

Assistive Technology for Kansans



ATK Serves Kansans

coordinated at the
University of Kansas

Program Impact in 2016

1,823 Kansans with disabilities and chronic health conditions and/or service providers **received more than 3,685 Assistive Technology (AT) Services** provided by ATK staff.

Specific Kansas Populations Receiving AT Services:

- 83 Infants and toddlers with disabilities and their family members
- 157 Adults with disabilities who were retraining or obtaining part-time or full-time employment
- 92 Farmers, ranchers and other agricultural workers with disabilities
- 1,306 Seniors needing services to stay in their homes and/or to be active in their community
- 987 Kansans received hands-on training on use and maintenance of an AT device

Assistive Technology for Kansans receives \$408,621 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 statewide and regional AT training.

ATK website - www.atk.ku.edu

STATEWIDE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY (AT) PROGRAM SERVES KANSANS IN ALL 105 COUNTIES

- **Customers include seniors, infants and toddlers, students, working age adults, farmers with disabilities, individuals with vision and hearing loss, 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.**
- **24 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.**

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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...

- A young man was injured on his way to work resulting in a spinal cord injury and a head injury. He received a refurbished Sit to Stand lift through ATK. The equipment allows different positions throughout the day and his recovery accelerated.
- ATK staff worked with a family to obtain funds for bathroom modifications and a ceiling track lift so their teenaged son can move more easily from his bedroom to the living room, kitchen, dining room, and bathroom.
- ATK staff provided device demonstrations including growing supports for high tunnels as well as boom lifts for machinery to multiple small agricultural producers and traditional farmers. Staff helped growers and farmers obtain public and private funds for the identified solutions.
- The mother of a two-year-old girl wanted her daughter to safely sit in a secure position across multiple environments. ATK staff demonstrated a variety of positioning solutions. Her mother borrowed the Firefly Go To portable seat.
- ATK staff, Kansas AgrAbility, and Kansas Farmers Union collaborated on a series of four accessible farm tours. Over 160 veterans, active duty soldiers transitioning to civilian life, farmers, and family members participated.
- ATK invited Dr. David Edyburn to present a one-day workshop on educational policy changes including recent trends, research, and innovative assistive technology devices and services. Transition was a primary focus. Participants from Kansas, Missouri, and Illinois attended.

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