

Utah Assistive Technology Program 2015 Annual Report

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Goal of UATP

The goal of the non-profit Utah Assistive Technology Program (UATP) is to ensure that Utahans with disabilities obtain the assistive technology devices and services they need to be more independent in employment, educational and community settings.

Summary of Activities:

- **Training:** 1,278 participants were trained on AT in one-on-one, online, classroom and conference settings.
- **Information & Assistance:** 416 consumers, families and professionals received assistance with AT devices, services and funding.
- **Public Awareness:** 1,138,090 individuals were reached through a variety of media to increase awareness of UATP and assistive technology.
- **Demonstration:** 1,553 people received device demonstrations including people with disabilities, educators, caregivers and other professionals.
- **Reutilization:** 359 devices were repaired, refurbished and recycled, saving Utah consumers \$434,897.
- **UATF:** 98 low-interest loans were given to individuals, worth \$412,028, to purchase AT devices. 96 small grants were awarded.

Program Breakdowns:

Utah Assistive Technology Lab:

The [Assistive Technology Lab](#) at Utah State University serves students, people with disabilities, and professionals in many ways. Expert assistance is available with designing, fabricating, modifying and repairing assistive technology equipment. Other services include assistive technology demonstrations, research, prototype development, wheelchair and communication device evaluations, AT maintenance and repair, AT equipment lending and trainings on construction of low-cost devices, communication devices, adapter computer technologies and more.

Device Demonstrations by the Number

Vision 337

Hearing 90

Speech communication 240

Learning and developmental 165

Mobility, seating and positioning 177

Daily Living 281

Environmental adaptations 47

Vehicle modification 76

Computers and related 133

Recreation and leisure 7

PVC and Cardboard



The AT Lab in collaboration with the Utah Center for Assistive Technology built a little girl named Emma a V-back support chair and desk with PVC pipe and cardboard to help her to be able to do developmental activities. The device is lightweight and cost around \$20 to make.

Adaptive Computer Mount

Image 2: Cameron building the mount in the AT Lab.



Twenty-one year old student Sterling Wyatt needed a computer mount so his wheelchair could be level with his laptop. Cameron got to work building in the lab, and then put the pieces together on Wyatt's desk. The resulting modification was a success.

Reuse & Repair of AT Devices

Vision 2 = \$1,000

Seating and Mobility 350 = \$432,809

Environmental Adaptations 4 = \$605

Speech Communication 1 = \$170

Daily Living 1 = \$263

Learning and Developmental 1 = \$50

Total: 359 devices for \$434,897

Utah Assistive Technology Foundation

The [Utah Assistive Technology Foundation](http://www.uatf.org) is a non-profit established in 1991 to provide affordable low-interest loans and small grants for individuals with disabilities to purchase assistive technology, such as hearing aids, home modifications, mobility equipment and accessible vans. 96 small grants were awarded last year, and 98 loans were given out thanks to UATF's partnership with Zion's Bank. Learn more at www.uatf.org.

Loan Customer Satisfaction

Of those surveyed, 96 percent were highly satisfied, while 4 percent were satisfied with the service and process.

Dollar Value of Loans

Hearing \$324,944

Mobility and Seating \$1,000

Vehicle modification \$43,619

Environmental Adaptations \$42,465

Power Mobility

Image 3: Trinity trying out her Go Baby Go car.



Trinity, a toddler, was struggling to interact with her environment because of a disability. But a Go Baby Go adapted by the Utah Center for Assistive Technology helped Trinity get moving. Go Baby Go is a project developed to get kids with disabilities moving and interacting with their environment. Modified toy cars increase exploration, social and motor skills.

To help Trinity's family with the purchase of the car and needed parts, the Utah Assistive Technology Foundation provided a small grant. These \$400 grants are used by Utahans with disabilities of all ages to purchase assistive technology of all types.

Citizens Reutilizing Assistive Technology Equipment (CReATE)

[CReATE](http://www.createutah.org) provides device reutilization by refurbishing donated mobility equipment. These wheelchairs and scooters are provided to the community at an affordable price—the cost of parts, batteries, cleaning and labor. Devices that aren't able to be used are recycled. Trained technicians help fit individuals to appropriate devices. See CReATE's inventory at www.createutah.org and keep up with us

on www.facebook.com/createutah.

Wheelchairs & Scooters

CReATE helped 149 Utahans get low-cost wheelchairs in FY 2014-2015.

Quick fix for a hit-and-run



After a hit-and-run, Reita Lee (pictured right) needed the wheelchair she had previously received from CReATE repaired. Luckily, Lee was not injured in the accident.

CReATE coordinator, Tom Boman, expedited the refurbishing process for her. The chair was damaged, but not significant enough to purchase an entire new chair. With a little work, the front frame and footplate were straightened back to its original state.

Image 4: Reita Lee in her fixed up wheelchair.

Boman said, “She met me at the door and gave me a big hug and headed right off to do some volunteer work at her church.”

UATP Training and Information Assistance:

Training and information assistance helps professionals and caregivers stay up to date on new assistive technology devices and services. UATP strives to meet this need by offering free trainings in a variety of formats to effectively reach individuals and agencies statewide. From interactive, online webinars to one-on-one assistance, UATP gives families, caregivers, educators and professionals the opportunity to learn from area-experts. Topics range from technology for the blind to power mobility. Archived trainings can be found on our YouTube channel, [utahATprogram](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCATprogram).

Contact UATP or find us online

For more information on UATP, please call 800.524.5152 or 435.797.3824. UATP is part of the Center for Persons with Disabilities at Utah State University.

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