Pennsylvania’s
Assistive Technology
Lending Library

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 com-
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 devices helpocument 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 fed-
eral 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 bear-
ing. These devices include, but are not limited to,
braille notetakers, hearing aids, communication devices,
wheelchair ramps, and adaptive computer equipment.

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 invento-
ry, 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
genuinely 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.

Anyone interested in borrowing a device can get an appli-
cation by calling toll-free:

877-PA-LEND (877-728-5368 voice/TTY)
800-264-PIAT (800-234-7428 voice)
800-720-PIAT (800-720-7428 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 is 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 Rails
- Grab Bars
- Hoyer Lifts
- Communication Devices

Equipment and Financial Contributions are Always Welcomed

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, TRCIL operates 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 (e.g. 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@trcil.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
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 they 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
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
800 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 online 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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Tel. 412.371.7700, ext. 159 (voice)
Tel. 412.371.6230 (TTY)
Fax: 412.731.9430

For more information about assistive technology, contact Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology (PIAT):

Institute on Disabilities at Temple University
Ritter Annex, Room 423
1301 Cecil B. Moore Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19122
Tel. 800.204.7428 (voice)
Tel. 215.204.1356 (voice/TTY)
Email: piat@temple.edu
http://disabilities.temple.edu

This brochure is available in alternate formats, upon request. Para más información, por favor llame a Silvia Lee al teléfono 215.204.1356 o por correo electrónico a allan@temple.edu.
Independence is Priceless... we help make it affordable.
from low-tech to high-tech, **PATF**... gets assistive technology into the hands of those who need it.

**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

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

**Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation**  
888-744-1938 (voice, TTY, toll-free)  
www.patf.us

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