



## Opening Doors for Children.

Goodwill of Orange County believes that everyone deserves a chance to achieve their highest level of independence, especially our children. A recent *Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County* states that special education services has increased 12% from the 1998 to the 2008 school years. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was amended in 1990 to specifically mandate that schools consider each student's need for assistive technology devices and services during the IEP process.

According to the National Organization on Disability (NOD), 22% of Americans with disabilities fail to graduate high school, compared to 9% of those without disabilities. Additionally, it is estimated that 90% of all behavioral problems come from a child's inability to communicate. We believe that with continued advances in assistive technology and by providing greater accessibility and training to students with disabilities, this gap can be closed.

## Every Child Deserves a Chance.

For children with disabilities, the world of technology offers hope and possibilities for a way to communicate and learn. ATEC works with local education agencies, California Children's Services, the State Department of Rehabilitation, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, Regional Centers and other services to provide assessments, training, and support. Our directive is to assist parents and educators by helping children discover a greater understanding of their environment as well as daily functioning skills including:

- Social interaction
- Attention
- Motivational
- Organizational
- Academic
- Self-help

## ATEC services include:

- Evaluations
- Training
- Loan and reuse
- Technical assistance
- Consulting

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## Breaking Down Barriers for Adults.

Assistive Technology can be harnessed to diminish or eliminate barriers for adults with disabilities. Assistive Technology devices can help accommodate or manage physical, sensory or cognitive impairments. We offer extensive services and equipment for adults to overcome obstacles to independence. Medical centers, rehabilitation facilities, VA hospitals, governmental case managers, the Department of Rehabilitation, Regional Centers and independent living advocates, continually turn to ATEC for support of technological systems and their rapidly evolving applications.

To make certain tasks easier for people with disabilities, assistive technology devices can include a variety of tools that range from simple to sophisticated, such as communication devices, adapted computers, assisted listening devices and many other items. We help people with disabilities or their caregivers select, acquire or use assistive technology devices.

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## Referring Someone To ATEC

Anyone may refer someone to ATEC for services and assistive technology. ATEC works with people referred through a variety of sources including:

- Medical centers
- Rehabilitation facilities
- VA hospitals
- Governmental case managers
- California Department of Rehabilitation
- Regional Centers
- Independent Living Advocates

Thanks to ATEC, assistive technologies as well as strategies for implementation, can maximize adult independence and productivity at work, home and in life.

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## Loan and Reuse Service.

The ATEC Assistive Technology Loan and Reuse service provides equipment for loan, sale and exchange or occasionally we may be able to provide a piece of equipment at no cost. Through the Loan and Reuse service a comprehensive array of assistive technology equipment is available and may include the following:

## Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)

These devices help people communicate and may range from simple light tech picture cards to high tech speech generating devices.

## Alternative Computer Access

These devices help people with visual and physical impairments to use a computer. They include ergonomic and/or enlarged keyboards, pointing devices and special software.

## Electronic Aids to Daily Living

These aids allow independent operation of appliances and electronic system such as lights, automatic door openers, televisions and other electronic media devices.

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## Ergonomics

This equipment includes adaptive mounts and fitting products to adapt an individual's device to his/her individual needs.

## Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs)

These devices help people with hearing impairments overcome problems related to distance, background noise or poor room acoustics.

## Cognitive Impairment Aids

These range from simple low tech options to an electronic system that help a person organize information, simplify complicated steps or serve as memory aids.

## Educational Aids

These aids and devices range from reading, writing and organizational aids to help gain access to curriculum.

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