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Assistive Technology

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AccessIT

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Organization Type: Assistive Technology, Information Centers, University-Affiliated Programs

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

AccessIT promotes the use of electronic and information technology for students and employees with disabilities in educational institutions at all academic levels. The AccessIT website, which serves as a resource for accessible information technology, includes accessibility checklists, best practices, frequently asked questions, links to resources and case studies, tailored to applications of information technology in education. The site features a searchable knowledge base of questions and answers, case studies, and promising practices. The organization has created two information technology accessibility videos, a free web design course curriculum for high schools, an online course on IT accessibility, an Educational Accessibility Checklist and a mock site for demonstrating web accessibility issues. AccessIT resources benefit multiple audiences, which include information technology policy makers such as school principals, district directors and technology directors, and implementers of these policies, including educators, computer lab personnel and library staff.

Colligo: Digital Content and Assistive Technology

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Organization Type: General, Assistive Technology, Private Sector Companies

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific, Communication and Speech, Deaf / Blind, Learning Disabilities, Visual Impairment / Blind, ADHD/ADD, Dyslexia

Colligo's technology makes knowledge accessible and affordable for all. They are partnering with several agencies, libraries and schools to publish books in formats that will aid people with low vision, dyslexia, learning disabilities, reading obstacles, or other disabilities. Colligo continues to create cost effective assistive technology that opens accessibility for many.

Crick Software Inc.

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Organization Type: **Assistive Technology**

Disabilities Served: **Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Communication and Speech, Deaf / Blind, Developmental Disabilities, Hearing Impairments / Deaf, Learning Disabilities, Mental Retardation, Mobility Impaired, Multiple Disabilities, Multiple Sclerosis, Visual Impairment / Blind, Dyslexia**

Crick Software, based in Seattle, Washington, is solely focused on producing innovative educational software. The company concentrates particularly on software tools for literacy. Crick Software promotes the inclusion of children of all abilities by creating flexible products that can be tailored to the needs of individuals. Most products have the option of switch access, for people with a disability.

wDO-IT University of Washington

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E-mail: doit@u.washington.edu

Website: <http://www.washington.edu/doit/>

Organization Type: Assistive Technology, Information Centers, Parent/Family Support, University-Affiliated Programs

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

Do-It is: People with disabilities successfully pursuing college and careers; Programs to promote the use of electronic and information technology to maximize the independence, productivity and participation of people with disabilities; Resources for K-12 educators, post-secondary faculty and administrators (The Faculty Room), librarians, employers, and parents and mentors; Publications and videotapes for you to reproduce and distribute at presentations and exhibits.

EnableMart - Technology for Everyone!

4210 E. 4th Plain Blvd.

Vancouver, WA 98661

Phone: 1-(888) 640-1999

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E-mail: Sara@enablemart.com

Website: <http://www.enablemart.com/>

Contact Name: Sara Derkacht, Public Relations

Organization Type: Assistive Technology, Private Sector Companies

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

EnableMart is a comprehensive assistive technology vendor. EnableMart currently has a product offering of over 800 products from over 60 different assistive technology manufacturers. At EnableMart they believe that an increase in awareness of the products that are available TODAY will enable more individuals with disabilities to live independent and productive lives at home,

work, school and play. Their mission is to make it easy for you to research, locate and purchase assistive technology products.

Ershig Assistive Technology Resource Center (E-ATRC)

E-ATRC – Miller Hall 212; Woodring College of Education; MS 9090; Western Washington University; 516 High Street
Bellingham, WA 98225-9090

Phone: (360) 650-2783

E-mail: Linda.Schleef@wwu.edu

Website: <http://www.wce.wwu.edu/Resources/ATRC/>

Contact Name: Linda Schleef, Coordinator

Organization Type: General

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

The Ershig Assistive Technology Resource Center (E-ATRC) contains a collection of over three hundred Assistive Technology items, equipment and products, with a focus on technology supports for students with diverse learning needs in preschool through grade 12.

Special Education Technology Center: Central Washington University

400 East University Way
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Phone: (509)963-3350

Fax: (509)963-3355

E-mail: connolly@cwu.edu

Website: <http://www.cwu.edu/~setc/index2.html>

Contact Name: Jerry Connolly, Director

Organization Type: General

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

The Special Education Technology Center (SETC) is located at Central Washington University. The Center supports all public school districts in the state of Washington and the personnel who work in those districts. They also support any student, preschool through age 21, who formally received special education services and who may require assistive technology to access their education. Finally, SETC supports families of students with special needs. They provide collaborative technology planning for specific students whose disabilities require that they use some form of assistive technology in order to fully access their education. The Center also features a lending library of toys, switches, augmentative communication devices, alternate keyboards and other computer input devices, environmental control devices and software designed for students with special needs. Finally, they provide staff development on topics including assistive technology overview, augmentative communication, alternate computer input, software solutions and environmental control.

University of Washington - Center for Technology and Disability Studies

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Contact Name: Kurt Johnson, Director

Organization Type: Advocacy and Law, Assistive Technology, University-Affiliated Programs

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

UWCTDS is an interdisciplinary program located in the Center for Human Development and Disability and is linked to the academic Department of Rehabilitation Medicine in the School of Medicine. The Center provides integrated research, education and training, technical assistance and consultation, policy analysis, and legal advocacy related to disability and technology issues. UWCTDS is supported by grants from the U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Health and Human Services, and other funding sources.

Washington Assistive Technology Act Program

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Website: <http://wataap.org/>

Organization Type: General

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

The Washington Assistive Technology Alliance (WATA) is a consumer advocacy network that includes the University of Washington Center for Technology and Disability Studies (UWCTDS), and the AT Resource Center at Easter Seals Washington (EATRC). WATA also receives guidance from a Consumer Majority Advisory Board. WATA activities include: information and referral; consultation, and training related to selection of AT devices, services and funding; legal advice and advocacy; policy development and legislative action; technical consultation and training; publications; and development and maintenance of online resources.

Washington Assistive Technology Foundation

100 South King Street, Suite 280

Seattle, WA 98104

Phone: (206) 328-5116 1-(800) 214-8731

E-mail: info@watf.org

Website: <http://www.watf.org/>

Organization Type: Assistive Technology, Independent and Community Living, State and Local Organizations

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific, Autism, Brain Injury and Stroke, Cerebral Palsy, Communication and Speech, Deaf / Blind, Developmental Disabilities, Health Impairments, Hearing Impairments / Deaf, Learning Disabilities, Mental Health Impairments, Mental Retardation, Mobility Impaired, Multiple Disabilities, Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Neurological Disorders, Spina Bifida, Visual Impairment / Blind, Orthopedically

Impaired, Cystic Fibrosis, ADHD/ADD, Leukemia, Bipolar Disorder, Tourette Syndrome, Apraxia of Speech, Dyslexia, Epilepsy

The Washington Assistive Technology Foundation (WATF) provides low interest loans to purchase assistive technology or business equipment. WATF also rents CCTV magnifiers for a reasonable monthly fee. WATF is a nonprofit organization serving Washington State residents.

Washington State School for the Blind

2214 E. 13th Street

Vancouver, WA 98661-4120

Phone: (360) 696-6321

Fax: (360) 737-2120

Website: <http://www.wssb.wa.gov/>

Contact Name: Craig Meador, Principal

Organization Type: Schools and School Districts

Disabilities Served: Visual Impairment / Blind

This mission of the Washington State School for the Blind is to provide specialized quality educational services to youth ages birth to 21 who are blind or visually impaired within the state of Washington. Their purpose is to serve as a statewide demonstration and resource center and provide direct and indirect services to students both on campus and in the children's local communities. They envision a place where children who are blind and visually impaired can live independently.

CLINICS

UW Medical Center – Drivers Rehabilitation Program

1959 N.E. Pacific, Seattle, WA 98195

Phone: 206-543-3600

Web site: <http://depts.washington.edu/rehab/>

Email: rehab@u.washington.edu

Description: The Occupational Therapy Department at UW Medical Center conducts a program to evaluate and instruct individuals with disabilities for driving potential.

Participants in the Driving Rehabilitation Program receive specialized drivers training, and if needed, assistance in the selection of adaptive equipment and instruction in its use.

Any disabled person who applies to the program will be considered.

Areas Served: Washington state, Pacific Northwest, and Alaska

Eligibility: A physician must refer applicants to the Driving Rehabilitation Program.

Applicants must be physically stable with a good driving record, and be able to maintain good judgment in driving emergencies.

How to apply: Call for current information about fees and a list of organizations that may be able to assist with driving instruction costs

Fees: Most services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance Worker's Compensation, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and other third-party payers

UW Medical Center - Rehabilitation Medicine Assistive Technology Clinic

1959 N.E. Pacific, Box 356490, Seattle, WA 98195 -6490

Phone: 206-598-7765

Email: Rehab@u.washington.edu

Web site: <http://www.uwmedicine.org/>

<http://www.depts.washington.edu/rehab/tbi/index.shtml>

Description: The Assistive Technology Clinic provides evaluation and training to people with physical disabilities who may require technology to increase their level of function.

The clinic offers evaluation and prescription for wheelchair seating, mobility, augmentative communication and computer access needs. This clinic is the only program in the Northwest providing such service for adults with disabilities.

Areas Served: Washington state, Pacific Northwest, and Alaska

Eligibility: Call for updated information

How to apply: To make an appointment, call the Assistive Technology Clinic coordinator

Fees: Most services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance

Good Samaritan Community Healthcare Occupational Therapy Department

407 14th Ave. SE -- Puyallup, WA 98372

Phone: 253-697-4000; Fax: 253-539-0885

Email: info@goodsamhealth.org

Web site: <http://www.goodsamhealth.org>

Area Served: Pierce County and Western Washington

Description: Offers consultation and evaluation regarding computer access, environmental control, independent living activities and home accessibility/ safety. Also provides letters of justification for funding sources.

Eligibility: Brain and spinal cord injury, stroke and neurological disorders

How to Apply: Call for information

Fees: Most services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance

A.T. AND LIFE SKILLS TRAINING

Washington Assistive Technology Alliance (WATA)

University of Washington

Phone: 1-800-214-8731; TTY: 1-866-866-0162

Email: info@watf.org

Web site: <http://www.watap.org/>

Description: WATA is a consumer advocacy network that includes the AT Resource Center at the University of Washington (ATRC), the AT Resource Center at Easter Seal Society in Spokane (EATRC), and the Washington Protection and Advocacy System (WPAS). WATA is supported by a grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) funded through the Washington Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, and enjoys the guidance of a Consumer Majority Advisory Board. Provides information on and referrals to assistive technology devices. Sponsors a computer loan program. Many services are free or low cost. They maintain an

extensive web site of assistive technology products and services.

Areas Served: Washington state

Eligibility: Individuals with disabilities and their caregivers

How to apply: Call for services

Fees: Most services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance

CHILD AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Children with Special Health Care Needs

401 5th Ave, Suite 1000 – Seattle, WA 98104

Phone: 206-296-4610; Fax: 206-296-4679

Email: Donna.Borgford-Parnell@kingcounty.gov

Web site: <http://www.metrokc.gov/health/cshcn/>

Description: Provides information and referrals for children with special health care needs. Assists families seeking health care, medical assistance, and durable medical equipment. Primarily serves low income, women, and children with special needs.

Areas Served: King County

Eligibility: Age 18 and under. Equipment requests must have been denied by Medicaid or private insurance

How to apply: Call for services

Fees: State and Federally funded program

GRANTS, LOANS AND SWAPS

Disabled Children's Relief Fund

P.O. Box 89 Freeport, New York 11520

Web site: <http://www.dcrf.com/index.html>

Description: Disabled Children's Relief Fund (DCRF), a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, provides disabled children with assistance to obtain wheelchairs, orthopedic braces, walkers, lifts, hearing aids, eyeglasses, medical equipment, physical therapy, and surgery.

Areas Served: U.S

Eligibility: Children throughout the U.S. who do not have adequate health insurance, especially the physically challenged

How to apply: Write for application. Applications are available between March and September

Fees: NA

Helpline House – Medical Equipment Loan

282 Knechtel Way NE - Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Phone: (206) 842-7621

Email: helpline@helplinehouse.org

Web site: <http://www.helplinehouse.org>

Description: Medical equipment loans to low income elderly and disabled. Loans include mobility equipment, toilet extenders, crutches, etc.

Areas Served: Bainbridge Island only
Eligibility: Low income children, elderly and disabled
How to apply: Call for services
Fees: Donation encouraged but not required

Good Samaritan Community Healthcare – Pediatric Adaptive Equipment Swap

407 14th Ave. SE -- Puyallup, WA 98372
Phone: 253-848-5571; Fax: 253-539-0885
Email: info@goodsamhealth.org
Web site: <http://www.goodsamhealth.org>
Area Served: Pierce County and Western Washington
Description: Hosted by the Children's Therapy Unit's AT Program the Pediatric Adaptive Equipment Swap maintains a computerized database of interested families. Actual storage of the equipment is not provided.
Eligibility: Brain and spinal cord injury, stroke and neurological disorders
How to Apply: Call for information
Fees: Call for information

Puget Sound Labor Agency

2800 First Ave. Rm. 124 – Seattle, WA 98121
Phone: 206-448-9277; Fax: 206-448-3457
Email: psla@pslaonline.org
Website: <http://www.pslaonline.org>
Description: Volunteer union members build low-cost/no-cost wheelchair ramps, install grab bars and hand rails for the elderly and disabled. Client pays for materials; waiting list; one month minimum.
Area Served: King County
Eligibility: Qualified low-income children, elderly and disabled. Must own home. No rentals or apartments
Fees: Free for qualified low-income elderly and disabled. Others pay for materials (wood, grab bars etc.)

Washington Assistive Technology Foundation (WATF) – LOAN FUND

100 So King St., Suite 280 – Seattle, WA 98104
Phone: (206) 328-5116 or (888) 808-8942 V/TTY
Email: info@watf.org
Web site: <http://www.watf.org/accessfund.htm>
Description: Helps Washington residents with disabilities obtain the technologies they need to live independently and to succeed at school, at work, at play and in the community. Through its Access Fund, WATF offers low interest loans for assistive technology (AT) and home and vehicle accessibility modifications.
Areas Served: Washington state
Eligibility: Persons with disabilities and their caregivers
How to apply: To apply for a loan, call or visit web site
Fees: Most services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance.

WA Assistive Technology Alliance (WATA) – Funding Sources in WA State

CTDS, University of Washington, Box 357920 Seattle, WA 98195-7920

Phone: (206) 826-1038 or (800) 214-8731 V/TTY

Email: info@watf.org

Web site: <http://wata.org> – <http://uwctds.washington.edu>

Description: Resource Funding Guide. Developed and produced by the University of Washington Center for Technology and Disability Studies

(<http://uwctds.washington.edu>) at the University of Washington Center for Human Development and Disability for the Washington Assistive Technology Alliance.

Areas Served: Statewide

Eligibility: Persons with disabilities and their caregivers

How to apply: Call for services

Fees: \$8.00 print copy by mail – free download from web.

RESOURCE CENTERS – HOME AND SCHOOL

Disability Resource Connection – Home Modification Program

607 SE Everett Mall Way, Suite 17 - Everett, WA 98208

Phone: (425) 347-5768: V/TTY - (425) 710-0767 FAX

Web: <http://www.drconline.net>

Email: charley@drconline.net

Description: Both Everett and Snohomish County Housing Authorities have home loan programs so homeowners can make needed changes. Find ways in which people with disabilities can purchase homes. Section 8, HUD/public housing and other housing options also available.

Areas Served: Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom Counties

Eligibility: Residents of Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom Counties

How to apply: Call for services

Fees: Most services provided free of charge

Special Education Technology Center – State of WA School Districts

400 East University Way -- Mail Stop 7413 -- Ellensburg, WA 98926-7413

Phone: (509) 963-3350; Fax: (509) 963-3355

Email: Connolly@cwu.edu

Website: <http://www.cwu.edu/~setc/>

Referral Method: A referral must be made through the school

Description: Maintains a lending library (switches, toys, AAC devices, alternative computer access, low tech resources; see website for complete list.) The center provides assistive technology collaborative planning for children with disabilities.

Assistive devices available for loan, rent, lease or lease to own.

Area served: Washington state, school districts, children up to age 21 enrolled in the school system Eligibility: Any students under current IEP or 504 plan, receiving services from a WA state school district. Summer institute is available in August. See website listed above.

Fees: No fee

SW Washington Agency on Aging – Assistive Technology

201 NE 73rd St., Suite 101 – Vancouver, WA 98665

Phone: see below

Web site: <http://www.helpingelders.org>

Description: Provides Assistive Technology, such as grab bars, raised toilet seats, portable commodes, bath benches, etc., assists the caregiver in meeting the normal daily activity needs of the care recipient. Additional assistive devices and services include Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) and Project Lifesaver.

Areas Served: 360-694-8144 - Clark County; 360-577-4929 - Cowlitz & Wahkiakum

Eligibility: Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Counties

How to apply: Call for services

Fees: Most services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance

Washington State Assistive Technology Exchange

Phone: 800-214-8731

Web site: <http://wata.org/reuse/>

Description: This online recycling database allows posting of 'wanted' and 'offered' messages. Devices may be any sort of assistive technology, including computers and related items (software, modems, printers, etc.).

Areas Served: Statewide

Eligibility: The database is primarily for residents of Washington State

How to apply: Call for services Fees: Use of the database is free