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Assistive Devices Loan

PA Assistive Technology Foundation (PATF). PATF can provide small no interest loans or low interest loans for the purchase of assistive technology. You do not have to have perfect credit to apply for these loans, in fact PATF loans can help to boost your credit rating.

The **Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation (PATF)** is a non-profit organization that provides low-interest loans to people with disabilities and older adults so that they can buy the assistive technology devices and services they need.

Assistive technology, or "AT", is any device that helps a person with a disability achieve a more independent and productive life. AT devices may include such items as:

- Adapted vehicles
- Seat lift chairs
- Flashing doorbells
- Home modifications (including ramps, roll-in showers, lowered counter tops)
- Computers with special software and/or hardware
- Closed circuit televisions (CCTVs)
- Scooters and wheelchairs
- Hearing aids

Assistive technology services are those services that help with the selection, acquisition or use of an assistive technology device. Services may include evaluating the needs of a person with a disability, training to use a particular device, maintaining and repairing a device, designing and building a device, or providing technical assistance for family members, personal care attendants or employers.

For additional information on these assistive technology resources please contact:

Voice: 484-674-0506
Voice/TTY Toll-free: 888-744-1938
Fax: 484-674-0510
Online: www.patf.us Email: patf@patf.us

PIAT (Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology)

Statewide program whose goal is to assure a system of easy access to Assistive Technology to all Pennsylvanians with disabilities.

PIAT is a program through the Institute on Disabilities at Temple University. PIAT works to increase access to devices and services offered throughout the state. Services include: Public Awareness, Information and Referral, Advocacy and Training and Technology. CLASS is the PIAT Assistive Technology Resource Center for Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Indiana, Lawrence and Westmoreland Counties.

Assistive Technology Programs at CLASS include:

- **Telecommunication Devices Distribution Program (TDDP)**
Provides free, accessible land line phone devices for those who qualify
- **Assistive Technology Lending Library (ATLL)**
Provides free short-term loans of all types of equipment for individuals, company staff trainings, trials and evaluations
- **Reused and Exchanged Equipment Partnership (REEP)**
Provides free statewide classified listing of items for sale and items wanted by individuals
- **Good Use Program**
Allows individuals to donate or obtain gently used assistive technology devices
- **Assistive Technology Device Demonstrations**
CLASS is the site for Southwestern PA Demonstration Center. Come in for a guided exploration of devices to see what might best suit your needs

**Contact Assistive Technology at CLASS at 412-683-7100 x2179
TTY 412-246-2255 or VP 412-436-50870**

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