insurance. In addition, applicants must be without adequate housing and be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, yet have acceptable credit histories.

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Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was enacted in 1990, and amended in 2008, to provide protection for people with disabilities against discrimination on the basis of their disabilities. The law is comprehensive in its coverage and the 2008 amendment clarifies definitions and intended coverage.

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Assistive Technology Act of 1998 (PL 105-394): The Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act (Tech Act) was passed in 1988, amended in 1994, and continued as the Assistive Technology Act of 1998. The Act authorizes the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) to fund a project in each state that is designed to engage in activities that serve as a catalyst to effect positive systems change which, in turn, will increase access to assistive technology devices and services by people with disabilities in that state. Tools For Life is the AT Act project in Georgia.

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Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) as amended in 1997 (PL 105-17): The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law designed to ensure that all students receive a "free appropriate public education" (FAPE) in the "least restrictive environment" (LRE). Federal funding is provided to states that submit a state plan to the federal government to assist in providing special education classes and supplemental aids and services.

Rehabilitation Act of 1998 (PL 105-220): The purpose of the Rehabilitation Act is to assist

Direct AT Service Activities



- FREE resource for finding and exchanging assistive technology (AT) devices online
- Place an ad requesting items for sale, donation, or needed
- gTRADE and Tools for Life encourages members to offer AT devices and information for sale or by donation to others who may benefit from using technology and equipment no longer in need by others
- This online equipment exchange program was developed to make to make AT devices and services available and accessible to Georgians with disabilities
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Georgia's Alternative Financing Program for Assistive Technology



Credit-Able Program Criteria

To receive a Credit-Able Loan you must be:

- A resident of Georgia

AND

- An **individual** with a disability

OR

- A **family member** or legal guardian of an individual with a disability

OR

- An **employer** of an individual with a disability
- Able to pay back the loan
- Using the loan to buy assistive technology equipment and services

Range of Loans, Terms, and Interest Rates

- Range of Loans Approved: **\$250 to \$50,000**
- Length of Loans Approved: **6 months to 8 years**
- Interest Rates: **5.0 % - 9.0 %**

YOU Save Money!

Traditional Financing

- \$2,000
- 22% (rate of average credit card)
- 3 year term
- Monthly payment = \$76.38
- Total interest paid = \$749.71

Credit-Able Financing

- \$2,000
- 5.4%
- 3 year term
- Monthly payment = \$60.30
- Total interest paid = \$170.86

Total interest saved: \$578.85



The Bottom Line – Consumers Save Money and Build Credit!



Traditional Financing

- \$25,000
- 12.9% interest
- 6 year term
- Monthly payment = \$500.53
- Interest Paid = \$11,038.46

Credit-Able Financing

- \$25,000
- 5% interest
- 6 year term
- Monthly payment = \$402.62
- Interest Paid = \$3,988.88

Interest SAVED over the life of the loan: \$7,049.58



For more information:



Contact:

The Center for Financial Independence & Innovation, Inc.

Office: 404-541-9005

Fax: 888-724-2287

Email: Daphne@thecfii.org



Friends of Disabled Adults and Children

- FODAC is a statewide provider of Durable medical equipment
- Distributed 20,000 wheelchairs and thousands of other pieces of DME since 1986
- Internationally, 65 countries have received some equipment over those years.
- FODAC's programs include:
 - Durable medical equipment - wheelchairs and mobility aids
 - Ramps for Champs – home access ramps and modifications
 - ReMount – wheelchair and scooter lifts for vehicles
 - Disposable medical equipment – catheters, braces, liquid nutrition, etc.



Goal of the Georgia AT Depot



- AT Depot endeavors to break down the barriers which prevent individuals with disabilities, their families, and service providers from acquiring and effectively using Assistive Technologies to gain greater independence.
- To insure that AT products are available to Georgians with disabilities at lower prices
- Eliminate Funding Barriers
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Georgia AT Depot



- GA AT Depot's mission relates to filling orders & providing product at discounts.
- AT services are referred to and provided by the TFL Network and participating ATRCs. They will assist with:
 - Purchase consulting
 - Training
 - Product implementation

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AT Depot, the Georgia Assistive Technology Cooperative, is based in the Georgia [Tools for Life Network](#). This provides Georgians with several immediate advantages:

A network of local [Assistive Technology Resources Centers \(ATRCs\)](#)

to serve AT Depot Customers with:

- Training & Professional Development
- Product demonstrations
- Implementation services
- Product Support

[Credit-Abile](#) is Georgia's Alternative Financing Program for Assistive Technology

- Providing low-interest loans
- Working through participating credit unions
- Enabling Georgians with disabilities access to affordable financing
- Used for Assistive Technology and Home & Vehicle Modifications

[The Center for Financial Independence & Innovation](#)

- A nonprofit organization dedicated to helping individuals with disabilities and their family members advance their financial independence and security.

Computer and AT Device Reuse programs

[The Southeastern Technology Access and Reuse \(STAR\) Network](#) is the distribution model that provides reused assistive technology (AT), computers, durable medical equipment, and home care equipment to centers that are members of the Network in Georgia and the Southeastern United States.





Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program

Provides a variety of specialized telecommunications equipment to qualified applicants who have difficulty using a standard phone for FREE.

Eligibility:

- Meet income eligibility requirements for your household size
- Be certified by a healthcare professional as deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind or speech disabled.
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- Be a resident of that state and at least five years old.
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- **Eyeglasses and Exams**
- The Lions Lighthouse has a mobile clinic that visits 23 sites throughout Georgia. At each clinic, qualifying individuals can receive eye exams and glasses.
- Full dilated eye exam (performed by either an ophthalmologist or optometrist).
- One pair of eyeglasses every 3 years.
- Follow-up care for chronic eye conditions



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- **Hearing Program**
- The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation provides hearing aid assistance for low-income Georgia residents.
- Up to 2 digital hearing aids from Unitron or Beltone
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- One set of earmolds
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Atlanta, GA 30341*

2. Download the application, print it, fill it out, and fax it along with the documents listed on page one of the application to:
404-636-5549

For eye surgeries: Attn: Victoria Jordan
For hearing aids: Attn: Anna Knippel

Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission

- Direct grant to Georgians with traumatic brain and spinal injuries
- For home mods, transportation, computers, personal support services, and recreation
- Use to “buy down” the purchase price of these items, then finance the rest at affordable Credit-Able rates!



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I need more information	I have had a traumatic brain or spinal injury and want more information about my options.
I need to login	I have prepared an application and need to login and review it.
I want to be an advocate/steward	I want to help
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5/23/2013	Summary Notice of Change to Distribution Policies
5/20/2013	Georgia - Access to Social Services, visit https://compass.ga.gov/selfservice/
5/7/2013	Traumatic brain injury (concussion) clinical diagnosis and management - CDC
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- Section 502 loans are primarily used to help low-income individuals or households purchase homes in rural areas.
- Funds can be used to build, repair, renovate or relocate a home, or to purchase and prepare sites, including providing water and sewage facilities.
- Applicants for loans may have an income of up to 115% of the median income for the area.
- Families must be without adequate housing, but be able to afford the mortgage payments, including taxes and insurance.
- Applicants must have reasonable credit history



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Rural Development [Business Programs](#) partnered with PNC Bank, Jekyll Ocean Front Hotel, LLC and Leon Weiner & Associates to fund the Westin Jekyll Island Hotel. The hotel is set to open adjacent to the new Jekyll Island Convention Center in September 2014 as part of the Jekyll Island Beach Village project, creating 115 direct jobs!

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USDA Announces Availability of Grants through the Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG)

USDA Seeks Applications to Finance Construction and Rehabilitation of Rural Rental Housing

USDA Seeks Applications for Grants to Provide Technical Assistance to Rural Businesses

Application Deadline Extended to May 31, 2013 for most Rural Energy for America Programs (REAP)

USDA Proposes Simplified Application Process for Renewable Energy Funding

Spotlights



Employee Spotlight!

Read about Kathleen Henderson, Loan Specialist in Rural Development Georgia's Area Two.

Publications

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- Rural Development Overview of Loan and Grant Programs (Updated May 2013)
- Map of Georgia Rural Development Area Offices (and phone numbers)
- Fiscal Year 2012 Progress Report of Georgia Rural Development Funding

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Rural Electric Cooperatives

- Some electric cooperatives (example Snapping Shoals in Conyers) will give members a chance to round up to the nearest dollar on their monthly bills.
- The donated changes goes into a pool for use by members who need assistance with unanticipated emergencies such as a need for a ramp.

Private Grants

Friends Of Man

- 100% charity, providing food, clothing, medicine, DME, AT, eyeglasses, hearing aids and prosthetics. No dental coverage outside of Colorado per residency requirements. *Referrals must come through a professional.*
- applications@friendsofman.org
- www.friendsofman.org

Private Grants

Joni and Friends, Christian Fund for the Disabled

- Funds for AT, rehabilitation, special treatment, educational opportunities
- CFD up to \$2,500
- www.joniandfriends.org

Private Grants

Texas Center for the Visually Challenged

- A computer refurbishing program averaging of 350-400 pc's per year with grand total of 3500 distributed to date.
- Individuals can apply from the US and Canada;
www.handicapability.org

Private Grants

The Ideal Group , Inc.

- Specializes in online conference calls, accessible math resources, and real time closed captioning
- <http://ideal-group.org/at/>

Private Grants

GiveTech

- A non-profit organization based in San Francisco, CA that gives computer input devices to individuals who can not input in traditional ways on computers.
- www.givetech.org

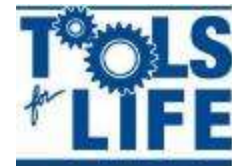
Bridging Apps

- Previously SNAApps4Kids
- Easter Seals' guide to explore ways to find funding for iPads and similar devices.
- Many funding resources listed
- Bridging Apps has an IEP and iPad Pilot program that can apply
- www.bridgingapps.org

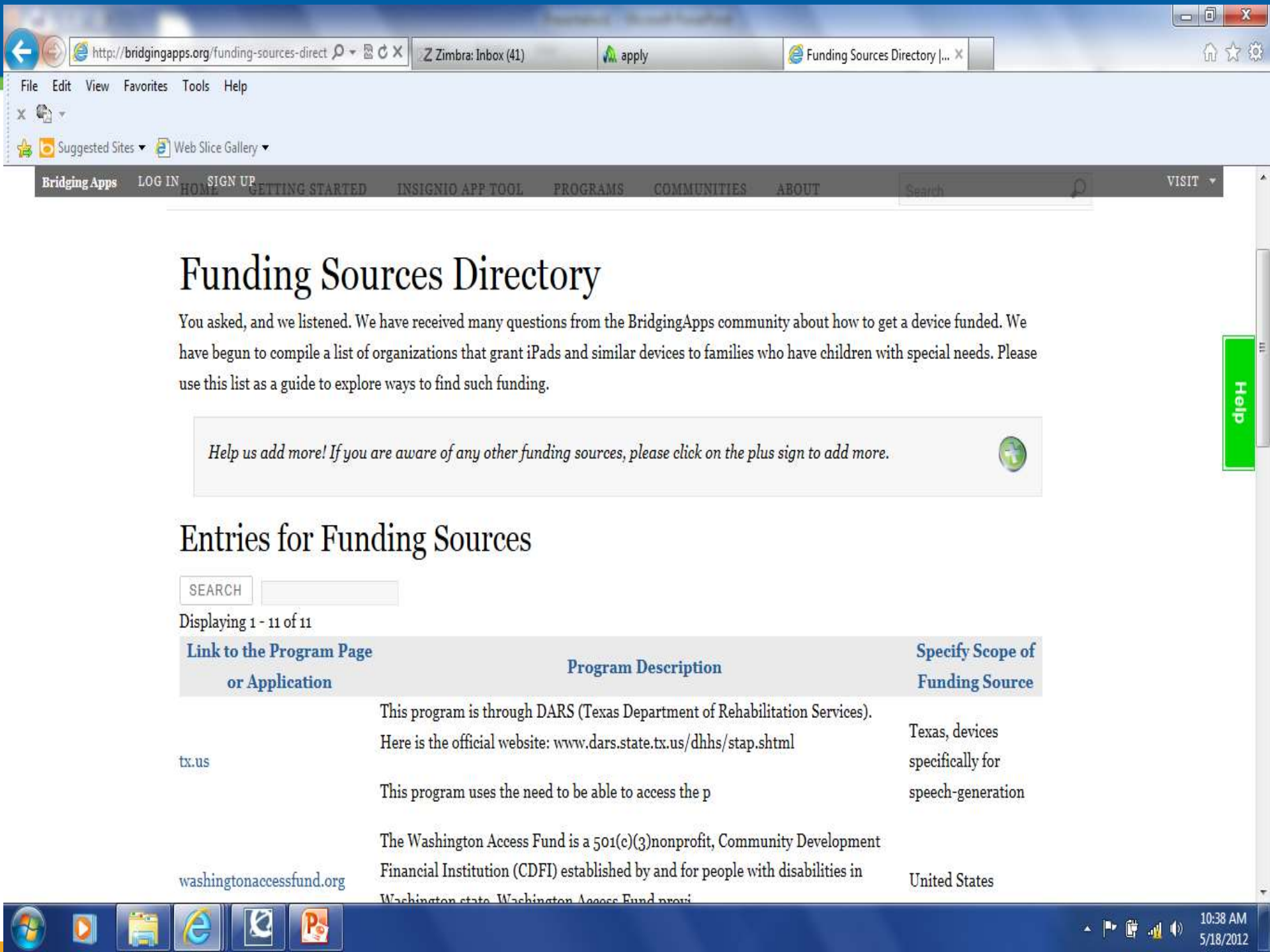


BridgingApps™

Bridging the gap between technology and people with disabilities



Georgia's Assistive
Technology Act Program



Funding Sources Directory

You asked, and we listened. We have received many questions from the BridgingApps community about how to get a device funded. We have begun to compile a list of organizations that grant iPads and similar devices to families who have children with special needs. Please use this list as a guide to explore ways to find such funding.

Help us add more! If you are aware of any other funding sources, please click on the plus sign to add more.



Entries for Funding Sources

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Link to the Program Page or Application	Program Description	Specify Scope of Funding Source
tx.us	This program is through DARS (Texas Department of Rehabilitation Services). Here is the official website: www.dars.state.tx.us/dhhs/stap.shtml	Texas, devices specifically for speech-generation
washingtonaccessfund.org	This program uses the need to be able to access the p The Washington Access Fund is a 501(c)(3)nonprofit, Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) established by and for people with disabilities in Washington state. Washington Access Fund provi	United States

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First Hand Foundation

- Not-for-profit - First Hand assists individual children with health-related needs when insurance and other financial resources have been exhausted
- First Hand accepts applications worldwide
- Treatment: Clinical procedures, medicine, therapy, prosthesis, etc.
- Equipment: Wheelchairs, assistive technology equipment, care devices, hearing aids, etc.
- Displacement: Lodging, food, gas, parking and transportation for families of seriously ill children who must travel during treatment
- Vehicle modifications: Lifts, ramps and transfer boards





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Golf Tournament

Register now for our annual golf tournament, held on May 8th at The National Golf Club of Kansas City.

Apply for funding

Donate to First Hand

The First Hand Foundation is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that provides funding so individual children may have access to health care that would otherwise be impossible. Our mission is to directly impact the health status of a young life. Since our inception in 1995, First Hand has distributed more than \$16 million to impact 146,000 lives in 76 countries.

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Challenged Athlete Foundation

- www.challengedathletes.org
- Recognizes the athletic greatness inherent in all people with physical challenges and supports their athletic endeavors by providing unparalleled sports opportunities that lead to success in sports — and in life.
- Grants
 - Access for Athletes
 - Operation Rebound





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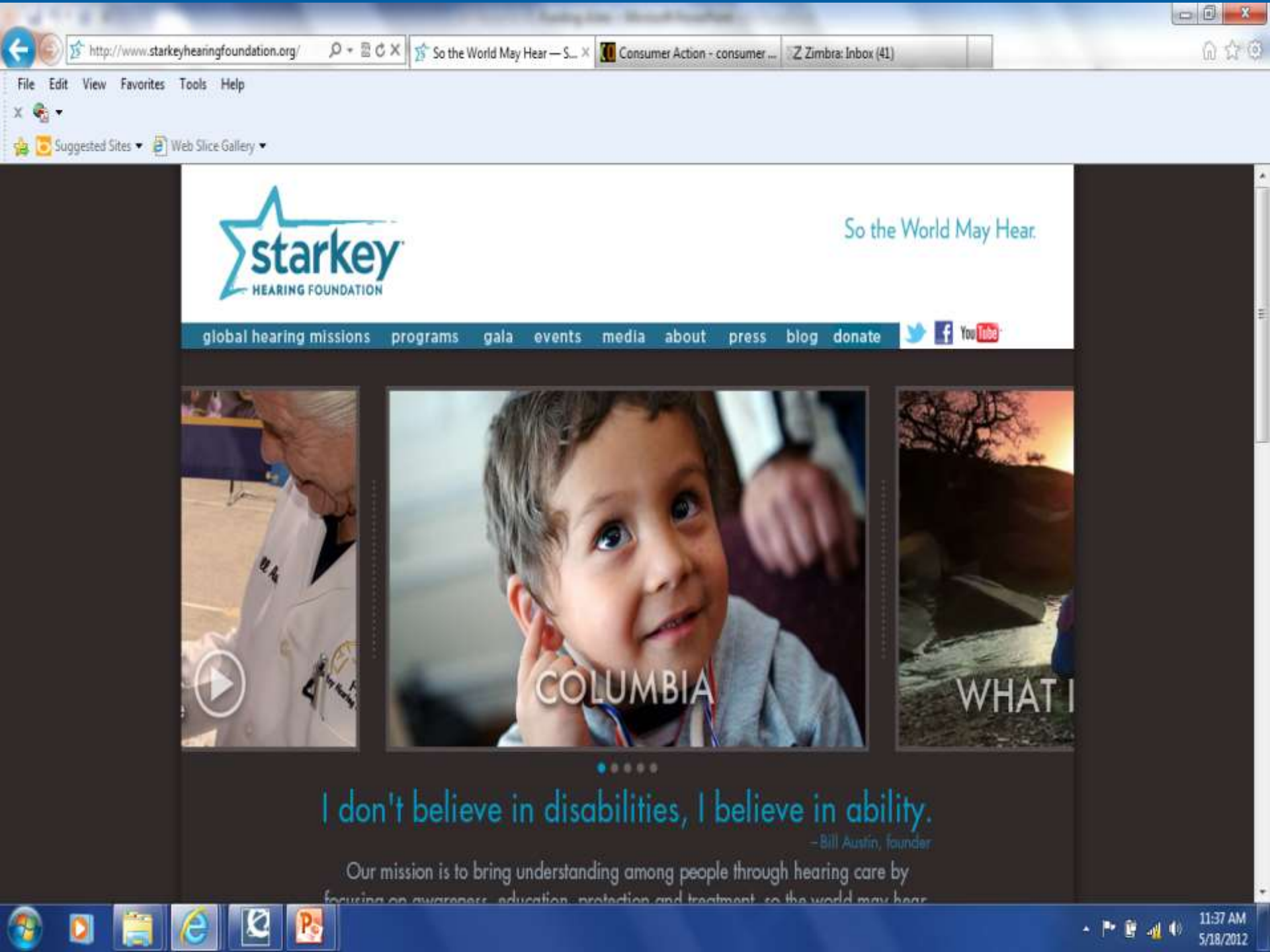
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OUR EVENTS

Starkey Hearing Foundation

- Hear Now is Starkey Hearing Foundation's domestic, application-based program committed to assisting those permanently residing in the U.S. who are deaf or hard of hearing and have no other resources to acquire hearing aids.

www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org



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I don't believe in disabilities, I believe in ability.

—Bill Austin, founder

Our mission is to bring understanding among people through hearing care by focusing on awareness, education, protection and treatment so the world may hear.



Recreation Opportunities

- Shepherd Center
- Blaze Sports



Therapeutic Recreation

- Focus on returning to an active lifestyle
 - Sports (Quad rugby, basketball, fencing, racing)
- Try before buy
 - Closet with sports equipment
 - Rental program
 - Long- term loan of equipment while playing
- Do not have to be a current patient



Rental Programs

- Individuals can try before making a huge purchase
- \$10/day or \$25 for weekend
- Written Rental Agreement
 - Responsible for equipment
 - Demonstrates the use
- Variety of equipment
 - Quickie tennis chair
 - Quickie All Court basketball chairs
 - Eagle rugby chairs
 - Eagle and Top End racing chairs



- Shark, Top End
Exclerator XLT, and
Exclerator handcycles
- Red Dagger (solo)
kayak
- Green Dagger (solo)
kayak
- Old Town 2 man kayak
- Green Canoe
- Red Canoe

Long-Term Loans

- Athletes that play sports
 - Quad rugby, basketball, fencing, etc
- Athletes are responsible for equipment
 - Tubes for tires
 - Minor repairs
 - Funds for major repairs
- Athletes are responsible for additional items for the sport
 - Gloves, tape, cushions, etc
- Bring back at end of season
- Shepherd cleans and sanitizes after each rental and loan



Contact Shepherd

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Blaze Sports

Mission: Driven by a desire to provide all children and adults with physical disabilities the chance to play sports and live healthy, active lives.

- Money for equipment chairs came from Department of Labor in Georgia when first started
- 26 different Sport programs
 - Geared mostly towards children and teens
 - There is some equipment for adults





Blaze Equipment Loan Program

- No Fees to loan/ borrow equipment
 - Have to be a member of Blaze
 - Fill out written loan agreement form
 - Come in for chair fitting and skills assessment
 - Sign written waiver
- Will loan to groups that have teams
 - Rockdale County, Albany, Augusta
 - Ft. Stewart : basketball chairs for military team



Blaze Equipment Loan Program

- Athletes are responsible for other equipment needed
 - Cushions, tapes, gloves, etc
- Blaze monitors and maintains equipment while in use
 - 6 months to a year
 - Funds for major repairs

Blaze Equipment Loan Program

- Variety of equipment
 - Racing chairs
 - Track chairs
 - Tennis chairs
 - All court chairs
 - Rugby chairs
 - Basketball chairs
- Blaze Day in Schools
 - Chairs not in use
- Occasionally loan around Southeast
 - One day events
 - Always with staff



Contact Blaze

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**Our Question to You:
What have You Learned today?**

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