



Maryland

DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES

Assistive Technology Program

2024 Assistive Technology Program Year in Review



AT Device Loans

- 166 Device loans conducted
- 338 Total devices loaned



AT Demonstrations

- 137 Device demonstrations
- 145 Participants

Edison had not been able to communicate effectively prior to [borrowing] the device. One of the first things Edison asked using the device was if his medicine could be given with some other type of food, because the pills are bitter. This was very important, because they would like to remove his feeding tube and he has to be able to swallow his medicine before they will do so.

~ MDTAP Demonstration & Loan Client



AT Financial Loans (ATLP)

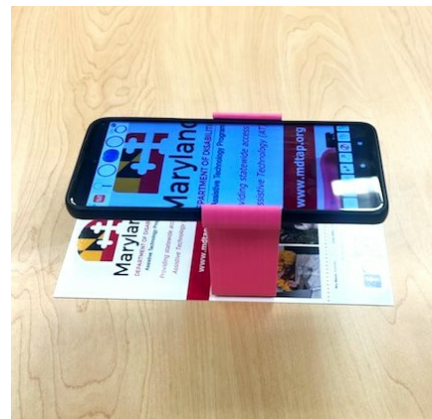
- 86 Loan applications received
- 72 Loans approved
- 50 Loans made
- Total value of loans made: \$1,666,263.90

Information & Assistance

- 1,030 unique AT, financing, and disability resource conversations.
- I&A occurs at all 9 AT Libraries and provides consumers with direct resources and services.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart, for everything that you did for me and my family. My entire interaction with the TAP program has been amazing. You guys have been so patient, kind, and very informative, always allowing me to call with questions and concerns as many times as I needed to without one sound of frustration in your voice.

~Tamara G., Financial Loan Recipient



AT Reuse & Recycling

- 127 individuals received gently used AT
- 308 AT devices provided for free
- Total savings to Marylanders: \$303,690.00

3D Printed AT Fabrication

- 192 individuals received 3D printed devices
- 294 devices provided for free
- Total savings to Marylanders: \$3,320.00

I appreciate what you are doing to help me SO much! This is such an excellent program and I am so grateful I found you guys!

~Lisa M., 3D Printing Fabrication Program Client



Public Awareness Highlight

MDTAP, in collaboration with the MD Department of Aging, participated in a public radio interview held on August 15, 2024 focused on the statewide initiative, MD Equips.

MD Equips ensures that residents have direct & easy access to information regarding gently used DME and Assistive Technology.

Public Awareness

- 104 Public presentations
- 42 Expos, conferences, outreach events
- 6,452 people connected to AT

[NPR AT REUSE INTERVIEW](#)

Your partnership, engagement, and commitment to our cause are invaluable. It's through collective efforts like ours that we can continue to create provide impactful programs that touch the lives of those we serve. The energy and spirit that each of you brought to the day were palpable, and it reinforced the importance of our work. We could not do this without your support!

~Jennifer K., Adaptive Maryland Day Organizer



Training Topics 2024

- AT@Work
- Virtual Reality Vs. Augmented Reality: Exploring both as AT
- Google Workspace Accessibility
- Funding Home Modifications in Maryland
- AT for Learning Disabilities
- 3D Printing Assistive Technology
- From High School to Beyond: AT in the Transition Process

Find these recorded sessions and more on our YouTube Channel!



Training

- 30 unique AT and Digital Accessibility trainings hosted
- 882 people trained on Assistive Technology topics

Program Highlight: Hearing AT Grant Award

In fall of 2024, MDTAP was awarded an Assistive Technology (AT) Alternative Financing Program (AFP) grant totaling \$700,000 from the federal **Administration for Community Living (ACL)** to improve and expand the Assistive Technology Loan

program.

“This funding will be integral to ensuring Marylanders who are deaf or hard of hearing have access to affordable funding for hearing aids and hearing assistive technologies,” said Carol A. Beatty, Secretary of MDOD. “MDTAP’s work creates a more equitable and inclusive Maryland.”

This grant creates a robust hearing aid and related hearing assistive technologies financing program that is efficient and accessible to reduce the barriers faced by individuals who are deaf/hard of hearing.

[READ THE FULL PRESS RELEASE](#)



New in 2024

Find these, and other great resources, on the TAP website!

- Updated video tour of the Schuler Assistive Technology Library
- AT Fact Sheet for Businesses
- AT Fact Sheet for Education
- New TAP Instagram Account



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Maryland Assistive Technology (AT) Services at a Glance
AT for Education

- **AT Levels of Tech for the Classroom**
Assistive Technology (AT) is any implement that helps someone with a disability do something more easily. This can include low-tech aids, like a visual schedule, mid-tech aids, like an electronic calendar, or high-tech devices like laptops, screen readers, AAC, software and apps. AT can be manufactured with the purpose of being used as AT, or something can become AT when augmented or used creatively.
- **Considering AT for Your IEP?**
We provide in-person & virtual AT demonstrations, and offer multiple ways to explore AT solutions for any need. We work with students, ADA Coordinators, educators, parents and more!
- **Try Before You Buy!**
Borrow AT from any of our AT public libraries to get hands-on experience with equipment and find out what works, or practice accommodations with a student before making a purchase. We can even ship devices to you for free!
- **Looking for Recommendations?**
We provide individualized consultations to students (and others) interested in exploring AT solutions, virtually and in-person.
- **Ready to Get Your AT?**

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