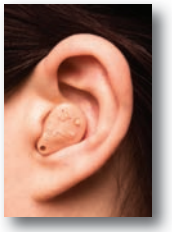
What is Assistive Technology?

Assistive Technology includes thousands of products that enable persons with disabilities to be more productive and self-sufficient in their daily activities. Items range from simple to complex and can be used at home, work, school, or in the community to reduce barriers, enhance participation and increase independence.



AzTAP has an inventory of several thousand devices organized into nine major categories. Our inventory is updated regularly to make sure we have a variety of current technology available for demonstrations and/or our lending libraries.

OUR WEBSITE

In addition to giving more details about our services, our website is intended to be a resource for anyone seeking AT information and resources.

Visit us at **www.AzTAP.org** and learn about this year's conference, read our latest newsletter, and meet our staff.

OUR OFFICE

Many of AzTAP's activities take place in our Phoenix office. We invite you to participate in one of our educational programs or to schedule an appointment for an individualized demonstration, consultation or tour.

Our office is conveniently located in central Phoenix, on the Light Rail line and with easy access to major freeways.

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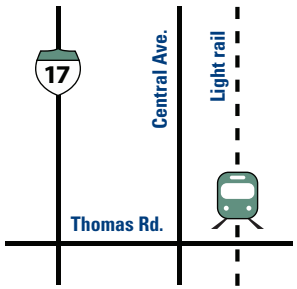

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About AzTAP

AzTAP assists persons with disabilities (all types, all ages) as well as family members, service providers, employers and the general public to become better educated about assistive technology (AT).

To that end, we offer a range of statewide AT services and employ staff with unique expertise and qualifications.

Our mission is to connect people with disabilities with the assistive technology (AT) they need to participate as fully as possible in activities that matter to them.

Created in 1994, AzTAP is a program of the Institute for Human Development (IHD) at Northern Arizona University. It is federally funded under the Assistive Technology Act.

AzTAP supports the IHD vision that people with disabilities participate in all of life's experiences. Through its focus on assistive technology, AzTAP embraces improving attitudes, access and inclusion on behalf of all persons with disabilities.

Our main office is in Phoenix; however, AT services are also available at the IHD Assistive Technology Center on the NAU campus in Flagstaff.

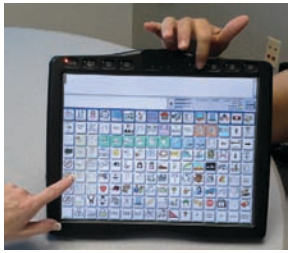
Importantly, our services cover the entire state and are available to all Arizonans regardless of where they reside.

Our Services

AzTAP offers a wide variety of comprehensive activities emphasizing direct services to consumers and service providers.

- **AT DEMONSTRATIONS & CONSULTATIONS:** With the goal of identifying appropriate technology matched to each person's unique needs, these professionally guided, hands-on explorations of equipment focus on device features and functions and involve an in-depth, collaborative process. There is no fee for this service.

- **AT DEVICE LOANS:** AzTAP's short-term device loan program allows individuals to borrow and use devices at home, school or at work so they can make an informed decision about whether the equipment will meet their real life needs. AzTAP also operates an AT loan program for the Arizona Department of Education, exclusively available to public school districts and charter schools statewide. Both of our lending libraries are provided free of charge.



- **EDUCATION AND TRAINING:** AzTAP uses its expertise in a variety of ways: Staff members research and answer AT questions, identify additional AT resources and refer clients to other agencies when appropriate. We provide large and small group customized training in varied formats. AzTAP sponsors Arizona's largest AT Conference annually, and AzTAP also develops AT related technical assistance to government agencies, nonprofit organizations and businesses to improve their ability to address AT issues.

- **FINANCIAL LOANS:** AzTAP's financial loan programs, Arizona Loan$ for Assistive Technology (AzLAT) and SEED Loan$, are designed to assist individuals with disabilities to borrow money at low interest rates to buy assistive technology for independent living, mobility, education, recreation, employment, etc.

- **AT/EQUIPMENT REUSE:** AzTAP has three programs that give consumers direct access to reusable, less expensive AT equipment. The Arizona Assistive Technology Exchange (ATEX) is an online site where individuals can buy, sell, trade or donate AT via web-based "want ads." AzTAP also coordinates the AT & Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Reuse Coalition, a site that provides a searchable listing of Arizona programs that run AT reuse activities including medical equipment loan closets. Finally, on a limited basis, we offer long-term, open-ended loans of older, but still highly usable, AT devices.

- **FEE-FOR-SERVICE AT ASSESSMENTS:** AzTAP's fee-for-service evaluations are characterized by a team approach, the use of functional, evidence-based assessment techniques, and procedures that follow a structured consideration process which results in finding the "best fit" between person, environment and technology.

Our Qualified Staff

To ensure the highest level of service, AzTAP and the IHD AT Center employ knowledgeable professionals with dedicated AT experience and expertise. In addition to RESNA ATP certifications, our staff has advanced degrees, training and licensure (where applicable) in:

- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Social Work/Rehabilitation Counseling
- Special Education
- Speech-Language Pathology

Our Customers Tell Us

"Because of AzTAP, I was able to streamline my research [and] make informed decisions…"

"The AzTAP program is helping me explore my [AT] options for a better life."

"AzTAP staff always go above and beyond my expectations…"

"Why isn't your name and number in every therapist's rolodex?"