

Tools for Life: Your Assistive Technology Act Program

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Tools for Life (TFL)

Tools for Life (TFL), Georgia's Assistive Technology Act Program, provides Georgians of all ages and disabilities the opportunity to gain access to and acquisition of assistive technology devices and service so they can live, learn, work, and play independently in the communities of their choice.



As the Assistive Technology Program in Georgia, we are charged with core activities:

1. Information & Assistance
2. AT Assessments
3. AT Demonstrations
4. AT Equipment Lending
5. Training (Individuals and Groups)
6. Funding Education & Solutions
7. AT Reuse

Tools for Life Website



Georgia's Assistive Technology Act Program

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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

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WEBINARS

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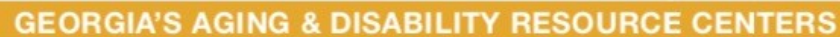
TOOLS FOR LIFE APPFINDER

...for Living, Learning, Working, and Playing.

AT ONLINE EXCHANGE

AT FUNDING GUIDE
DOLLARS & SENSE

**TOOLS for LIFE**
Georgia's Assistive Technology Act Program



● **Three Rivers Area Agency on Aging**
Butte, Carroll, Cascade, Heard, Linn, Marion, Polk, Spalding,
Tillamook, Troup, Umatilla

Guiding Principle and Public Law



Disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals to:

- A. live independently;
- B. enjoy self-determination and make choices;
- C. benefit from an education;
- D. pursue meaningful careers; and
- E. enjoy full inclusion and integration in the economic, political, social, cultural, and educational mainstream of society in the United States.

Public Law 108-364

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 student who doesn't use any AT.





Assistive Technology Services and Strategies

What is Assistive Technology?

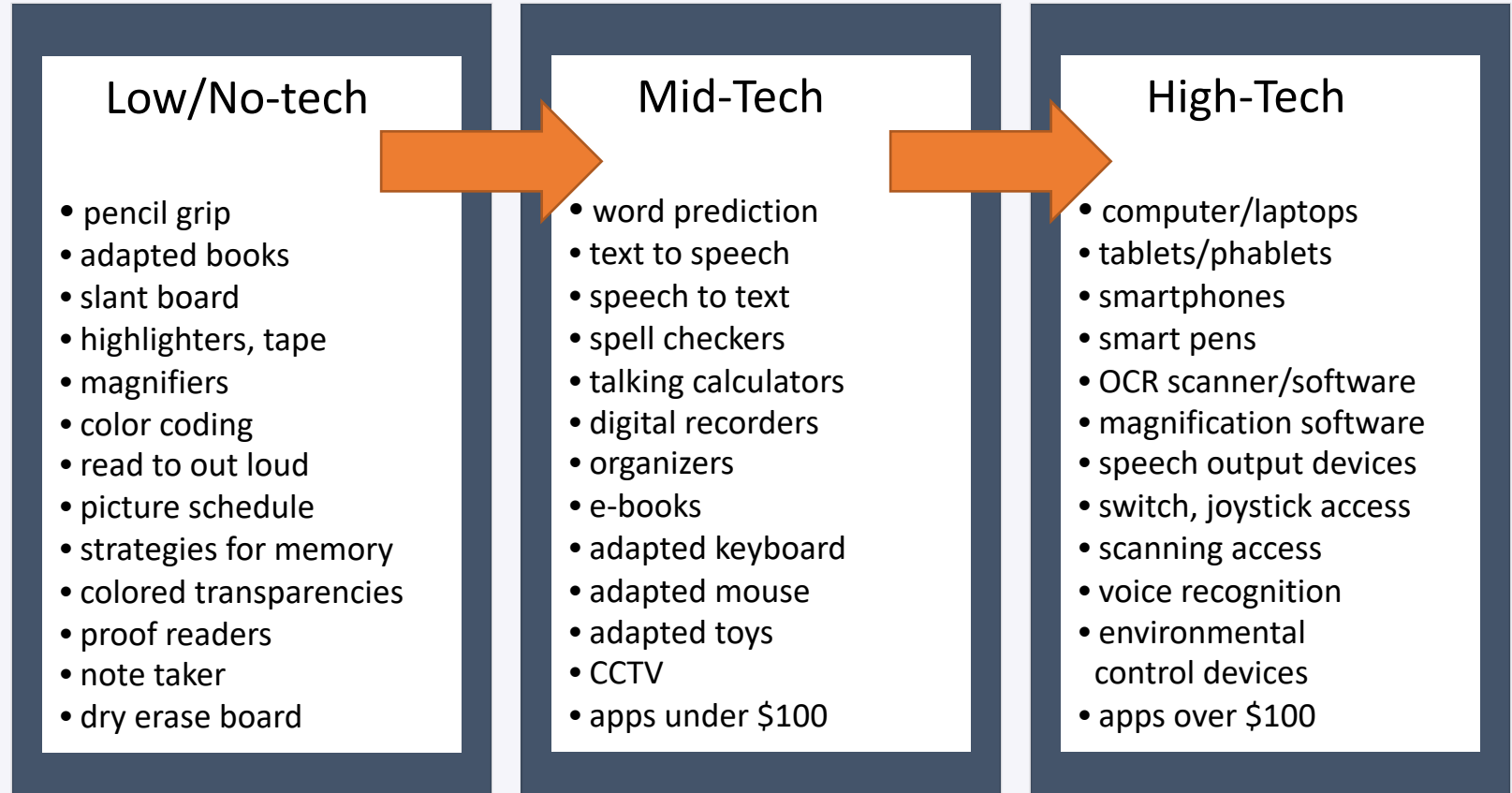
- Assistive Technology (AT) is any item or piece of equipment that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities in all aspects of life, including at school, at work, at home, and in the community
- Assistive Technology ranges from no/low/light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



Assistive Technology 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.



AT Assessments

- Comprehensive AT assessment
- Certified AT team
- \$450
 - Written report and recommendations
- Area of focus:
 - Workplace
 - Ergonomics
 - Hardware/Software
 - Strategies



AT Demonstrations

- Free of charge!
- Learn about devices
- What will work best?
 - Assist in making informed choices
 - Consumer's choice in devices



AT Lending Library

- Try before you buy!
- Loans are usually for 3 to 4 weeks
- Training on items before borrowed, if needed



TFL AT Solution and Access Labs

- Tablets
- Vision items
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
- Communication devices
- Gaming solutions
- Software
- Switches and Keyboards
- Aids for daily living
- Environmental Control/Internet of Things
- 3D printed technology





Funding Solutions and Resources

Funding Resources

- Georgia's Assistive Technology and Funding Guide
 - Centers for Independent Living (CIL)
 - Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRC)
 - Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)



Credit-Able

- Georgia's alternative financing program for assistive technology
- Thanks to a partnership between Center for Financial Independence and Innovation and Tools for Life



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

Able to pay back the loan

AND

Using the loan for AT

First \$TEP Program



- For Georgians with disabilities
- Small low interest loans to establish/repair credit
- Can be used for anything
- 4% interest
- \$1,000 max
- 18 months max term

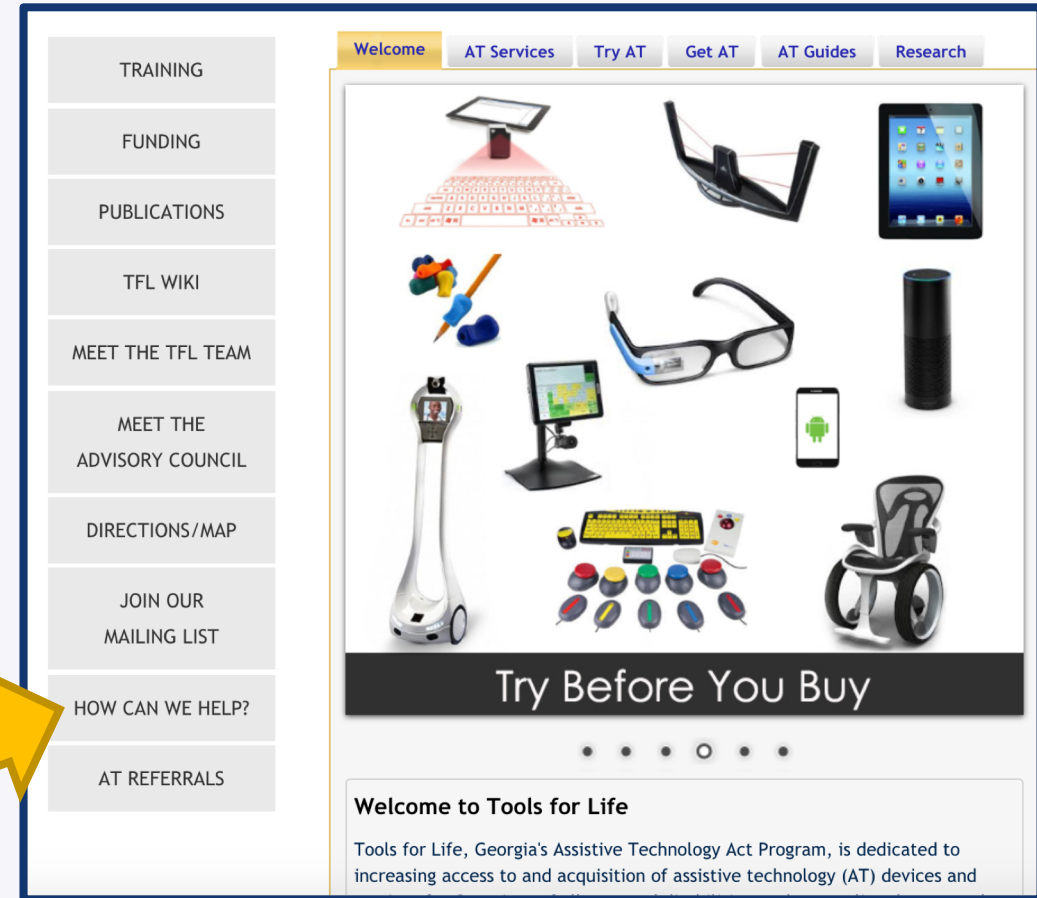




Training and Outreach

Info and Assistance

- Phone
 - 404-894-0541
- Email
 - info@gatfl.gatech.edu
- How Can We Help?
 - Online form
 - Gives us information on what kind of assistance is requested



Training

- Training activities include but are not limited to:
 - In person or virtual trainings
 - Webinars
 - Internal and external partner trainings
- Variety of Topics:
 - Assistive Technology (specific for disabilities)
 - Funding
 - Emerging Tech/Trends
 - Disability awareness
- More!



Tours

- All tours are scheduled
- Small or large (up to 60) groups
- What you see:
 - AT Solutions and Access Labs
 - Braille production
 - Captioning & Described Media Services
 - E-text
 - 3D Printing
- Variety of groups visiting:
 - Disability service organizations
 - Government agencies
 - FEMA
 - Office of Civil Rights
 - Statewide assistive technology programs
 - School Systems



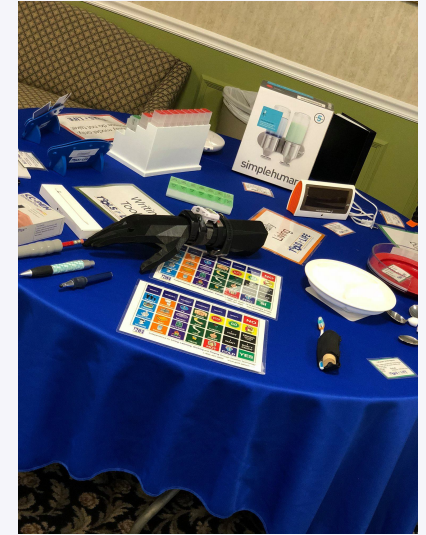
TFL AT Labs on the go!

- Tools for Life has hosted 17 AT Labs in Georgia and across the country!
- AT Labs provide an on-site experience for event participants
- On site, one on one demonstrations of equipment
- Provide presentations in the Lab
- Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA)
- Coalition On Adult Basic Education (COABE)
- Abilities Expo
- Institute Designed for Educating All Students (IDEAS)
- HCBS



IDEAS and GATE

- Coordinate vendors in the exhibit hall
- Building relationships
- Exhibitor registrations
- Design exhibit hall floor plan
- Design conference signage
- Organize sponsorships
- Apply for and coordinate continuing education credits (CEUs and CRCs)
- Provide trainings/presentations
- Organize awards
- **IDEAS 2019 – June 4-7, 2019!**



What questions do you have for us?

We hope you learn something new today!

We are here for you!

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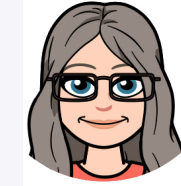
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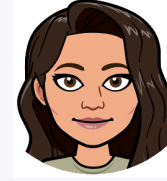
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