



## Employer Assistance & Resource Network (EARN)

# ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY (AT) AND UNIVERSAL DESIGN (UD) RESOURCES

### *General Resources*

- **Office of Disability Employment Policy – ODEP** ([www.dol.gov/odep](http://www.dol.gov/odep)) provides national leadership by developing and influencing disability-related employment policy and practice affecting the employment of people with disabilities.
- **Employer Assistance & Resource Network – EARN** ([www.earnworks.com](http://www.earnworks.com)) is a service of ODEP that is the nation's premier provider of cost-free services to help employers recruit and hire qualified workers to meet their workforce needs. In addition, EARN assists employers in understanding the practical business reasons for, as well as the practices that facilitate the recruitment and hiring of people with disabilities.
- **Job Accommodation Network – JAN** ([www.jan.wvu.edu](http://www.jan.wvu.edu)) facilitates the employment and retention of workers with disabilities by providing employers and other interested parties with information on job accommodations, self-employment and small business opportunities and related subjects.
- **DisabilityInfo.gov** ([www.disabilityinfo.gov](http://www.disabilityinfo.gov)) is a resource managed by ODEP and provides quick and easy access to comprehensive information about disability programs, services, laws and benefits.

### *Assistive Technology and Universal Design Resources*

- **ABLEDATA** ([www.abledata.com](http://www.abledata.com)) ABLEDATA provides objective information about assistive technology products and rehabilitation equipment available from both domestic and international sources.
- **Assistive Technology Industry Association – ATIA** ([www.atia.org](http://www.atia.org)) is a not-for-profit membership organization of manufacturers, sellers and providers of technology-based assistive devices and/or services.
- **California State University Northridge, Center on Disabilities – CSUN** ([www.csun.edu/cod](http://www.csun.edu/cod)) is an integral part of the university mission of teaching, scholarship and active learning, furthering the vision of an inclusive society which supports the attainment of academic, professional and personal goals for persons of all abilities.

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- **Center for Universal Design** – CUD ([www.design.ncsu.edu/cud](http://www.design.ncsu.edu/cud)) is a national information, technical assistance, and research center that evaluates, develops, and promotes accessible and universal design in housing, commercial and public facilities, outdoor environments, and products.
- **Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program, Department of Defense – CAP** ([www.tricare.osd.mil/cap](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/cap)) provides assistive technology and services to people with disabilities, Federal managers, supervisors, IT professionals, and Wounded Services Members.
- **RESNA** ([www.resna.org](http://www.resna.org)) strives to improve the potential of people with disabilities to achieve their goals through the use of technology. They serve that purpose by promoting research, development, education, advocacy and provision of technology; and by supporting the people engaged in these activities.
- **Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center for Wireless Technologies – RERC** ([www.wirelessrerc.org](http://www.wirelessrerc.org)) promotes equitable access to and use of wireless technologies by people with disabilities and encourages the adoption of Universal Design in future generations of wireless devices and applications.
- **Rochester Institute of Technology's National Technical Institute for the Deaf Center on Employment – RIT/NTID** ([www.ntid.rit.edu/nce/employers.php](http://www.ntid.rit.edu/nce/employers.php)) assists employers before, during, and after the hire of a deaf or hard-of-hearing person.
- **State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agencies** provide services to ensure gainful employment for people with disabilities. In addition to job placement, services may include, but are not limited to counseling, vocational evaluation, assessment, on-the-job training, rehabilitation technology services, and possible assistance with funding accommodations. For a list of state VR agencies visit: <http://www.jan.wvu.edu/cgi-win/TypeQuery.exe?902>
- **State AT Projects** provide technical assistance on AT, consultation, product demonstrations, equipment borrowing, and low-interest loans for individuals with disabilities. For a list of state AT Projects visit: <http://www.jan.wvu.edu/cgi-win/TypeQuery.exe?735>
- **Access Board** (<http://www.access-board.gov>) is an independent federal agency that develops accessibility standards and guidelines for facilities and technology.

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- **ADA Basic Building Blocks** (<http://www.adabasics.org>) contains a web course which explores the legal requirements and spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **One Stop Accessibility Guidance** ([http://www.onestops.info/article.php?article\\_id=137&subcat\\_id=64](http://www.onestops.info/article.php?article_id=137&subcat_id=64)) is a manual to assist the workforce development system in meeting the needs of customers with disabilities.
- **Adaptive Environments Center, Inc.** (<http://www.adaptenv.org>) promotes accessibility as well as universal design through education programs, technical assistance, training, consulting, publications, and design advocacy.
- **Assistive Technology Resource** (<http://www.assistivetech.net>) is an online searchable database of assistive technology designed to help target solutions, determine costs, and link to vendors that sell products.
- **National Center for Accessible Media (NCAM)** (<http://ncam.wgbh.org>) is a resource for making media and information technology, including a captioning, accessible for people with disabilities.
- **WIA Section 188 Disability Checklist** (<http://www.dol.gov/oasam/programs/crc/section188.htm>) identifies the basic disability-related requirements of the nondiscrimination provisions of the Workforce Investment Act.
- **ADA Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers (DBTAC)** (<http://www.adata.org/index.html>) provides information, training, and technical assistance on the ADA and accessible electronic and information technology in education.

### *Electronic & Information Technology Accessibility*

- **Section 508 Guidance** (<http://www.Section508.gov>) offers electronic and information technology accessibility standards, guidance, and resources.
- **Trace Center** (<http://trace.wisc.edu>) develops universally designed products and systems to make standard information technologies and telecommunications accessible to and usable by people with disabilities.

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- **Information Technology Technical Assistance and Training Center (ITTATC)** (<http://www.ittatc.org>) provides information, training, and technical assistance about accessible electronic and information technology.
- **Center for Applied Special Technology (CAST)** (<http://www.cast.org>) develops and disseminates products that expand opportunity for learning through universal design, including through the development and innovative uses of technology.
- **National Center on Accessible Information Technology in Education (AccessIT)** (<http://www.washington.edu/accessit/index.php>) centers on the use of electronic and information technology for students and employees with disabilities in educational institutions at all academic levels.
- **Alliance for Technology Access (ATA)** (<http://www.ataccess.org>) connects children and adults with disabilities to technology tools through public awareness and special initiatives.

### Internet Accessibility

- **Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) from the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)** (<http://www.w3.org/WAI>) develops common protocols that promote the internet's evolution and ensure its inter-operability, including web accessibility to and usability for people with disabilities.
- **Bobby Worldwide** (<http://bobby.watchfire.com/bobby/html/en/index.jsp>) is a low cost web software tool to help expose and repair barriers to accessibility and encourage compliance with existing public and private standards.
- **Cynthia Says Portal** (<http://www.cynthiasays.com>) free web content accessibility validation tool for checking websites against various accessibility standards.
- **WebABLE** (<http://www.webable.com>) provides extensive resources for ensuring access to information technologies for people with disabilities.
- **Web Accessibility in Mind (WebAIM)** (<http://www.webaim.org>) addresses web accessibility through online learning opportunities and its WAVE tool (<http://www.wave.webaim.org>) to help web authors verify that their websites are accessible to people with disabilities.