

Fact Sheet For Resource and Referral Assistance

Wood County Resources for Individuals with DisAbilities

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)

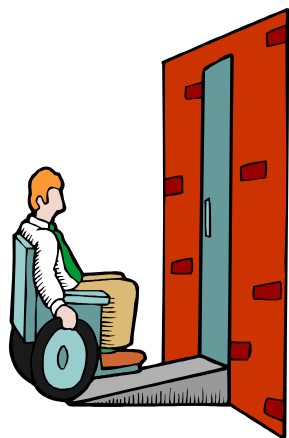
Assistive Technology (AT) What is it?

Devices that allow people to function as independently as possible at home, school, work and with-in the community. Assistive technology includes both low tech and highly technical tools. Examples include: wheelchairs, hearing aids, magnifiers or other visual aids, computers, vehicles with lifts or hand controls, control switches for appliances, doors, lighting and other home modifications.

Wisconsin's 1st stop for assistive technology: Wisconsin Assistive Technology Resource Center

www.wiatrc.org or 800-228-5457

Resources - Training Calendar - Equipment Information



Your child's school IEP Team may make assistive technology recommendations for your child.

The Forward Card or your personal private insurance may be funding resources for the adaptive equipment your child needs.

Midstate Independent Living Consultants (MILC)

344-4210 or 800-382-8484 www.milcinc.net

- ◆ **Device Demonstration Center:** Devices are available for demonstration and short-term loan. This allows access to devices to determine which device is best for you. MILC can direct families to vendors and funding resources. Technical assistance is available. MILC staff can assist you with checking out equipment available through Wisconsin's AT4All website www.wisconsinat4all.com.
- ◆ **Device Reutilization:** Providing recycled, repaired and cleaned durable medical equipment for purchase.
- ◆ **Assistive Technology Loan Program (WisLoan):** Provides financing options for purchasing AT devices.
- ◆ **Telework Loan Program:** Allows residents with disabilities to purchase computers and other equipment needed to work from home or from remote sites away from the office.

Web Sites

Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative: Links to other AT sites, articles, AT information, best practices, and lending library information.

<http://www.wati.org>

WI Department of Public Instruction: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/at-wati-resources.html> http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/asst_tch.html

Department of Health Services "A Guide to Obtaining Augmentative Communication Devices and Accessories Through Wisconsin Medicaid"

<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/recpubs/factsheets/phc11065.htm>

*Please refer to the backside for further clarification of agencies and their programs
For questions call United Way's Dial 211 or the Wood County Health Department at 421-8911 or 387-8646*

Children's Disability and Resource Centers; Services are Free and Confidential

Children's Disability and Resource Center 421-0480 or 387-2326 or cdrc@cssw.org Children's Service Society of Wisconsin serves as your point of entry for the complex system of children's resources in Wood County; specializing in resource referral assistance for children's special needs from birth through age 22.

Northern CYSHCN Regional Center 866-640-4106 will help you get answers, find services and connect you to community resources.
Remember to seek information from a national organization specific to your child's diagnosis.

Assistive Technology Loan Program (WisLoan)

Any WI resident in need of an assistive technology device to improve their ability to live independently may apply for loans from \$500-\$50,000. WisLoan's criteria for loan consideration is more flexible than most commercial loans. Loans must be repaid. Examples of assistive technology qualifying for loans include:

- Wheelchairs or scooters
- Hearing aids
- Magnifiers and other visual aids
- Computers with modifications
- Control switches for lights, doors and appliances
- Vehicles with lifts or hand controls
- Home modifications

WisLoan's Telework Loan Program

This program can be used to purchase equipment that allows people with disabilities to work from home or other remote sites away from the office. It includes:

- Computers, printers, and software
- Scanners, fax and office machines.
- Training to use new equipment
- Extended warranties
- Cost of maintenance and equipment repairs
- Office furniture
- Telecommunication devices
- Home modifications to create an accessible home office.
- Tools and equipment

Device Reutilization Program

Recycled, repaired and cleaned durable medical equipment for purchase statewide includes:

- Wheelchairs
- Hospital beds
- Lifts
- Bath equipment

Donations are also accepted.

For information and an on-line inventory call 608-243-1785 or go to www.wrp.org

Midstate Independent Living Centers Inc.

Serves individuals of all ages through:

- ◇ Information and referral - on disability related topics, services and resources.
- ◇ Advocacy - promoting access to community services.
- ◇ Independent Living Skills Training - assisting individuals to learn skills to live independently in their communities.
- ◇ Peer support - staff and volunteers with disabilities sharing their life experiences with people who have similar disabilities.
- ◇ Assistive technology - offering information and loans of equipment.
- ◇ Youth Transition - assisting youth and parents to prepare for the transition from school to adult living.
- ◇ Architectural Accessibility - providing information on home modification and technical support on architectural accessibility for consumers, business and public entities.
- ◇ Benefits Counseling - Providing information on benefit program rights and entitlements as it pertains to the needs assessment, social security and appeal process.