Assistive Technology for Kansans

ATK Serves Kansans, coordinated at the University of Kansas

ATK Program Impact in 2014

1,943 Kansans with disabilities and chronic health conditions and/or service providers received more than 4,614 Assistive Technology (AT) Services provided by ATK staff in 2014.

Specific Kansas Populations Receiving AT Services in 2014:

- 50 Infants and toddlers with disabilities and their family members
- 164 Adults with disabilities who were retraining or obtaining part-time or full-time employment
- 103 Farmers, ranchers and other agricultural workers with disabilities
- 1,122 Seniors needing services to stay in their homes and/or to be active in their community
- 798 Kansans received hands-on training on use and maintenance of an AT device

Statewide Assistive Technology (AT) Program serves Kansans in all 105 counties.

- Customers include seniors, infants and toddlers, students, working age adults, farmers with disabilities, and other persons with disabilities and chronic health conditions.

- Comprehensive AT services include product information, device demonstration, equipment loan, device reuse/recycle, assessment, funding assistance and training.

- ATK provides technology solutions in the areas of vision, hearing, speech communication, learning, cognition, mobility, seating, daily living, environmental adaptations, vehicle modifications, computer and related technology, recreation and sports adaptations.

- 23 staff associated with ATK have expertise and certifications in a broad range of assistive technology categories including speech language pathology, special education, certified assistive technology practitioner, computer technology and programming, early childhood education and construction management.

- Nationally recognized AT program provides support and technical assistance to other states.

- 5 Assistive Technology Access Sites: Topeka, Salina, Wichita, Oakley, and Parsons with an additional reutilization program in Garden City.

Assistive Technology for Kansans receives $395,716 of federal funds. These funds provide operational expenses to each of the 5 regional AT Access Sites, a toll-free telephone number that allows customers to easily reach their regional site and equipment loan program and support for a statewide AT conference.

ATK website - www.atk.ku.edu
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...connects people with disabilities and health conditions of all ages with the assistive technology they need to learn, work, play and participate in community life safely and independently.

EXAMPLES...

The parents of a 2-year-old girl with cerebral palsy borrowed a corner chair from the ATK Loan System. Now she can sit up, reach, grasp, and play with toys with her brother.

ATK staff demonstrated 4 Braille note takers to a woman who is blind and has a significant hearing loss. The devices provide refreshable Braille to read and allow her to access the Internet, email, track appointments, and use GPS software.

After a device demonstration, a 19-year-old woman who is deaf selected a tablet that allowed her to send texts, use public transportation apps, and improved her computer literacy skills. She now has a full-time professional position.

ATK staff conducted a series of 3 workshops for high school seniors with disabilities and their educational teams to learn how to integrate technology into their transition plans. All of the students are pursuing post-secondary training or education.

ATK staff collaborated with UnitedHealthcare to conduct 4 workshops to help people with disabilities develop employment-related technology skills. Eleven individuals obtained full or part-time employment; 6 others received second round interviews.

A man with a neurological condition wanted to stay involved in the community. He received a refurbished scooter through the ATK reuse program. He is happy to report that he is participating in community activities again.

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