



## Long-Awaited AT Funding Guide for People with Disabilities and Older Pennsylvanians is Published

Today, Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation (PATF) is bringing clarity to the complex process of funding assistive technology (AT) by publishing an easy-to-read guide, *Funding Your Assistive Technology: A Guide to Funding Resources in Pennsylvania*, the first of its kind to be compiled for people with disabilities and seniors in Pennsylvania.

"At PATF, we define assistive technology as any device that helps a person with a disability achieve a more independent and productive life. Examples include a ramp into a home, smart home technology, and hearing aids," explains Susan Tachau, Chief Executive Officer of PATF. "These devices are critical for many people with disabilities to go to work, live in their own homes, and actively participate in the community."

The conversation around assistive technology is often centered on new advancements and innovative applications, while consideration for how to pay for this technology remains an

afterthought. In fact, one of the leading obstacles for many people in obtaining assistive technology is finding the money to pay for it. And, there are many circumstances to take into account when developing a funding solution. A person's diagnosis, age, whether or not they are a student, where they live, whether or not they work, their financial situation, and their wants and needs all factor into determining what funding options are available.

The friendly tone of *Funding Your Assistive Technology: A Guide to Funding Resources in Pennsylvania*, leads readers through the decision of choosing an appropriate assistive technology device and/or service to developing a funding strategy with simple instructions and sound advice.

[Learn more about \*Funding Your Assistive Technology: A Guide to Funding Resources in Pennsylvania\*.](#)