

 **ACTIVITY #15: FUND THE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY I NEED**

Assistive technology (AT) devices and services are items that help people with disabilities be more independent and live life the way they want to live it.

The federal definition is more formal and states, “Assistive technology includes any item, piece of equipment or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities. An AT service directly assists an individual with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device.” (P.L. 100 - 407)

Examples of AT are:

- An adapted vehicle with a ramp, lowered floor and hand controls that makes it possible for a person who uses a wheelchair to get out into the community, visit friends, or go to work.
- A computer or iPad that helps a person who has a learning disability do well in school.
- A hearing aid that helps make it possible for a person who has a hearing loss to communicate with friends.

For more information on funding your AT, contact Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation (PATF) at 484-674-0506; or go to the website www.patf.us.

What are the devices or services you need and possible funding resources?

Device	Possible Funding Source
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