**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.

**ATK Program Impact in 2015**

1,859 **Kansans** with disabilities and chronic health conditions and/or service providers received more than 3,054 **Assistive Technology (AT) Services provided by ATK staff in 2015.**

**Specific Kansas Populations Receiving AT Services in 2015:**

- 70 Infants and toddlers with disabilities and their family members
- 176 Adults with disabilities who were retraining or obtaining part-time or full-time employment
- 122 Farmers, ranchers and other agricultural workers with disabilities
- 1,207 Seniors needing services to stay in their homes and/or to be active in their community
- 851 Kansans received hands-on training on use and maintenance of an AT device

Assistive Technology for Kansans receives $397,126 of federal funds. These funds provide operational expenses to each of the five 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
Assistive Technology for Kansans

...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...

A veteran with a physical disability and PTSD enrolled in EMT training after he mastered use of a digital tablet required to complete online exams and assignments. He is completing the “ride along” component of training and has a job offer when he graduates.

ATK staff matched a refurbished prone stander to a preschooler and worked with the school physical therapist to fit it so he could be at eye level with peers in classroom activities.

ATK staff conducted regional workshops for family members of infants and toddlers with disabilities and local service providers. Workshop participants requested AT topics that met their needs.

ATK staff participated in Family Employment and Transition (FEAT) workshops sponsored by Families Together. Five students are working with ATK on AT solutions so they can pursue education and employment goals after high school.

A 6 year-old girl who is deaf-blind wanted to be able to keep in touch with her grandmother who lived in another town. ATK staff funded a Braille Apex so she can go online, send texts, and talk about books with her grandmother.

A man in his 30’s with a significant hearing loss tried out 3 listening devices to find one that would allow him to participate in marketing meetings, meet with clients, and talk on the telephone. Now he works full-time for a marketing firm.

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