



Assisting Kansas Employers and Employees

Assistive Technology for Kansans (ATK) provides persons with disabilities and their employers with services designed to increase opportunities in the workplace. The employees must be prepared to explain their capabilities and to describe the technology or services they need to be successful. ATK can help employers develop accommodations that will enable employees with disabilities to minimize limitations and use their talents productively. Persons with disabilities want meaningful employment; employers want effective workers, staff and managers. ATK is familiar with the services and benefits available to help persons with disabilities and their employers to achieve these mutual goals.

The ATK program provides product information and technology demonstrations, including examples of successful modifications for specific occupations. We maintain an assistive technology equipment loan program that enables individuals to try devices before they are purchased. ATK promotes equipment reuse and frequently can supply refurbished durable medical equipment and other AT devices at no cost. We assist employees with disabilities and the businesses that employ them in locating funding for technology and workspace modifications. Employers and persons with disabilities can access a variety of resources online at www.atk.ku.edu/employment.



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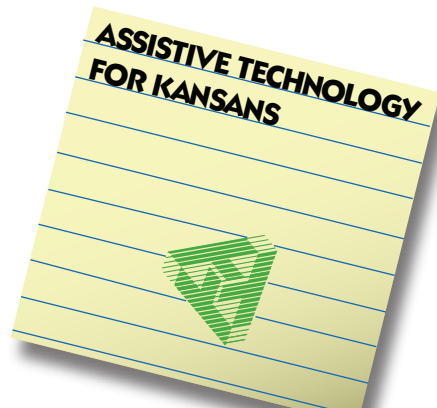
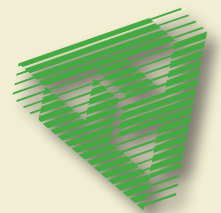


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Opportunity

Employment and the Role of Assistive Technology For Kansans



Assistive Technology Employment Services

As many Kansas employers will testify, persons with disabilities are often more loyal and productive than their co-workers. Assistive Technology for Kansans is dedicated to helping employers and employees recognize mutually beneficial opportunities. ATK has compiled detailed employment case studies, recommendations and practices. We offer screening tools that suggest strategies and solutions for common work barriers. These materials are available to employers, rehabilitation counselors, employment specialists, job coaches, educators, transition counselors, case managers, advocates and people with disabilities and their families. ATK employment services include:

Demonstration

Providing information about assistive technology devices and services to employees with disabilities and chronic health problems.

Demonstrating specific devices to help employees and employers identify the best AT solution for a specific work setting.

Teaching persons with disabilities, their family members, co-workers and employers how to use and maintain assistive technology devices.

Identifying technology upgrades to accommodate changes in the work setting or employee's abilities.

Equipment Loan

Loaning *try before you buy* assistive technology equipment. Identifying mentors who effectively use similar equipment or technology.

Equipment Reuse

Assisting with identification of technology upgrades appropriate for work settings.

Recommending sources for repairing minor breakdowns and major repairs of AT equipment.

Funding

Reviewing available sources to develop funding solutions for devices and services.

Arranging for leasing of assistive technology equipment.

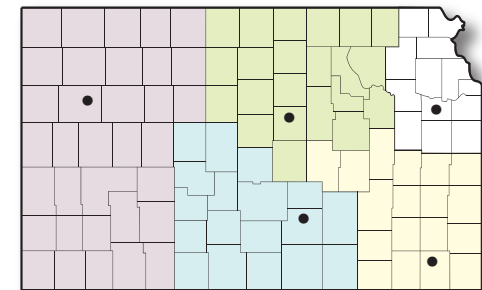
General

Evaluating an employer's technology needs through an on-site assessment of the work setting.



Providing summaries and recommendations of assistive technology devices and potential uses for individual employees.

Assistive Technology for Kansans has five AT Access Sites statewide. Calls are automatically routed to the office in your region. We work with persons with disabilities and their employers to find the best solution available for their needs.



-  **Western Access Site/Oakley**
-  **North Central Access Site/Salina**
-  **South Central Access Site/Wichita**
-  **Northeast Access Site/Lawrence**
-  **Southeast Access Site/Parsons**