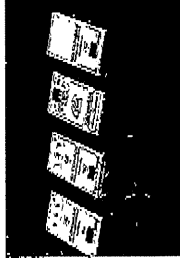


Pennsylvania's Assistive Technology Lending Library



Institute on Disabilities
at Temple University

What if I need help learning to use the device?

Contact the ATRC nearest you or any of the toll-free numbers if you don't know where to obtain or how to pay for assistance in using the assistive device you want to try.

For more information about Pennsylvania's Assistive Technology Lending Library, for a listing of available devices, to identify your local branch, or for the Assistive Technology Resource Center nearest you, call toll-free 877-PA AT LEND (877-722-6536) voice/TTY.

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What is assistive technology?

An assistive technology device is any device used by a person with a disability in order to communicate, work, play, learn, do chores at home, or get around in the community. Assistive technology devices can increase the ability of individuals with disabilities and older adults to be independent, contributing, and included members of their communities.

Assistive technology services help people with disabilities identify, obtain, and use assistive technology devices.

What is Pennsylvania's Assistive Technology Lending Library?

Pennsylvania's Assistive Technology Lending Library is a free service which enables Pennsylvanians with disabilities of all ages to try a variety of assistive technology devices, in order to decide what device is best suited to their needs. This program was created by the Institute on Disabilities and originally funded by Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology (PIAT). It is now supported by federal and state dollars and private contributions.

The inventory of Pennsylvania's Assistive Technology Lending Library consists of assistive technology devices which can be easily shipped, do not require installation or permanent modifications and do not involve weight bearing. There are local branches of Pennsylvania's Assistive Technology Lending Library across the Commonwealth, as well as regional Assistive Technology Resource Centers (ATRCs) that can help you learn more about the devices and how to borrow them. If you don't know what you need, if you will need help in learning to use the device, or if you successfully try a device and need help in acquiring it for your own use, the ATRC staff can refer you to the right people.

Pennsylvania's Assistive Technology Lending Library is a free program available to all Pennsylvanians with disabilities, regardless of age or disability, who would like to try out assistive technology devices prior to purchasing them.

What devices are available through Pennsylvania's Assistive Technology Lending Library?

There is a wide selection of devices for you to borrow, including devices that can help you:

- Communicate with others
- Control your environment
- Hear what others are saying
- Do everyday activities
- Access computers
- Read printed materials

If the device you want to try is not available in the inventory, the ATRC may be able to help you find other ways to borrow or try the device.

How does Pennsylvania's Assistive Technology Lending Library work?

Requests for equipment loans may be made by you, your family member, friend or advocate, or someone who is presently helping you with your assistive technology needs (e.g. therapist, teacher, rehabilitation counselor). For devices that are complicated, you may be asked to identify someone who is familiar with the device who will help you use it during a loan period.

Return your completed application to the lending library local branch. The application is then forwarded to the ATRC serving your region for processing.

When your application is received by the ATRC, you will be informed of an actual or approximate shipping date. Your device will be delivered to you, and is yours to use for the specified loan period. When the loan period is over, the device will be picked up and returned to the lending library. There is no cost to you for pick up or delivery of the device. Anyone interested in borrowing a device can get an application by calling toll-free:

877-PA AT LEND (877-722-6536 voice/TTY)

800-204-PIAT (800-204-7428 voice)

800-750-PIAT (800-750-7428 TTY)

You can also contact ATRC or the closest branch of the Lending Library.

I.N.H.

Individuals who need home medical equipment and who have limited insurance coverage and/or financial resources are able to obtain the necessary devices through a RECYCLING program called "Into New Hands". It was started by several Pittsburgh area agencies and health care institutions. The goal is to recycle equipment from those who have it and don't need it to those who need it and don't have it.

WHAT

Types of equipment usually include (but are not limited to):

- ▶ Walkers
- ▶ Reachers
- ▶ Raised Toilet Seats
- ▶ Hospital Beds
- ▶ Tub Ralls
- ▶ Grab Bars
- ▶ Hoyer Lifts
- ▶ Communication Devices

Equipment and Financial Contributions are Always Welcome!

Tax deductible donations may be made payable to:

TRCIL
Into New Hands Program
900 Rebecca Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15221-2938

911 EMERGENCY CELL PHONE RECYCLING PROGRAM

In addition to the durable medical equipment recycling program, three Rivers Center for Independent Living's Info New Hands Program has begun a 911 Emergency Only Cell Phone Recycling Program.

Used and deactivated Cell Phones may be donated to the program. These phones are then redistributed to those who feel the need for a means of contacting emergency services.

WHEN

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Monday through Friday

WHERE

Three Rivers Center for Independent Living
900 Rebecca Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221-2938

HOW

For details on donating or receiving equipment, call:
(412) 371-7700, extension #166

ELIGIBILITY

Individuals who do not have insurance coverage for devices are eligible to receive pre-owned equipment. For those under the age of 18, specific items may not be available unless a written prescription is furnished (ex. A wheelchair with specific adaptations). All requests are considered on an individual basis

TRCIL
900 Rebecca Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15221-2938

412-371-7700
800-633-4588 (Toll Free In PA)
412-371-6230 TTY
412-371-9430 Fax
E-Mail: tgressman@trcill.org

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: day _____

evening _____

TTY _____

Please check the appropriate box:

I would like to receive more information on the following program(s): _____

I need this information in an alternate format. Please indicate type: _____

I would be interested in volunteering at the Center.

I am enclosing a contribution in support of TRCIL's mission and programs



Three Rivers Center for Independent Living

HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM

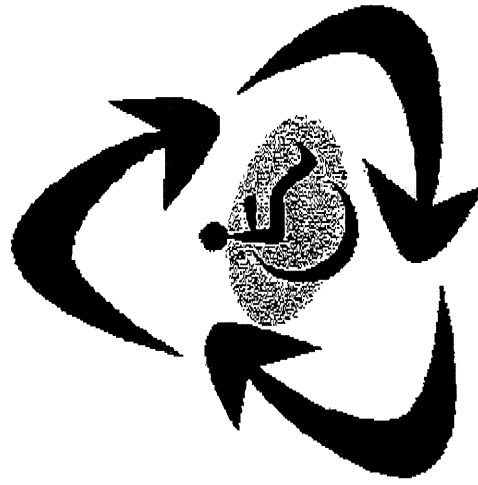
Over the past five years, the Into New Hands Program has distributed nearly 1000 pieces of much needed equipment to 950 individuals.

In addition, more than 80 individuals have received short-term loans through the Program.

In all, more than \$300,000 worth of devices has passed through the Into New Hands Program, providing equipment to people who might otherwise have been forced to go without the technology then need to maintain their independence.

FUTURE GOALS

- ▶ TO OBTAIN FUNDING TO CONTINUE THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS PROGRAM
- ▶ TO EXTEND THE EXISTING PROGRAM, AND
- ▶ TO COLLECT AND DISTRIBUTE ENOUGH EQUIPMENT TO ACCOMMODATE THE GROWING WAITING LIST



**Into New Hands
Program**



THREE RIVERS CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
900 Rebecca Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15221-2938

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

Recycled Equipment Exchange Program

A program of the Institute on Disabilities at Temple University

Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____
Daytime Phone _____ Best time to reach you _____
Evening Phone _____ Best time to reach you _____
Email _____

Please check if you wish to receive the quarterly REEP listing by mail.
If you need an alternate format, please tell us your preference: _____

If you are listing an item, please check the box that applies: I want to sell I want to donate

Name of item (be specific, and include the brand name, if known) _____

Description of equipment (be specific, including what the item is, what it does, how old, etc.) _____

Condition: Excellent Good Fair Poor Asking Price (if selling) _____ Original Price _____

Terms and Conditions

I understand that the item I am selling or donating will be listed for 6 months. Unless otherwise specified, I understand that my name and telephone number will appear on the website and print listing. If I want the item listed for longer, I will contact REEP to extend the listing. In return for this free service, I agree to inform REEP when I have sold the equipment I have listed, so that my name can be removed from the REEP listing.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return your completed form to REEP c/o:

Nanci Lederman
Three Rivers Center for Independent Living
900 Rebecca Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221-2938
Tel. 800.633.4588 (voice)
Tel. 412.371.7700, ext.159 (voice)
Tel. 412.371.6230 (TTY)
Fax: 412.371.9430

Recycled Equipment Exchange Program (REEP) is a free statewide service for people with disabilities, their families, friends, service providers and other interested individuals who want to find, buy, sell, or donate previously owned assistive technology.

Equipment in the REEP listing includes stairglides, adapted vehicles, wheelchairs, vision aids and communication devices.

- The REEP is updated monthly, with a new listing quarterly.
- The REEP listing is also available on line at <http://disabilities.temple.edu/programs/assistive/REEP>

REEP is implemented by Three Rivers Center for Independent Living. Contact REEP c/o:

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 Pittsburgh, PA 15221-2997
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 Email: piat@temple.edu
<http://disabilities.temple.edu>

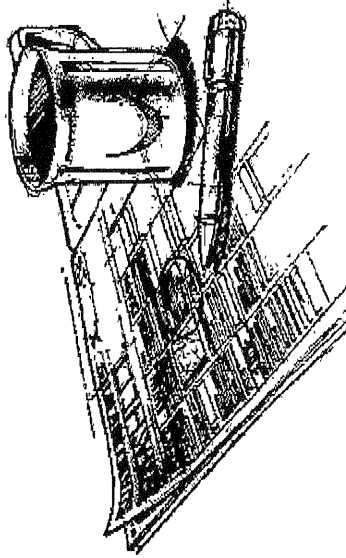
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REEP

Recycled Equipment Exchange Program



A listing for individuals who wish to find, buy, sell or donate previously owned assistive technology

PENNSYLVANIA'S INITIATIVE
PIAT
 ON ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

A Program of the
 Institute on
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**Computers
to wheelchairs
to ramps...**

**Assistive technology
creates independence.**

**ATF provides affordable
loans to purchase a variety
of assistive technology
including...**

- Adapted vehicles; vehicle lifts, hand controls, and lowered floors
- Indoor and outdoor house ramps and lifts
- Widened doorways, grab bars and other home modifications
- Hearing and low-vision aids
- Computers with specialized software / hardware
- Repair and training to use a device
- Installation of lifts and stairglides

For more information about PATF loans, call

888-744-1938

(voice, TTY, toll-free)

or visit our website at

www.patf.us

PATF

Pennsylvania Assistive
Technology Foundation

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King of Prussia, PA 19406

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We Help Make it Affordable

From low-tech to high-tech, **PATF...** gets assistive technology into the hands of those who need it.



Communication and memory devices



Sensory aids

PATF offers:

- Low-interest cash loans for assistive technology.
- Lower interest rates than a traditional bank.
- Extended repayment plans.
- Information about other potential funding sources.
- Free consumer credit counseling.

PATF serves...

- Pennsylvania residents who have a disability
- Older Pennsylvanians who need assistive technology
- People of all income levels*

*Must have an ability to repay a loan



Low-vision aids

**When a traditional bank says "no",
PATF looks at your ability to repay, not just your credit history.**

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Track ceiling lifts
& other home modifications



Gain the freedom to do the things you want to do...with greater ease.