



Tools for Life: Your AT Act Program in Georgia

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Tools for Life: An Overview
- Accessing the TFL Network
- Funding Solutions & Resources
- AT Solutions in the TFL Demo Lab
- Q&A







Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come.

~Anne Lamott





AMAC

AMAC Accessibility is a social change organization on a mission to create affordable services for governmental, private and nonprofits organization working with individuals with disabilities. Services include e-text, braille, captioning, assistive technology, office management software and consulting.



Accessibility Made Smart

AMAC creates practical solutions that work, with a focus on utility, ease of use, and high quality.

- Accessibility Consulting focuses on organizational accessibility needs with evaluation, technical assistance, customer support, and website accessibility solutions.
- Braille Services produces customized projects from both print materials and electronic text including partial books and chapters or graphics only using cutting-edge technology.
- Captioning Services makes classrooms, meetings, labs and other audio environments fully accessible for deaf or hard-of-hearing.
- Professional E-Text Producers provide high-quality e-text in many formats such as PDF, DOC, DAISY, and HTML.
- Certified Assistive Technology team provides on-site and remote
 assessments, demonstrations, training and technical assistance for education,
 work, and daily living environments.

For more information, please visit our website at www.amacusg.org



Tools for Life Mission

We're here to help Georgians with disabilities gain access to and acquisition of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services so they can live, learn, work, and play independently in the communities of their choice.







Assistive Technology

Assistive Technology (AT) is any item or piece of equipment that is used to increase, maintain or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities in all aspects of life, including at school, at work, at home and in the community. Assistive Technology ranges from low tech to high tech devices or equipment.



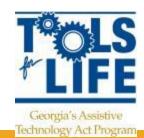


Accessing the TFL Network



Tools for Life Georgia's Federal AT Act Program

- TFL developed Georgia's Plan for AT
- We serve individuals of all ages & all disabilities in Georgia
 - Over 50,000 thru various activities throughout the year
- TFL Network
 - Assistive Technology Resource Centers
 - Lending Libraries
 - Training and Demonstrations
 - AT Reuse
 - AT Funding Education/Assistance and Resources
- Online Resources
 - www.gatfl.org 12,000 unique visitors a month



Welcome

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TFL NETWORK CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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Meet the TFL Team

Welcome to Tools for Life

AT Services

Tools for Life, Georgia's Assistive Technology Act Program, is dedicated to increasing access to and acquisition of assistive technology (AT) devices and services for Georgians of all ages and disabilities so they can live, learn, work and play independently and with greater freedom in communities of their choice.

Try AT Get AT AT Guides

Tools for Life and the TFL Network work collaboratively together to accomplish our mission through:

- AT Demonstration
- AT Evaluations and Assessments
- AT Funding Options & Education
- Access to the TFL AT Lending Libraries
- AT & Durable Medical Equipment Reuse
- AT Training (Individual)
- AT Training (Groups)

Please take our survey to help us gather information that will help better serve the community. The survey can be found at:

TFL Survey

2013 GATE SEMINAR

2013 Georgia Assistive Technology in Education (GATE) Seminar

Dec 6, 2013

Atlanta, Georgia

WEBINARS

JUL 17

Social Security 911:

Understanding Your Rights & Resources

AUG 14

The Impact of iPads Upon

Student Led IEPs

AUG 29

Support for Your AT Consideration Process

- Current Webinar Schedule
- Webinar Archives

TOOLS FOR LIFE APPFINDER



...for Living, Learning, Working, and Playing,

AT ONLINE EXCHANGE



Equipment Exchange.

www.gatfl.gatech.edu/tflwiki/index.php?title=Training#Presentations



AT Services

AT Device Loans:

The Tools for Life Network has thousands of AT solutions for individuals to "Try before you buy" for a short-term loan to ensure the AT solution meets your needs.

Individual Trainings:

Tools for Life provides training to individuals wanting to know more about specific assistive technology solutions, AT funding options and other related topics.

Group Trainings:

Tools for Life provides training to groups and organizations wanting to know more about disabilities, assistive technology and other related topics.

AT Assessments:

An assistive technology assessment is an in depth evaluation that is focused on matching your abilities with technology that will allow you to perform specific task or goal.



AT Services

Website Assessments:

Tools for Life offers web accessibility evaluations for websites and software applications. We provide suggestions on how to make accessible content for the widest range of users with various disabilities.

Workstation Assessments:

Tools for Life's Workstation Assessment is designed to assist those who may be experiencing physical discomfort due to the current set-up of their personal workstation.

E-Text:

Electronic text (e-text) is an accommodation provided to individuals who have difficulty with printed text. AMAC coordinates and converts printed material needed (such as textbooks, articles, or notes) into an electronic format so that the material can be accessed on the computer.



Try AT

Visit an Assistive Technology Resource Center (ATRC) to learn more about assistive technology devices and to try before you buy!

AT Device Demonstrations:

During an assistive technology demonstration, you will learn more about general and specific features of AT solutions to see if they support your needs and assist you in performing specific tasks or goals.

Individual and Group AT Trainings:

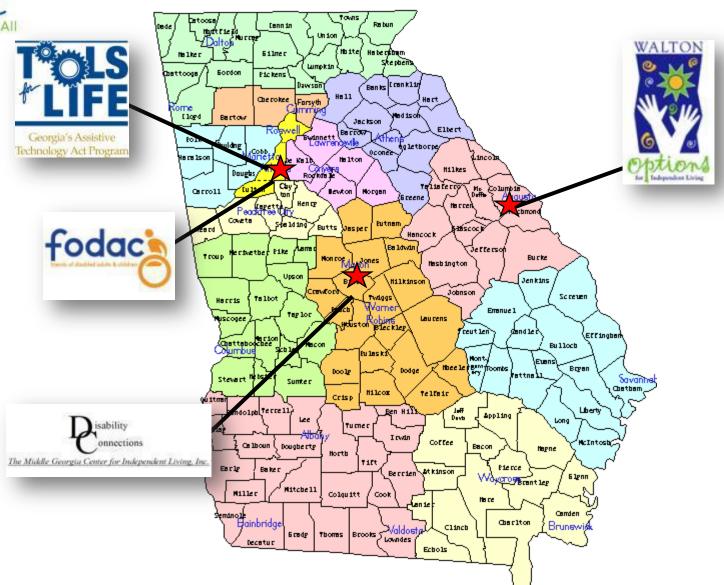
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AMAC Accessibility for All

Tools for Life Network





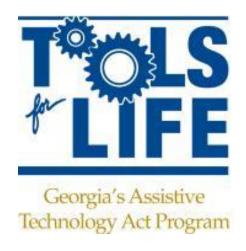
Join us for Upcoming Webinars and Visit our Archives!

Wednesday, August 14, 2:00pm to 3:30pm EST Student Led Individual Education Plan (IEP)

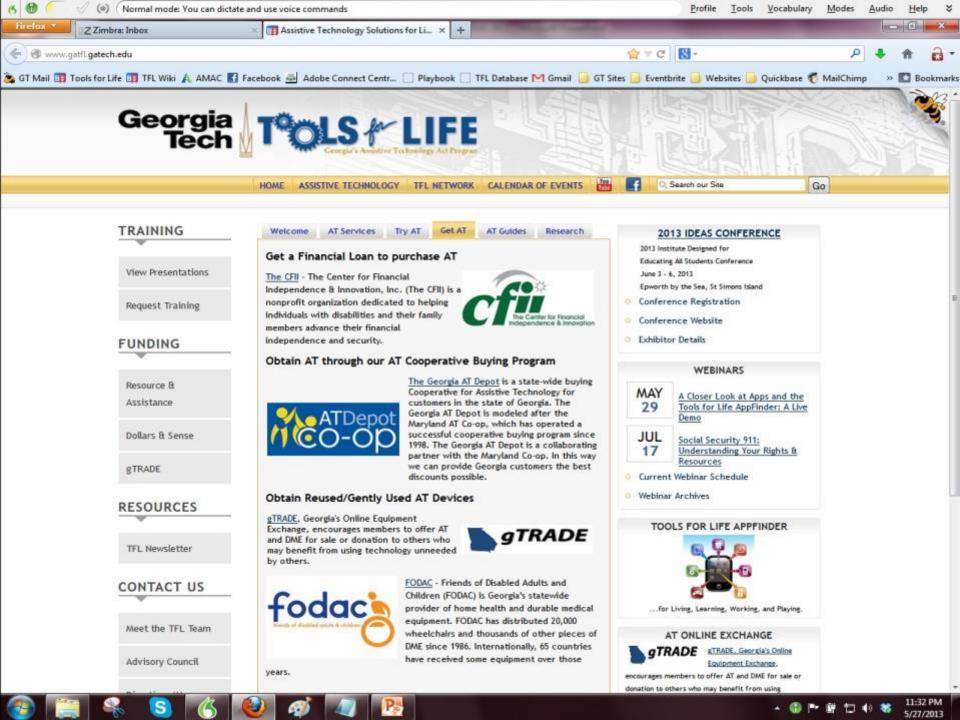
Thursday, August 29, 3:00pm to 4:00pm Support for Your AT Consideration Process

Sign up to be on the TFL mailing list to receive our email announcements! Visit www.gatfl.org or send an email to Liz - liz.persaud@gatfl.gatech.edu





Funding Solutions and Resources





Direct AT Service Activities

DOLLARS & SENSE NAVIGATING THE AT FUNDING STREAM

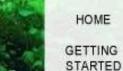
- Web-based Funding Guide
- A resource for locating funding sources for AT devices and services. This guide was developed to make the funding process easier and to assist consumers in getting the assistive technology they need.
- New resources added frequently!



DOLLARS & SENSE



NAVIGATING THE AT FUNDING STREAM

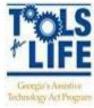


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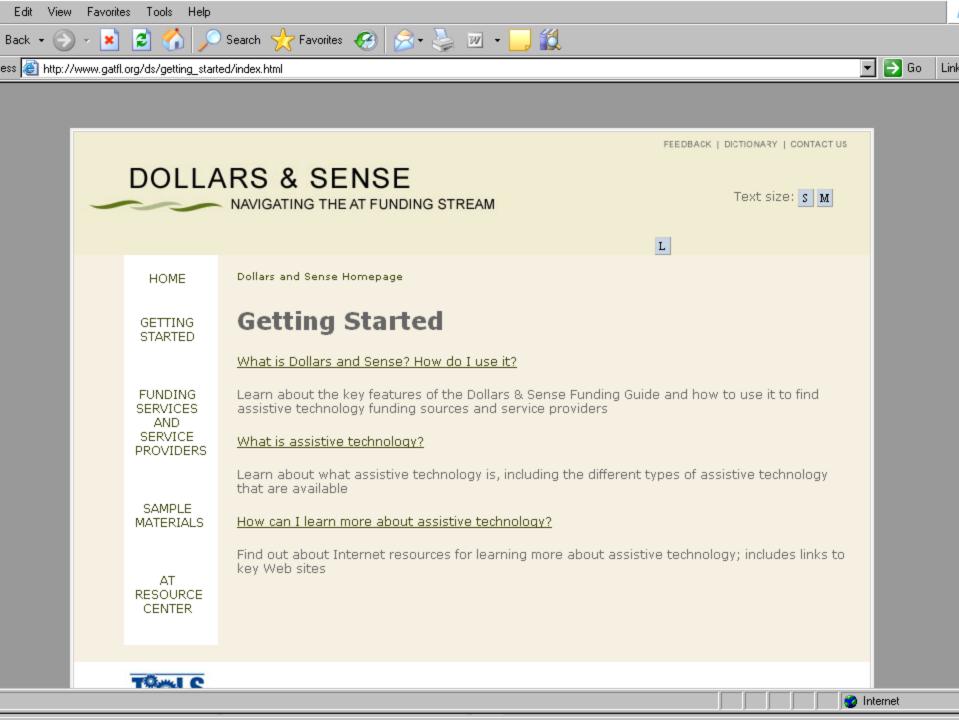
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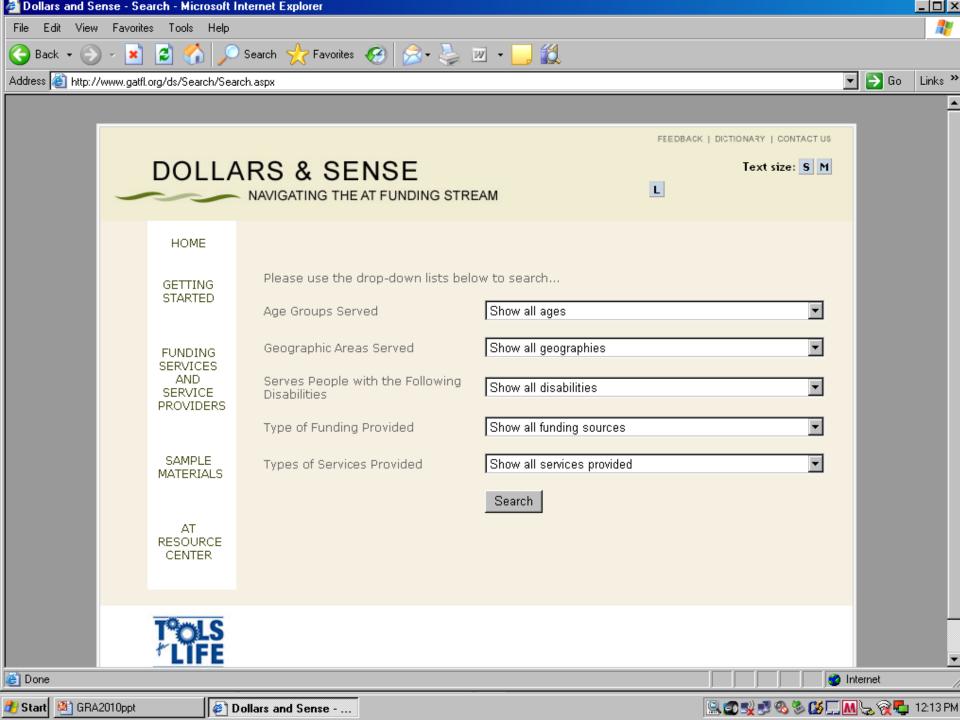
AT RESOURCE CENTER



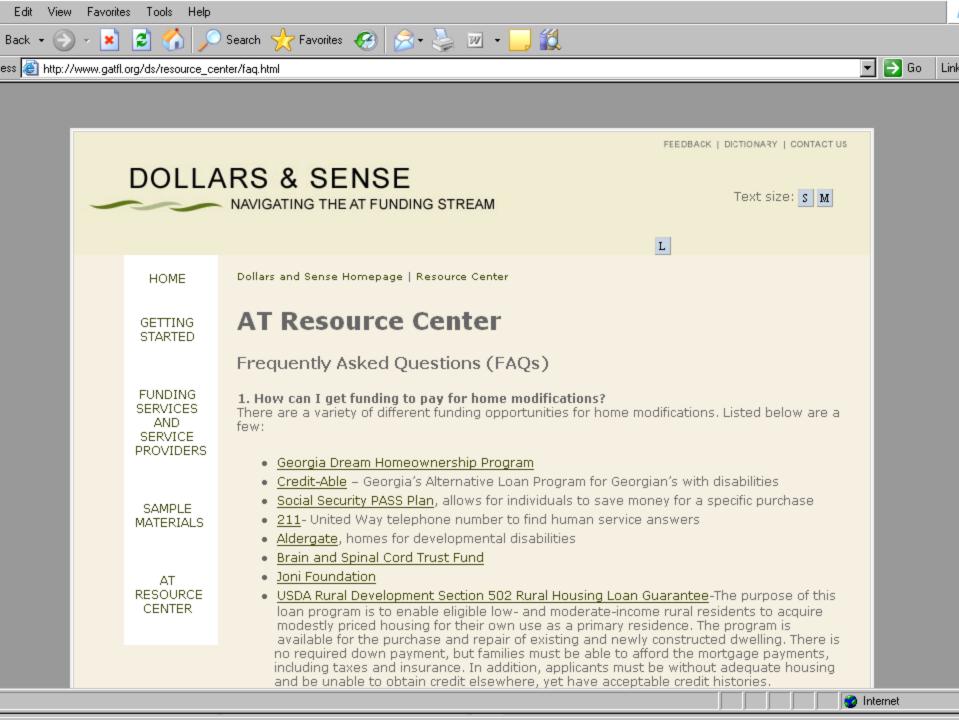


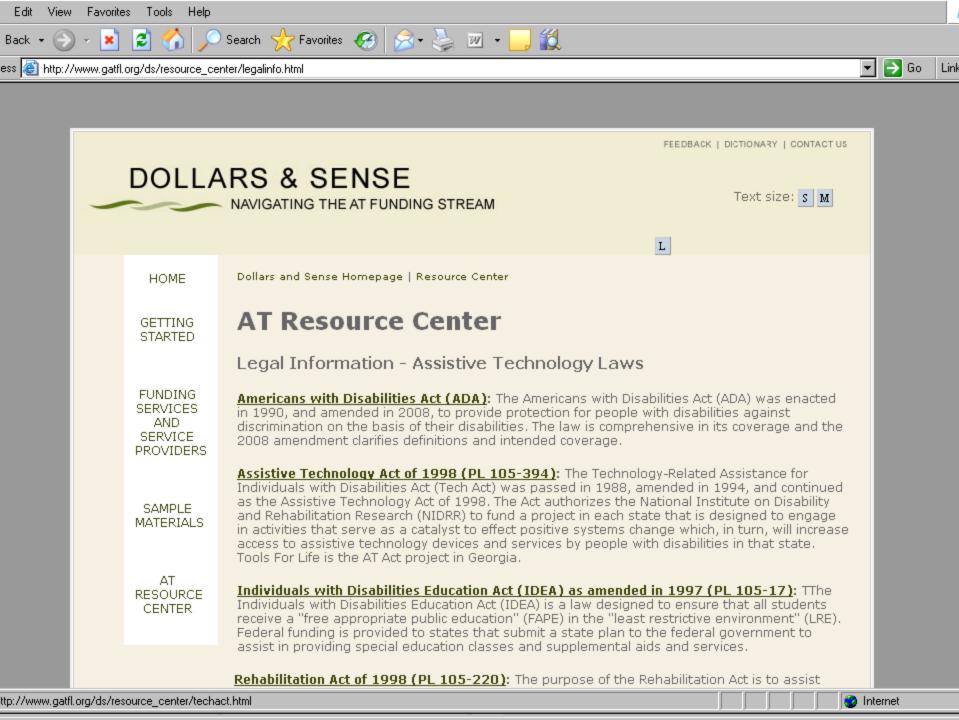
CLICK HERE TO GET STARTED OR CALL 800-497-8665













Direct AT Service Activities



- FREE resource for finding and exchanging assistive technology (AT) devices online
- Place an ad requesting items for sale, donation, or needed
- gTRADE and Tools for Life encourages members to offer AT devices and information for sale or by donation to others who may benefit from using technology and equipment no longer in need by others
- This online equipment exchange program was developed to make to make AT devices and services available and accessible to Georgians with disabilities
- www.gtradeonline.org







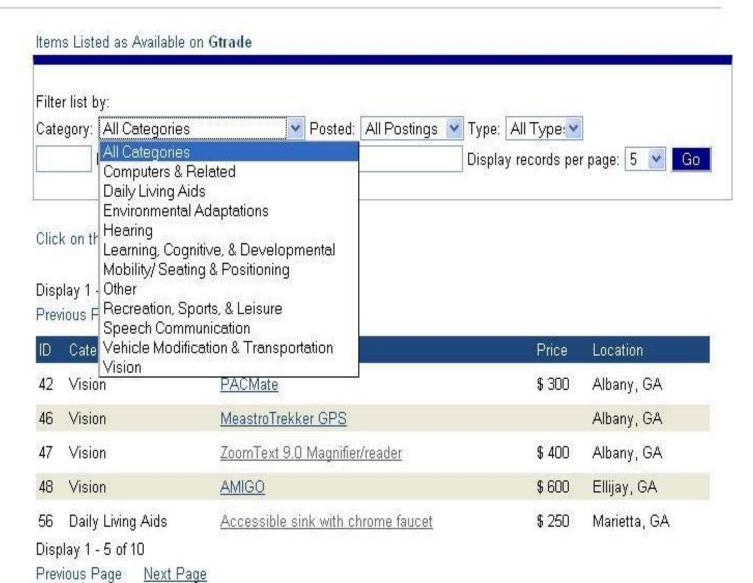
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On Your Mind







Georgia's Alternative Financing Program for Assistive Technology







Credit-Able Program Criteria



To receive a Credit-Able Loan you must be:

A resident of Georgia

AND

- An individual with a disability OR
- A family member or legal guardian of an individual with a disability OR
- An employer of an individual with a disability
- Able to pay back the loan
- Using the loan to buy assistive technology equipment and services



Range of Loans, Terms, and Interest Rates



- Range of Loans Approved: \$250 to \$50,000
- Length of Loans Approved: 6 months to 8 years
- Interest Rates: 5.0 % 9.0 %





YOU Save Money!



Traditional Financing

- \$2,000
- 22% (rate of average credit card)
- 3 year term
- Monthly payment = \$76.38
- Total interest paid = \$749.71

Credit-Able Financing

- \$2,000
- 5.4%
- 3 year term
- Monthly payment = \$60.30
- Total interest paid = \$170.86

Total interest saved: \$578.85



The Bottom Line – Consumers Save Money and Build Credit!



Traditional Financing

- \$25,000
- 12.9% interest
- 6 year term
- Monthly payment = \$500.53
- Interest Paid = \$11,038.46

Credit-Able Financing

- \$25,000
- 5% interest
- 6 year term
- Monthly payment = \$402.62
- Interest Paid = \$3,988.88

Interest SAVED over the life of the loan: \$7,049.58



For more information:



Contact:

The Center for Financial Independence & Innovation, Inc.

Office: 404-541-9005

Fax: 888-724-2287

Email: Daphne@thecfii.org





Friends of Disabled Adults and Children

 FODAC is a statewide provider of Durable medical equipment



- Distributed 20,000 wheelchairs and thousands of other pieces of DME since 1986
- Internationally, 65 countries have received some equipment over those years.
- FODAC's programs include:
 - Durable medical equipment wheelchairs and mobility aids
 - Ramps for Champs home access ramps and modifications
 - ReMount wheelchair and scooter lifts for vehicles
 - Disposable medical equipment catheters, braces, liquid nutrition, etc.





Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program

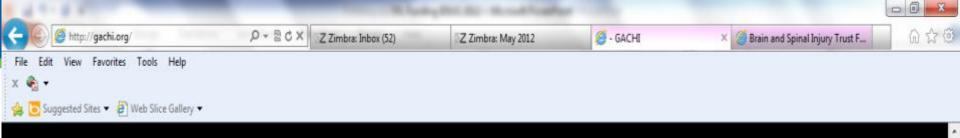
Provides a variety of specialized telecommunications equipment to qualified applicants who have difficulty using a standard phone for FREE.

Eligibility:

- Meet income eligibility requirements for your household size
- Be certified by a healthcare professional as deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind or speech disabled.
- Have phone service in your home.
- Be a resident of that state and at least five years old.









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Georgia Lions Lighthouse

- Eyeglasses and Exams
- The Lions Lighthouse has a mobile clinic that visits 23 sites throughout Georgia. At each clinic, qualifying individuals can receive eye exams and glasses.
- Full dilated eye exam (performed by either an ophthalmologist or optometrist).
- One pair of eyeglasses every 3 years.
- Follow-up care for chronic eye conditions





Georgia Lions Lighthouse

Hearing Program

- The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation provides hearing aid assistance for low-income Georgia residents.
- Up to 2 digital hearing aids from Unitron or Beltone
- A 3 year service warranty on the aids
- One set of earmolds
- 4 appointments to an approved Lighthouse provider





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Apply for Services

Please select the type of application you would like from the buttons below:

Eyeglasses and Exams

Eye Surgery

Hearing Aids

Descargar aplicaciónes en español

- 1. Bajar una aplicación para lentes.
- 2. Bajar una aplicación para audífonos.

You may submit your application in the following ways:

1. Download the application, print it, fill it out, and mail it along with the documents listed on page one of the application to:

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation 5582 Peachtree Road Atlanta, GA 30341

 Download the application, print it, fill it out, and fax it along with the documents listed on page one of the application to: 404-636-5549

For eye surgeries: Attn: Victoria Jordan For hearing aids: Attn: Anna Knippel

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Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission

- Direct grant to Georgians with traumatic brain and spinal injuries
- For home mods, transportation, computers, personal support services, and recreation
- Use to "buy down" the purchase price of these items, then finance the rest at affordable Credit-Able rates!

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BSITF Can Help You and You Can Help BSITF

Description Link Am I eligible? I need to see the criteria for determining if I am eligible for a distribution. I need more information I have had a traumatic brain or spinal injury and want more information about my options. I need to login I have prepared an application and need to login and review it. I want to be an I want to help advocate/steward **Accessibility Tools** What accessibility tools are available to assist me in navigating the site.

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Date	Title
5/23/2013	Summary Notice of Change to Distribution Policies
5/20/2013	Georgia - Access to Social Services, visit https://compass.ga.gov//selfservice/
5/7/2013	Traumatic brain injury (concussion) clinical diagnosis and management - CDC
4/30/2013	Substance Use and Traumatic Brain Injury Risk Reduction and Prevention
4/29/2013	CDC Concussion in Sports Policy

Login

Click on the button below to login to your application. Click on the second button to start a new application.

Click to Login to Your Application

Click to Start a New Application

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2012 Annual Report

Donate to BSITF Why should I donate to BSITF?

TBI in Children and Youth: The Basics SCI in Children and Youth: The Basics



For Your Child's Needs



Click to Download the C&Y TBI Guide

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TBI Neurobehavioral
SCI Children & Youth
Neurobehavioral White Paper

Calendar

Date Event





Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission

2 Peachtree St NW

Suite 26-426

Atlanta, GA 30303

404-651-5112

888-233-5760

www.bsitf.state.ga.us





Rural Electric Cooperatives

- Some electric cooperatives (example Snapping Shoals in Conyers) will give members a chance to round up to the nearest dollar on their monthly bills.
- The donated changes goes into a pool for use by members who need assistance with unanticipated emergencies such as a need for a ramp.





Private Grants

Friends Of Man

- 100% charity, providing food, clothing, medicine, DME, AT, eyeglasses, hearing aids and prosthetics. No dental coverage outside of Colorado per residency requirements. Referrals must come through a professional.
- applications@friendsofman.org
- www.friendsofman.org





Private Grants

Joni and Friends, Christian Fund for the Disabled

- Funds for AT, rehabilitation, special treatment, educational opportunities
- CFD up to \$2,500
- www.joniandfriends.org





Starkey Hearing Foundation

 Hear Now is Starkey Hearing Foundation's domestic, application-based program committed to assisting those permanently residing in the U.S. who are deaf or hard of hearing and have no other resources to acquire hearing aids.

www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org





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http://www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org/

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So the World May Hear.

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I don't believe in disabilities, I believe in ability.

Our mission is to bring understanding among people through hearing care by

focusing on awareness adjustion protection and treatment to the world may hear

















Exploring Assistive Technology

Your AT Solutions!



TFL AppFinder



Search by:

- ✓ App Name
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 - Book
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 - Hearing
 - Cognition, Learning,
 Developmental
 - Navigation
 - Personal Care and Safety
 - Productivity
 - Communication
 - Therapeutic Aids
 - Vision





Microsoft Surface

- Windows 8
- Slim and has a USB port
- Moveable Tiles
- Built-in Accessibility
 - Speech-to-text
 - Narrator
- Thin pressure sensitive cover that doubles as a keyboard
- Starts at \$499









Samsung Galaxy



- Download Accessibility Features
- 7 inch or 10 inch screen available
- Compatible with flash/ WIFI
- 8.0 coming out February2013 in Europe
- 8.0 will have a better camera and use a SIM card for storage
- Starts at \$199.99 but 8.0 may be more



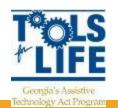


Motorola XOOM





- Android System
- Must download accessibility features
- Compatible with Flash
- Camera
- Wi-Fi
- Uses micro SIM card for external storage
- Starts at \$319.00







Apple iPad

- Multi- touch screen
- New iOS 6
- Millions of apps
- Surf web
- iTunes
- Videos
- Organization
- Accessibility
- Books
- Photos
- Speakers
- New iPad had 5.0 megapixel camera
- Starts at \$499/\$399



Height: 9.50 in Width: 7.31 in Depth: 0.37 in

Weight: 1.44 lb







Apple iPad mini

- Multi touch screen
- New iOS 6
- Millions of apps
- Surf web
- iTunes
- Videos
- Organization
- Accessibility
- Books
- Photos
- Speakers
- 5.0 megapixel camera
- Starts at \$329



Height: 7.87 in Width: 5.3 in Depth: 0.28 in Weight: 0.68 lb







Apple iPod Touch

- 5 Megapixal Camera
- Millions of apps
- Videos
- Surf Web
- Voice Over
- Organization
- Speakers
- Bluetooth
- New iOS 6
- Starts at \$299 / \$199 4th gen

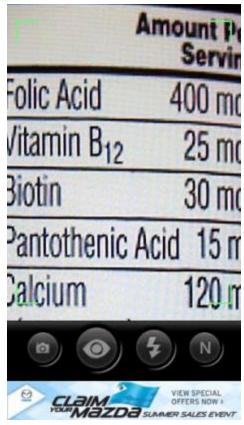






Magnify





- FREE
- Turns Android phone into a digital magnifying glass with built-in flashlight
- Can use gestures anywhere on the screen:
 - Double-tap: Zoom out/in
 - Single-tap: Focus
 - Long-press: Turn light on/off







Hearing Saver





- Operates in the background to protect your ears automatically
- Simple way to avoid accidentally hurting your ears when plugging in or unplugging your Android device's wired or bluetooth headset
- Does take time to setup
- FREE



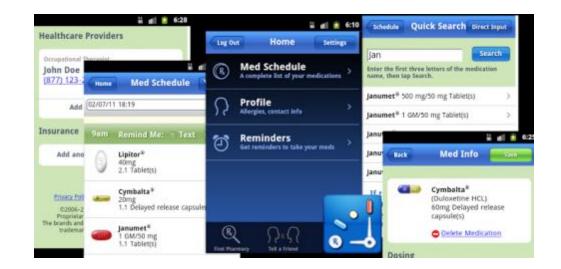








- Keep track of medication
- Reminders
- Refill Reminders
- Healthcare Provider Profiles
- Insurance Information
- Allergies
- Works across Platforms
- Free
- www.mymedschedule.com









Reminders





- Built-in App
- Works with VoiceOver
- Organize your reminders
- Siri if have iPhone 4s or 5
- The new iPad

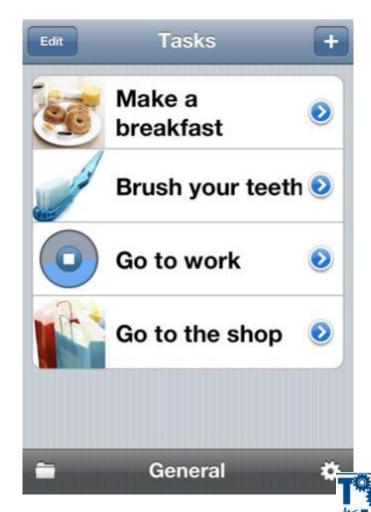




Picture Scheduler



- Create visual tasks with attached audio, video or picture
- Tasks can have alarms
- Alarms can be repeated daily, weekly, monthly or you can select specific weekdays
- Tasks can be organized into categories with a picture
- Can hide task and reveal later

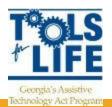




Speak it!



- Copy emails, documents, web pages, PDF files, and more; paste them into Speak it!, and have the text spoken back to you.
- Email text to speech files
- Make announcements over PA system
- Endless phrases and possible uses
- \$1.99





LookTel Money Reader



- iOS App
- \$1.99
- Uses camera
- Speaks out loud
- Do not need to hold bill steady or in entire frame









iZen Garden







- Choose from 100s of objects, plants and creatures to place in your garden
- Rake the sand and share your creations
- Helps you to center your mind, relax your psyche and relieve your stress



Photophone

- Pictures for easy recollection of faces
- Hearing Aid Compatible
- 9 One-Touch Memory Buttons
- Volume Control
- Adjustable Ringer
- Visual Ringer







LED Handheld Magnifier



- Handheld
- LED light provides natural bright lights
- Easy storage
- Reading
- Sewing





Writing Hand Aids

- Help with accuracy in forming letters
- Helps clean up writing
- Keeps from pushing down too hard on the writing utensil
- Writing is more consistent in tone
- Straight lines







Sock Aid



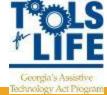
- Limited range of movement
- Slip on socks with less effort
- Large loop handles
- Terry cloth grips socks
- Nylon reduces friction with foot

Technology Act Program



Keyboards







Magnifiers







Live Scribe Pen

- Records what it hears and what you write
- Uses specific paper for playback
- Connects to computer by USB for saving
- Tap on note and playback from there
- Jump forward and back in notes
- Dictionary
- Translation Apps
- Purchase Apps online
- Demo





Kurzweil 3000



- Text-to-Speech software
- Helps improve reading speed and comprehension
- Note taking capabilities
 - Different color highlighters

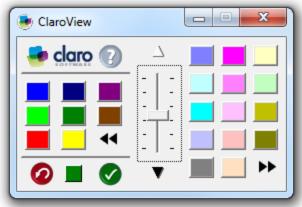
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- Free download trial
 - www.kurzweiledu.com
 - Kurzweil 3000 Demo

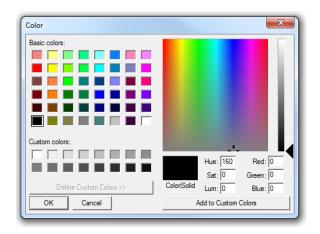






ClaroView





- easy to use software application that can assist certain PC users
- make browsing and reading easier
- work with any piece of software, as it acts as an overlay on the PC screen
- Demo







Our Question to You: What have You Learned today?





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