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Assistive technology is a broad term referring to the application of technology to assist individuals with SCI and other disabilities achieve independence by providing access to computers, communication devices and environmental controls. Assistive technology can enrich the lives of individuals with SCI by expanding educational and employment options, and assisting with aspects of daily life.

Specific equipment consists of high tech tools to help individuals with SCI overcome physical obstacles and may include assistive devices such as specialized computer keyboards, software, joysticks, interactive touch screens, hands-free voice recognition systems, customized switches and other appliances.

The first step in determining which type of equipment is appropriate for you is to be evaluated by a professional to determine your individual technology needs, abilities and goals in your environment. Your physical limitations and the skills necessary to use strategies and devices will all be taken into consideration before recommendations for specific equipment are made.

The organizations listed below can provide you with information on evaluation and training for assistive technology, as well as specific devices available for individuals with SCI.

### **Abledata**

800/227-0216

301/608-8998

8455 Colesville Rd.

Silver Springs, MD 20910-3319

- Extensive collection of over 25,000 commercially available assistive technology aids and devices

### **Ablenet**

800/322-0956

FAX: 612/379-9143

1081 10th Ave. SE

Minneapolis, MN 55414

- Designs and manufactures simple to use technology
- No assessments

### **Accent on Info**

309/378-2961

FAX: 309/378-4420

P.O. Box 700

Bloomington, IL 61702

E-Mail: [acntlvn@aol.com](mailto:acntlvn@aol.com)

- Publishes magazine 4 times a year; \$12.00 subscription
- Sell books and products
- Information on consumer products

## 2. Assistive Technology Resources

### **Adaptive Device Locator System**

#### **Academic Software, Inc**

800/842-2357

606/233-2332

331 West Second St. at Broadway

Lexington, KY 40507

- Software package listing types of devices on the market and vendors
- \$195 for package

### **Assistive Device Assessment Program (ADAP)**

619/594-6477

6330 Alverado Ct., Suite 100

San Diego, CA 92120

- Assessment only
- Speech therapy

### **Assistive Technology (AT) Network**

800/390-2699

916/325-1690

660 "J" Street, Suite 270

Sacramento, CA 95814-2495

Email: [info@atnet.org](mailto:info@atnet.org)

- Information and referral network that provides free information on:
  - devices for daily living,
  - assistive technology funding resources,
  - assistive technology service providers/suppliers,
  - assistive technology community resources

### **Augmentative Communication News**

831/649-3050

1 Surf Way, #237

Monterey, CA 93940

- Publishes two newsletters
- Information and referral services

## 2. Assistive Technology Resources

### **C.A.T.S.**

916/327-3967

800/390-2699

Assistive Technology Network

660 "J" Street, Suite 270

Sacramento, CA 95814

- Referrals
- Newsletter
- Contracts with other agencies

### **Center for Accessible Technology**

510/841-3224

2525 Eighth St.

Berkeley, CA 94710

E-mail: *info@cforat.org*

- Computer access evaluations
- Resource and training center

### **Center for Computer Assistance to Disabled (C-CAD)**

214/800-2223

FAX: 214/800-2224

1950 No. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 4041

Dallas, TX 75207

E-mail: *C-CAD@onramp.net*

Website: <<http://www.c-cad.org>>

- Information and referrals on assistive technology
- Training

### **Central Coast Assistive Technology Center**

805/549-7420

FAX: 805/549-7423

TDD: 805/549-7424

1150 Laurel Lane #132

P.O. Box 4310

San Luis Obispo, CA 93403

E-mail: *slomortola@aol.com*

- Non-profit center performs evaluations (OT, SP, and Rehab technicians)

## 2. Assistive Technology Resources

### **Clearing House for Specialized Media and Technology State Department of Education**

916/445-1290

560 "J" St., Suite 390

Sacramento, CA 95814

Website: <[www.cde.CA.gov](http://www.cde.CA.gov)>

- Educational catalog of services and devices for K-12

### **Closing the Gap**

507/248-3294

FAX: 507/248-3810

P.O. Box 68

Henderson, MN 56044

E-mail: [info@closingthegap.com](mailto:info@closingthegap.com)

Website: <[www.closingthegap.com](http://www.closingthegap.com)>

- Publishes a bi-monthly newsletter providing information \$29.00/yr.
- Publishes a resource directory - \$14.95
- Annual conference held in October

### **Communication Aids for Children and Adults Crestwood Company**

414/351-0311

6625 No. Sidney Place

Milwaukee, WI 53209-3259

- Information on products
- Merchandise catalog

### **Davies Medical Center**

415/565-6130

FAX: 415/565-6025

Castro and Duboce Streets

San Francisco, CA 94114

- Outpatient occupational therapy and rehabilitation
- Aptitude testing

### **Department of Rehabilitation**

800/390-2699

916/445-8638

TTY: 800/900-0706

830 K Street Mall

Sacramento, CA 95814

- Assistive technology evaluations

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### **Disabled Programmers, Inc (DPI)**

408/278-2000

FAX: 408/278-2010

One North First St., Suite 120

San Jose, CA 95113

Website: <[www.dpiaccess.org](http://www.dpiaccess.org)>

- Prepares individuals with disabilities for jobs in Information Technology (IT)
- Computer Access Lab helps individuals with disabilities evaluate, develop, and implement adaptive technology solutions and the Internet

### **Innotek**

#### **National Lekotek Center**

847/328-0001

FAX: 847/328-5514

2100 Ridge Ave.

Evanston, IL 60201

E-mail: [lekotek@lekotek.org](mailto:lekotek@lekotek.org)

- Information on locating assistive devices and adapted toys
- Adapted toys for children

### **Leon S. Peters Rehab Center**

559/459-6000

Fresno & R Street

Fresno, CA 93715

- Acute inpatient and outpatient evaluations

### **Mobility Engineering**

#### **Sonoma Developmental Center**

707/938-6445

P.O. Box 1493

Eldridge, CA 95421

- Must be Developmental Center clients
- Adaptive devices
- Assessments
- Focus on wheelchairs

## 2. Assistive Technology Resources

### **Project Link**

#### **Center for Assistive Technology**

800/628-2281

515 Kimball Tower, University of Buffalo

3435 Main St.

Buffalo, NY 14214-3079

E-mail: [jweir@acsu.buffalo.edu](mailto:jweir@acsu.buffalo.edu)

- Application of assistive devices
- Identify devices for individuals
- Information and referral

### **REACH**

817/870-9082

FAX: 817/877-1622

TDD: 817/870-9086

1205 Lake St.

Fort Worth, TX 76102

E-mail: [reachftw@reach.cils.org](mailto:reachftw@reach.cils.org)

- Newsletter
- Information and referral
- Advocacy
- Independent Living Center

### **RehabTool.Com**

281/531-6106

FAX: 281/531-6406

P.O. Box 572190

Houston, Texas 77257

Website: <[www.rehabtool.com](http://www.rehabtool.com)>

Email: [info@rehabtool.com](mailto:info@rehabtool.com)

- RehabTool.com builds augmentative and alternative communication devices, computer access equipment, multilingual speech synthesis and voice recognition software, on-screen keyboards, and cognitive rehabilitation tools
- Free product searches and referrals
- Quarterly newsletter

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### **Request Rehabilitation Engineering Center**

202/877-1932

TDD: 202/726-3996

102 Irving St. N.W.

Washington, DC 20010

Website: <[www.nrhatrc.org](http://www.nrhatrc.org)>

- Computer assessment and training program
- Virtual Reality research

### **RESNA**

703/524-6686

FAX: 703/524-6630

1700 N. Moore St., Suite 1540

Arlington, VA 22209-1903

Website: <[www.resna.org](http://www.resna.org)>

- Information and technical assistance

### **Sacramento Area Easter Seals Society**

916/485-6711

3205 Hurley Way

Sacramento, CA 95864

- Evaluations and assessments

### **Technical Aid Facilitation (TAF)**

#### **Tetra Society of North America**

604/688-6464

FAX: 604/688-6463

Plaza of Nations, Box 27

770 Pacific Boulevard So.

Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 5E7 Canada

E-mail: [tetra@reachdisability.org](mailto:tetra@reachdisability.org)

- Assistive devices that cannot be found commercially

### **Trace Research and Development Center**

608/262-6696

FAX: 608/262-8848

TDD: 608/263-5408

S-151 Waisman Center and Department of Individual Engineering

1500 Highland Ave.

Madison, WI 53705-2280

Website: <[www.trace.wisc.edu](http://www.trace.wisc.edu)>

- Information database of products- Co-net
- Access Pack- Assistive computer devices

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### **United Cerebral Palsy**

925/832-7430

1970 Broadway, Suite 305

Oakland CA 94612

E-mail: [ucpofacc@aol.com](mailto:ucpofacc@aol.com)

- Information
- Catalogs on assistive technology

### **VIVCO**

408/268-1214

6670 Landerwood Ln.

San Jose, CA 95120

E-mail: [dojvivco@aol.com](mailto:dojvivco@aol.com)

- Wheelchair mobility and seating
- Develop prototypes for individuals with special needs

### **Worldwide Disability Solution Group**

#### **Apple Computer Inc.**

800/600-7808

408/974-7910

One Infinite Loop, M/538-DS

Cupertino, CA 95014

Website: <[www.apple.com/disability](http://www.apple.com/disability)>

## **FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT**

### **Foundation Center**

800/424-9836

212/620-4230

FAX: 212/807-3677

79 5th Ave.

New York, NY 10003

Website: <[www.fdncenter.org](http://www.fdncenter.org)>

- Provide info on funding sources for non-profit organizations

## 2. Assistive Technology Resources

### WRITTEN RESOURCES

*Adapting PC's for Disabilities (1996)*

Joseph Lazarro

Addison-Wesley-Longman Publishing Company

800/822-6339

One Jacob Way

Reading, MA 10867-3999

Website: <[www.aw.com](http://www.aw.com)>

*Assistive Devices for Use with Personal Computers*

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

202/707-9275

Library of Congress

Washington, DC 20542

Website: <[www.loc.gov/nls](http://www.loc.gov/nls)>

- Guide to the different kinds of products available to assist individuals with physical disabilities access information displayed on a computer screen.

*Assistive Technology for People with Spinal Cord Injury (1996)*

ABLEDATA

800/227-0216

8455 Colesville Rd., Suite 935

Silver Springs, MD 20910

Website: <[www.abledata.com/funding.htm](http://www.abledata.com/funding.htm)>

*Computer Resources for People with Disabilities:*

*A Guide to Exploring Today's Assistive Technology (1996)*

800/266-5592

510/865-5282

Hunter House Publishers, Inc.

P.O. Box 2914

Alameda, CA 94501-0914

*Evaluating, Selecting and Using Appropriate Assistive Technology (1996)*

Jan C. Galvin and Marcia J. Scherer

Aspen Publishers, Inc.

800/638-8437

200 Orchard Ridge Dr., Suite 200

Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Website: <[www.aspenpub.com](http://www.aspenpub.com)>

## 2. Assistive Technology Resources

*Informed Consumer Guide to Information on Funding Assistive Technology (1998)*

ABLEDATA

800/227-0216

8455 Colesville Rd., Suite 935

Silver Spring, MD 20910

Website: <[www.abledata.com/funding.htm](http://www.abledata.com/funding.htm)>

*The Trace Resourcebook: Assistive Technology for Communication, Control and Computer Access (1998)*

Trace Research and Development Center

University of Wisconsin

608/263-2309

5901 Research Park Blvd.

Madison, WI 53719

Website: <[www.trace.wisc.edu](http://www.trace.wisc.edu)>