

Assistive Technology Resources

VERMONT ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
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Objectives

- 1. What is Assistive Technology (AT)?**
- 2. What does the AT Program Provide?**
- 3. Examples of Assistive Technology**

What is considered Assistive Technology?



Assistive Technology Is...

A term for creative tools and strategies that help people live, learn, work, and play!

Also known as: A.T.

THE TECH SPECTRUM



No Tech

- Changing the environment, required tasks, or schedule



Low Tech

- Off-the shelf items and techniques



High Tech

- Complex, often expensive

Guess that A.T. !



Writing Guide





Open Palm Hand Weight



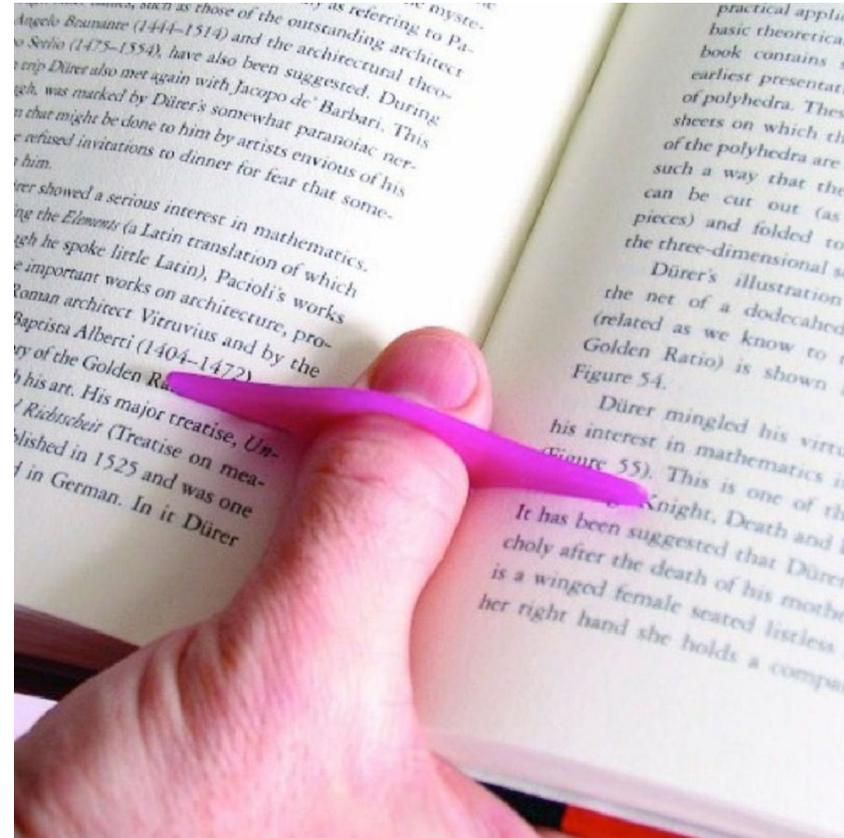


Bookbone: Weighted Bookmark





Thumb Thing



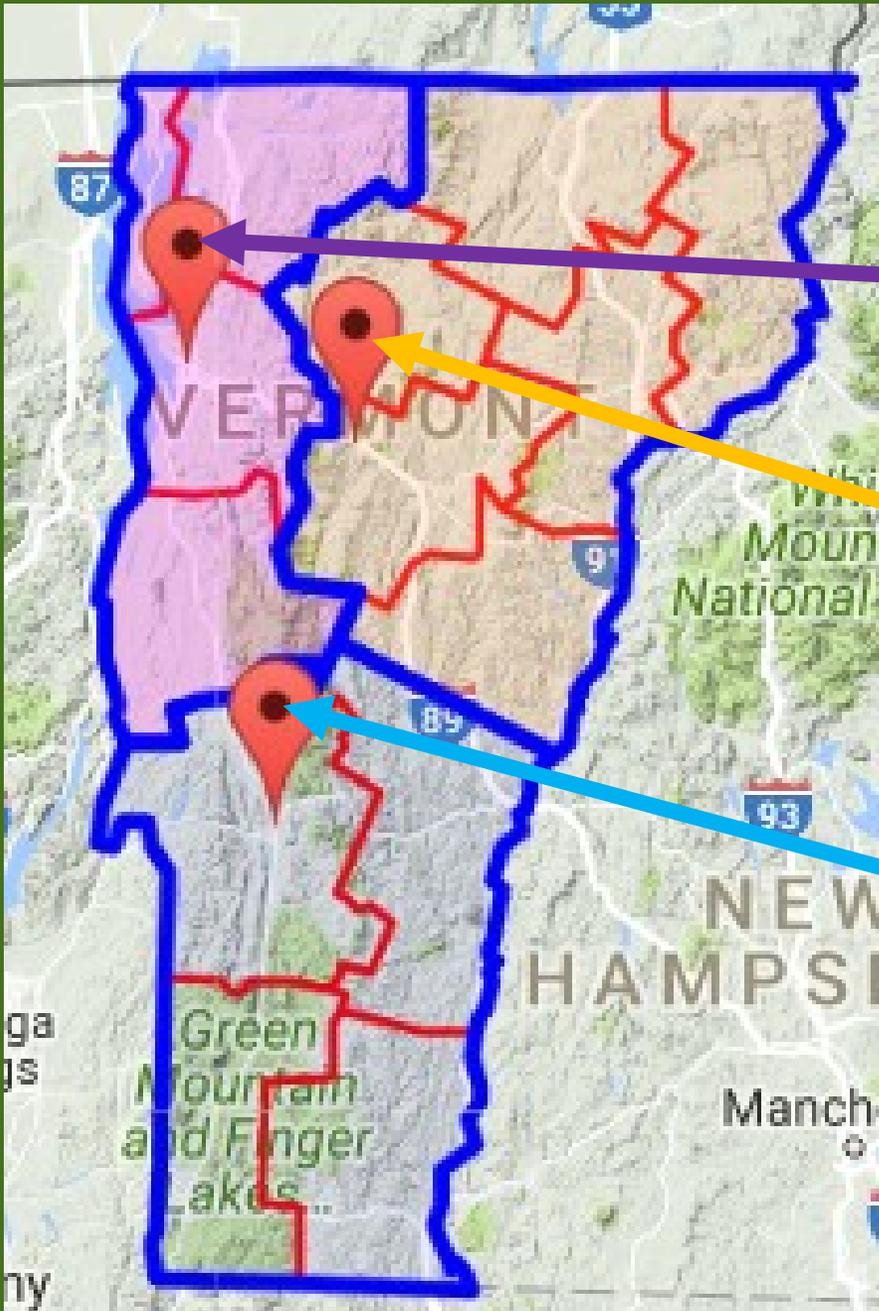
Vermont's AT Act Program

- Statewide
- AT for disability and aging related needs
- All Ages
- No eligibility requirements, and no paperwork!
- Anyone can refer

Partnerships



Statewide: CDCl Tryout Centers



Burlington: Leslie Ermolovich

Franklin, Grand Isle, Chittenden, and Addison Counties

Waterbury: Tracy Roux

Washington, Lamoille, Caledonia, Essex, Orleans, and Orange Counties

Rutland: Ben Wimett

Bennington, Windsor, Rutland, and Windham Counties

Centralized Referral System

 **1-800-750-6355**



dail.atinfo@vermont.gov

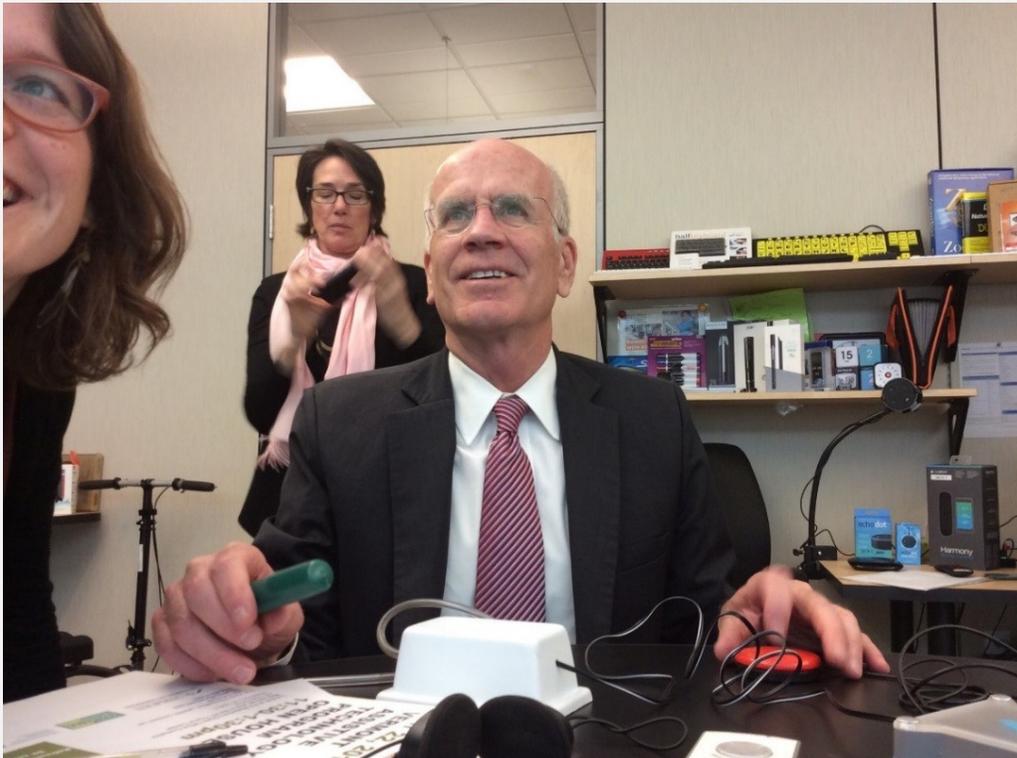
 **www.atp.vt.gov**

Information and Assistance

- General Program Questions
- AT questions/research
- Information on other AT Related Services
- Alternative Funding Information
- Schedule a Demo



Equipment Demonstrations



The Process

1. Gather information
2. Troubleshoot with AT Specialist
3. Hands-on demonstration
4. Ask Questions
5. Make an informed decision about whether AT will work for you

Equipment Loans



We do not
sell equipment or
provide financial loans

- Try before you buy!
- 30-day Loan Period
- 2400 Inventory Items to choose from
- Ships via UPS for free, both ways

iPad Loans



- Use for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)
- Executive Functioning
 - Time management
 - Organization
 - Reminders
 - Voice Typing
- Alternative Access Modes: styluses, switch control, speaker cases, speakers, keyguards, etc.

AT4ALL: Online Inventory

- Entire AT Inventory Available Online!
- Browse by category and need
- Photo, Description, Vendor, Pricing Info
- Can request equipment loans online

www.vt.at4all.com

Examples of Alternative Funding

INDEPENDENCE FUND

- Low Interest Loan Fund
- Rates typically 3-4%
- Operated by the Opportunities Credit Union
- Can be used for AT!

oppsvt.org/independence-fund/

VCIL'S EDP

- Free Telecommunications Equipment (phone)
- For Income Eligible with disabilities

vcil.org/services/vermont-equipment-distribution-program

Community Reuse Resource: AT Exchange



- FORMERLY CALLED www.GetATStuff.com
- Free Resource for All community members
- Work with your local healthcare provider
- Opportunity to buy, sell or find equipment at no cost

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Services for Businesses or Groups

- Provided for a fee
- Group Trainings
- Technical Assistance for Organizations

Check out our Youtube Channel!



- Consists of 3 Modules
 - What is Assistive Technology?
 - Who is the Vermont AT Program?
 - How to Consider AT using the CETT Process
- [Videos available online](#) and can be shared.
- Videos are captioned.

Resources

NEW Training Videos! Check out our YouTube Channel

1. [What is Assistive Technology?](#)
2. [What is the Vermont Assistive Technology Program?](#)
3. [Finding the Right Assistive Technology using the CETT Process](#)

Our websites

1. www.atp.vermont.gov
2. www.vt.at4all.com
3. www.uvm.edu/cdci/at

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