Maryland Assistive Technology Program

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES

Why I do what I do…

- Have 3 kids, a bonus kiddo, and 2 dogs
- Live in Baltimore City
- Undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Baltimore; post-graduate certification in assistive technology from California State U.
- Worked with MDTAP for 20 years!
- Have a child with Nonverbal learning disability and severe anxiety
- Been part of the IEP process for years
- Weekly services through Kennedy Krieger Institute

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ABOUT US

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

www.mdtap.org

We're a free, statewide service through the Maryland Department of Disabilities.
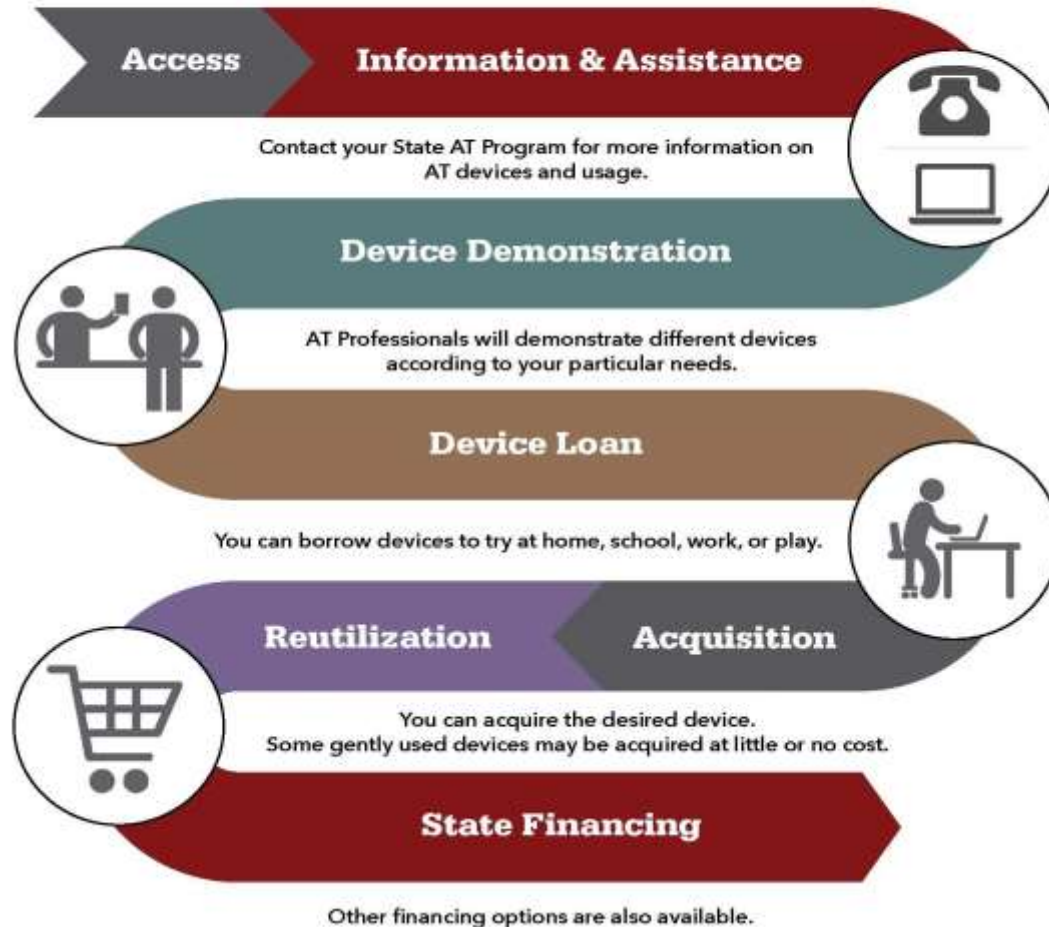
WHAT IS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY?

Assistive Technology, also known as AT, encompasses a wide variety of items and techniques from low-tech such as a cane to high-tech software that can read computer screens.

The idea behind Assistive Technology is to increase an individual with a disability's independence.

AT Services Nationally

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY (AT) SERVICES FLOW CHART

How do you access information about and acquire Assistive Technology devices for yourself, family members, or clients to enhance life, work, and play?

Access → **Information & Assistance**

Contact your State AT Program for more information on AT devices and usage.

Device Demonstration

AT Professionals will demonstrate different devices according to your particular needs.

Device Loan

You can borrow devices to try at home, school, work, or play.

Reutilization **Acquisition**

You can acquire the desired device. Some gently used devices may be acquired at little or no cost.

State Financing

Other financing options are also available.

WhAT We Do in Maryland

- Maintain 4 (four) Regional Offices & Libraries across the state (Central Baltimore, Southern Maryland, Western Maryland, and Eastern Shore) – services include trainings, demos, loans, outreach

- Host 4 (four) additional Community AT Libraries across the state

- AT demonstrations and customized consultations with on-staff AT Clinicians – 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!

[Interactive Assistive Technology Access Map](#)

More of WhAT We Offer

Virtual AT Library

Home Modifications Directory

Loan Closet Directory

Schedule of Webinars

Tour our AT Library, right from your desk!

What you'll find in our libraries!

More of what you'll find!

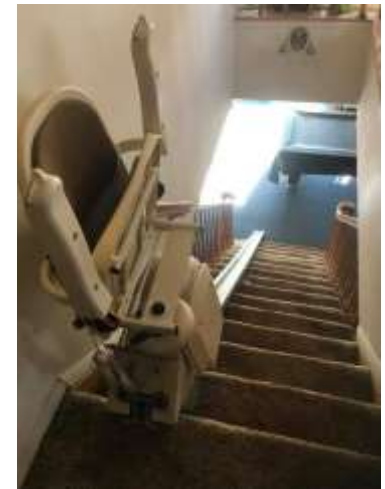# iDevices & Apps…
the options are almost endless

Online Equipment Exchange

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

Maryland Assistive Technology Equipment Reuse

walkers, magnifiers, adapted vehicles, beds, lifts, etc.

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

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

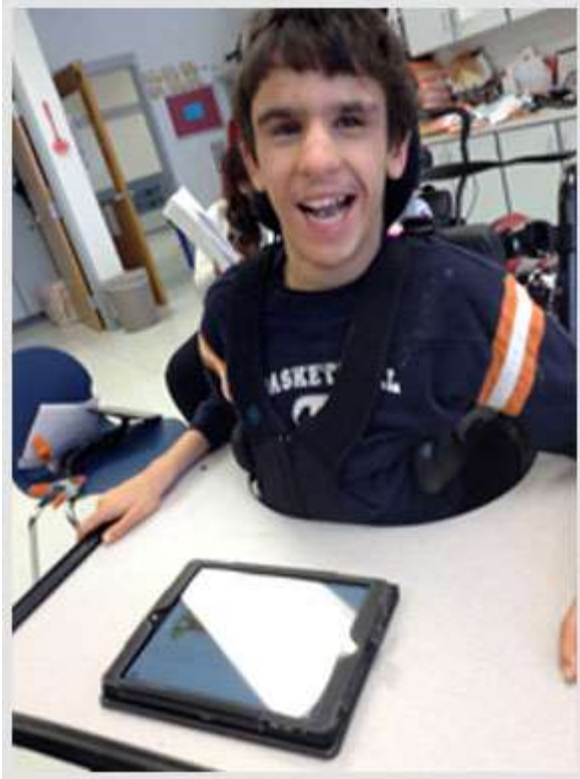- Interest rates between 3-4%

- 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

Discounted Assistive Technology – Purchasing Cooperative

MDTAP partners with AT Discount Sales & Services, LLC to access the lowest prices for AT when purchasing equipment. And you can too!

AT Discount Sales & Services, LLC provides discounts and product information for all AT needs.

410-290-1327

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www.atdiscount.net

Maryland Accessible Telecommunications

In partnership with our sister program, MAT, we maintain the Central Baltimore adapted telephone evaluation 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**.

Statewide IT Accessibility Initiative

DIGITAL ACCESS   WEB ACCESS   DOCUMENT ACCESS   APPS & KIOSKS

The Maryland Department of Disabilities Information Technology (IT) Accessibility Initiative supports state agencies to meet Maryland's Non-Visual Access standards.

The IT Accessibility Initiative staff provide the following supports and services:

- Evaluations of technology platforms

- Consultation

- Technical assistance

- Information technology accessibility training

Visit us to learn more!

http://mdod.maryland.gov/news/Pages/Web-Accessibility.aspx

MD AT Info Everywhere

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909 Progress Circle, Ste. 300

Salisbury, MD 21804

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Southern Maryland Regional Office & Loan Library

Southern MD Center for Independent Living

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Mechanicsville, MD 20659

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info@smcil.org

www.smcil.org

Western Maryland Regional Office & Loan Library

Resources for Independence

735 E Oldtown Rd,
Cumberland, MD 21502
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www.rficil.org

Community AT Libraries

[IMAGE Center of Maryland](#) – Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Harford County

[Independence Now](#) – Montgomery County, Prince Georges County

[Accessible Resources for Independence](#) – Howard County, Anne Arundel County

[Freedom Center](#) – Frederick County, Carroll County