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PIAT's website:

<http://disabilities.temple.edu>

Assistive Technology Marketplace  
[atmatch.com](http://atmatch.com)

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# ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER



## What is Assistive Technology?

An assistive technology device is any piece of equipment used by a person with a disability to communicate, work, play, learn, or do any activity their disability hinders or prevents.

Assistive technology services help people identify, obtain, use, and maintain assistive technology devices.

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## UCP's Assistive Technology Services also provide:

**Evaluations** - UCP's Assistive Technology Practitioner (ATP) helps individuals find the device that will best suit their needs taking into consideration factors like the portability of the device, and the location and physical setup of the area where the device will be used. Our ATP can also help consumers set up and learn to use their device.

**Individual Training**- The ATP helps individuals who use assistive technology, as well as their caregivers, to increase their skills on devices. Training sessions are conducted in the home, school, workplace, wherever the individual will typically use the device. The goal is to help the individual become familiar and comfortable with using the device and to address any problems.

### About UCP of NEPA

United Cerebral Palsy of NEPA provides services for people with a variety of disabilities.

Early intervention services, and the Lekotek and Compuplay programs are for children with special needs.

Services for adults include a day program, supported employment service and community living opportunities.

The Home Services and Assistive Technology programs both serve individuals of all ages.

No person shall be excluded by UCP from services due to race, color, creed, sex, disability, age, national origin, or limited English proficiency.

UCP of Northeastern Pennsylvania serves as one of ten Assistive Technology Resource Centers for PIAT, Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology. PIAT is a statewide program created to assure access to Assistive Technology to all Pennsylvanians with disabilities as well as to older Pennsylvanians. PIAT serves individuals with disabilities regardless of their age, disability, location or type of residence.

**PIAT and the ATRC at UCP of NEPA provide:**

### ACCESS

**Device Demonstrations** - "hands on" opportunities for people with disabilities and their caregivers to explore specific devices to decide what might best meet their needs. Demonstrations are available upon request, and can be conducted at a mutually convenient time and place.

**Pennsylvania's Assistive Technology Lending Library** - a free, statewide program through which people can borrow devices for a limited time to see if it meets their needs. UCP's facilities in Scranton and Honesdale respectively host Lackawanna and Wayne County branches of the Lending Library.

### ACQUISITION

**Funding & Acquisition** - *Pennsylvania's Assistive Technology Foundation*, provides low and no interest loans for individuals of all ages, income levels and disabilities to purchase devices and services.

*Pennsylvania's Telecommunication Device Distribution Program (TDDP)* provides specialized equipment free of charge to eligible Pennsylvanians with disabilities that impede independent access to telephone services. These and other sources including health insurances, public programs, and non-governmental programs may help individuals acquire the AT they need.

**Reutilized and Exchanged Equipment Partnership (REEP)**- PIAT supports several programs that may be a source for "previously-owned" devices. The *REEP Classifieds* is a free statewide listing of used devices which individuals have donated or wish to sell, ranging from simple home adaptations, to wheelchairs, to computers and software. *ATMatch.com* is an online auction site for the sale of new or used AT devices, as well as a place to learn about Pennsylvania vendors of new AT. *Into New Hands* accepts and refurbishes equipment for reuse. *Liberty Wheels* refurbishes and loans mobility devices such as wheelchairs and walkers.

### AND

**Public Awareness** - information and assistance to help educate consumers about their choices of AT devices and service providers. Events to educate the public about the scope and potential of assistive technology.

**Technical Assistance & Training** - to service providers to increase their knowledge and skills to better serve people with disabilities. Assistance to public and private agencies to develop and improve policies regarding access to devices and services.