



About AT Arizona - Assistive Technology in Arizona and Available Workshops



Overview

AT AZ is a project to support Disability Awareness and related Assistive Technology as a tool to support employment for persons with disabilities.

The scope of this project includes Disability and Assistive Technology Awareness as follows:

- Face to face and web-based training for state staff, contractors and employers
- Disability Resource Listings and Overview Information
- Local and national Assistive Technology Resource Listings
- Accommodation listings with practical training for state staff and other partners of the Arizona@Work network
- ATarizona.com website to support all efforts listed above

What is Assistive Technology?

“Assistive Technology”, or “AT” is the term we use to describe equipment/services/strategies used by persons with disabilities to access tasks, equipment and/or places in the environment that are otherwise inaccessible. Assistive Technology includes a full range of solutions such as:










- “low tech” supports like Velcro, stickers, reading or writing guides
- “light tech” supports: digital recorders and mobile devices
- “high tech” supports: adaptive software products, refreshable Braille, high tech wheelchairs and environmental control devices.

Federal Definitions of Assistive Technology:

“**Assistive Technology Device**” is defined as “any item, piece of equipment, or product system whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.”

“**Assistive Technology Service**” means any service that directly assists an individual with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device.

Disability Awareness Workshops

Disability Specialty	Workshop Title	Workshop Description	Icon
All	Hello: Greeting the Public	This session identifies competencies staff should have to establish rapport, improve communication, and use available AT accommodations within their workplace.	
General	General Disability Awareness and the ADA (“GDA”)	Learn general disability information, including disability and employment, the Rehab Act, IDEA, ADA, GINA, and AT etiquette.	
Vision	Blind and Visually Impaired (“BVI”)	Learn about different types of vision loss, appropriate communication, basic guidelines for working with a client, and available AT.	
Hearing	Deaf and Hard of Hearing (“DHH”)	Learn about different types of hearing loss, Deaf culture, appropriate communication, hearing aids and available AT.	
DeafBlind	Combined Vision and Hearing Loss (“CVHL”)	Learn about combined vision and hearing loss, related challenges and AT adaptations, and the resources available to you. This session gives an overview of how to work with a person in this population, including communication and guiding tips.	
Physical	Ergonomics and Physical Access (“Ergo”)	Learn the scope of the word “Ergonomics” and understand how it influences accessibility and physical access accommodations in the workplace.	
Cognition	Learning Disabilities and Cognitive Challenges (“LD”)	Learn about cognitive challenges such as learning disabilities, cognitive/developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injuries (TBI), and mental health. This session also reviews related AT and workplace accommodations.	
Speech	Augmentative and Alternative Communication (“AAC”)	Learn what AAC is, who uses it, why it is valuable, and what technology is available. This session also discusses the importance of a team approach, and how to navigate funding.	
Other	Episodic Disabilities	Learn what is considered an episodic disability and how they affect the use of AT and workplace accommodations.	

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