

Assistive Technology (AT) What It's All About

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Maryland Assistive Technology Program

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES



WHAT IS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY?

According to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), assistive technology is defined as “... any item, piece of equipment or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.”

The logo for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is displayed in a blue, stylized, rounded font.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY (AT) SERVICES FLOW CHART



AT Services Flow Chart

Maryland Technology Assistance Program (MD TAP)

MD TAP provides statewide access to assistive technology (AT) through equipment demonstrations, loans, reuse, financing, and training.

www.mdtap.org

- MD TAP maintains 4 (four) Regional Offices & Libraries across the state (Central Baltimore, Southern Maryland, Western Maryland, and Eastern Shore) – where services include trainings, demos, loans, outreach
- MD TAP hosts 4 (four) additional Community AT Libraries across the state
- AT demonstrations and customized consultations with on-staff AT Specialists – In-person and Virtually!
- Issue short-term device loans, up to 4 weeks at a time
- Host in-depth AT sessions exploring a variety of AT topics - In-person and Virtually!

WhAT We Do in Maryland

Online Equipment Exchange

MD TAP maintains [MATER](#), an equipment exchange site through Facebook Yardsale

Maryland Assistive Technology Equipment Reuse



More of WhAT MD TAP Offers



[Virtual AT Library](#)

[Home Modifications Directory](#)

[Loan Closet Directory](#)

[Archived Webinars](#)

www.mdmap.org

Here's
what an AT
Loan
Library
looks like...

iDevices & Apps...

the options are almost endless



WhAT you'll find in our libraries!



More of whAT you'll find!





AT Financial Loan Program Snapshot

- Provides low-interest loans to Maryland residents with disabilities or their families to buy assistive technology
- Covers all types of AT including vehicles, computers, home modifications, and more
- Interest rates between 3-4%
- Loan amounts between \$500-\$50,000

<http://mdod.maryland.gov/mdtap/Pages/AT-Financial-Loan-Program.aspx>

What Can I Buy With A Financial Loan?

- Home modifications
- Adapted & non-adapted vehicles
- Scooters and wheelchairs
- Braille equipment
- Vision aids (CCTV's, magnifiers, etc.)
- Hearing aids
- Communication devices
- Smart home devices
- Computers and iDevices
- Recreational AT (adapted bikes, adapted gaming systems, etc.)
- Many other devices





CILs provide grants for AT through funds received from Department of Rehabilitative Services (DORS)



Grants assist with purchase of AT, modifications to homes, or modifications to vehicles



Contact your CIL for more information on their specific grant program and the requirements



There may be a waitlist, so don't wait!

AT Grants through CILs

Maryland High-Tech AT Reuse Center (MATR)

MD AT REUSE (MATR) EQUIPMENT

- CCTVs/Video Magnifiers/Magnifiers
- iDevices
- Adapted computer keyboards, mice, switches
- Speech communication devices
- Amplified telephones
- And more
- [Search all available items online](#)

Visit MATR By Appointment Only –

7125 Riverwood Drive, Suite D1 Columbia, MD 21046

To schedule a MATR donation, consultation, or pickup, contact 443-326-9703
MDTAP.AT-Reuse@maryland.gov

Maryland Accessible Telecommunications (MAT)

In partnership collaboration with MAT, MD TAP maintains the Central Baltimore adapted telephone evaluation center. SMCIL hosts the Southern Regional MAT Center.

MAT device evaluators provide FREE assessments, purchases, and installation for consumers across the state. [Apply online.](#)

Landline and mobile phones are available for people with **hearing loss, vision loss, physical disabilities, and I/DD.**



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Southern Maryland Regional Office & Loan Library

Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living
(SMCIL)

Stacy Tobin, AT Specialist

38588 Brett Way, Suite 1

Mechanicsville, MD 20659

301-884-4498 ext 2

email: stobin@smcil.org

www.facebook.com/SMCIL1

www.smcil.org



Eastern Shore Regional Office & Loan Library

Bay Area Center for Independent Living, Inc.

Cory Haggins, AT Specialist

909 Progress Circle, Ste. 300

Salisbury, MD 21804

443-260-0822 (voice)

443-260-0833 (fax)

<http://bayareacil.org/> (web)

email: chaggins@bayareacil.org

Western Maryland Regional Office & Loan Library

Resources for Independence

735 E Oldtown Rd,
Cumberland, MD 21502
301-784-1774

www.rficil.org

Community AT Libraries

[IMAGE Center of Maryland](#) – Baltimore
City, Baltimore County, Harford County
AT email: ilat@imagemd.org

[Independence Now](#) – Montgomery County,
Prince Georges County
Contact: Denise Sosbe
email: dsosbe@innow.org

[Accessible Resources for Independence](#) –
Howard County, Anne Arundel County
Contact: Betsy Hein
email: bhein@arinow.org

[Freedom Center](#) – Frederick County,
Carroll County
Contact: Paulette Sheppard
email: psheppard@thefreedomcenter-md.org

Questions???



AT Loan Library

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A Closer Look at Magnifiers



Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 1:00 pm

via Zoom

Upcoming
30-minute
training!