

PENNSYLVANIA RESOURCES

TechOWL – Technology for Our Whole Lives – Pennsylvania’s Tech Act Program

The Institute on Disabilities at Temple University is the home for this program in Pennsylvania. They partner with other groups to create regional centers across Pennsylvania. There is probably a regional resource center close to you.

- **Assistive Technology Lending Library** – provides short term loans of assistive technology devices to Pennsylvania residents of all ages. No income requirements.
- **Free Special Phone Program** – also known as Telecommunications Device Distribution Program. Provides land line and mobile phones to people who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, low-vision, have cognitive or physical disabilities. Available to PA residents age 6 and above who meet the income guidelines and are able to learn to use the phone.
- **REEP (Recycled Equipment Exchange Partnership)** – provides used equipment to people of all ages for free or for a minimal charge.
- **Demonstrations** – Demonstrations are not evaluations. However, they do provide a hands-on opportunity to see and compare features of various devices.
- **Assistive Technology Resource Center (ATRC)**– TechOWL partners with a number of agencies to provide a regional contact for their programs. A listing of the regional ATRCs can be found at www.TechOWLpa.org

PATF – Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation –PATF provides low-interest cash loans for assistive technology. Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation (PATF) is a statewide, non-profit organization that helps individuals with disabilities and older Pennsylvanians acquire the assistive technology devices and services they want. PATF is a state and federally-certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) and is the Commonwealth’s designated Alternative Financing Program (AFP) under the federal Assistive Technology Act. PATF is one of 42 AFPs and state financing entities in the U.S. and territories.

www.patf.us

RESOURCES FOR OTHER STATES

RESNA — RESNA, the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America, is the premier professional organization dedicated to promoting the health and well-being of people with disabilities through increasing access to technology solutions. It has information on state Assistive Technology Act programs and state Assistive Technology Finance programs.

www.resna.org/about/consumer-and-public-information

Pass It On Center - The Pass It On Center continues to create national and state resources to foster the safe, effective and appropriate reuse of assistive technology (AT) so that people with disabilities can get the affordable AT they need in order to live, learn, work and play more independently in communities of their choice. There is an interactive map on the main page that will help you find the re-use programs in your state.

www.passitoncenter.org