



TechACCESS helps people with disabilities connect to the world through assistive technologies.

Assistive technology (AT) is technology used by individuals with disabilities or age related health conditions to perform tasks that might otherwise be difficult or impossible. Assistive technologies allow people to communicate, learn, play, navigate their environment, accomplish daily living tasks and achieve independence.

TechACCESS believes that technology plays a critical role in the lives of people with disabilities and that people of all ages and abilities should have access to the technology that enables their full participation in all aspects of life.

For Children and Students

TechACCESS offers evaluations, consultation, and training for children ranging from 3-months old to high school graduation (or 21-years-old). Our evaluations consider academic achievement, communication, physical access and transition.

We also provide services to educational team members and families so the students are fully supported in school, in the community and at home.

Any student with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504-plan is eligible for Assistive Technology (AT) services.

AT should be considered every year as part of the student's IEP process. Parents and guardians can request an evaluation through the Special Education Administrator in their district or through their Early Intervention Case Manager. The cost of the evaluation is

typically covered by the district or agency that writes the student's educational plan.

For Adults

TechACCESS can help adults determine what assistive technologies are best for their situation, abilities and goals. We offer evaluations that include Augmentative Communication, Workplace Accommodations, Computer Access and Independent Living. Various funding options are available for evaluations.

Professional Development

TechACCESS offers professional development opportunities throughout the year. We focus on the most relevant topics faced by teachers, therapists, families and vocational counselors. All workshops are offered during after school hours and at a low cost.

TechACCESS also hosts the annual Assistive Technology Conference of New England every November.

Since 1988, the conference has offered state-of-the-art workshops, information and exhibits on the technologies that enhance and change the lives of persons with disabilities of all ages. Attended each year by hundreds from throughout New England and beyond, the conference focuses on technology in education, communication, employment, recreation, home and independent living.

Visit www.assistivetechconference.com for more information.

Technology Demonstrations

TechACCESS offers free demonstrations for both adults and children.

Our After School Tech Time program is for teachers, students, therapists and families to explore the most up-to-date educational and assistive technologies with support from our knowledgeable staff.

Our Technology Demonstrations offer adults with disabilities the opportunity to preview available assistive technology in our adapted computer lab. Items such as tablets, communication devices, access alternatives, independent living aids and magnifiers can be demonstrated during these sessions.

(All After School Tech Time and Technology Demonstrations are by appointment only. These demonstrations are not intended to be evaluative and TechACCESS staff will not make any recommendations during these sessions.)

