

What is Assistive Technology (AT)?

An assistive technology device is "any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities" (P.L. 108-364). Assistive devices may be as simple as a piece of foam which makes a spoon easier to grasp, or as complex as a computer that responds to voice commands.

Assistive technology services are "any services that directly assist an individual with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device" (P.L. 108-364). These services may include adapting a toy so that it may be operated by a child with disabilities, installing grab bars for an older person to increase his/her safety in the home, or teaching an individual to use a Braille note-taking device.

Our Mission is: To empower people with all disabilities by providing

Resources

Options

And

Disability related

Services needed **T**o obtain individual **F**reedom in their lives.

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**Center for Independent Living
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**ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY
DEVICE DEMONSTRATION
CENTER**



**YOUR LOCAL ASSISTIVE
TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER**

Making Technology Available to All

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICE DEMONSTRATION CENTER

HOURS OF OPERATION

Working with Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology, Roads To Freedom has opened an assistive



The CapTel is a high-tech device specially designed to help those who are hard-of-hearing communicate by telephone.

learn about assistive technology, and to make an informed choice when selecting devices for use in the home, workplace and community.

The Dynavox is a high-tech, Windows-based communication device also capable of computer access, and making phone calls.



technology device demonstration center. The Demonstration Center is available to persons with disabilities, family members and professionals to

The Assistive Technology Device Demonstration Center, located at the Roads To Freedom, Center for Independent Living, is a valuable resource where persons with disabilities, family members, and professionals may learn about, and try out, various types of assistive devices, or categories of devices, with the guidance and support of the Center's Assistive Technology staff. These "hands-on" opportunities to



Reachers of various size and style are available in the Demo Center.

learn about assistive technology will allow individuals to make more informed choices about what devices will work best for them. Making an informed choice allows for a more effective use of funds, a reduction of dependency on a caregiver and ultimately greater freedom for individuals with disabilities.

Roads To Freedom's (RTF) Assistive Technology Device Demonstration Center is open 10 am to 2 pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Other times are available by appointment only.



Alternate computer access, like this head tracker, is available for demonstration in the Demo Center.

To make an appointment to visit the Demonstration Center, contact the Assistive Technology Coordinator at:

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Magnifying devices, such as this Senseview Portable Video Magnifier can be found in the Device Demonstration Center.