



# MDTAP

## Welcome to the Maryland Technology Assistance Program

An agency of the Maryland Department of Disabilities

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# ABOUT US

Maryland TAP makes disability-related technology more available, affordable, and usable for Maryland residents with disabilities.

“To build a better life,  
you need the right tools.”

# WHAT IS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY?

“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 functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities”

## The bottom line:

**“For people without disabilities,  
technology makes things easier.**

**For people with disabilities,  
technology makes things possible.”**

IBM training manual - 1991

# WHAT IS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY?

Mobility and transportation



# WHAT IS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY?

## Aids for Daily Living



# WHAT IS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY?

Augmentative communication and speech aids



# WHAT IS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY?

## Devices for Deaf/Hard of Hearing



# WHAT IS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY?

## Aids for Blind/Low Vision



# WHAT IS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY?

Adaptive computer access devices



# Head Mouse Options

- Head Mouse Extreme
- Smart Nav



# Eye Gaze System

- Alternative access/communication



# WHAT IS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY?

## Environmental controls



# WHAT IS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY?

## Work accommodations



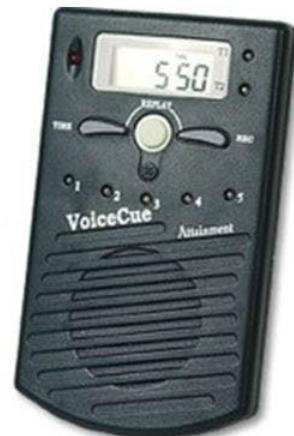
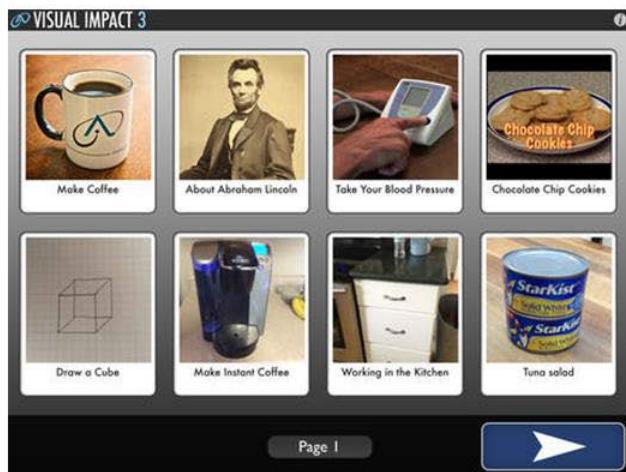
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## Recreational adaptations

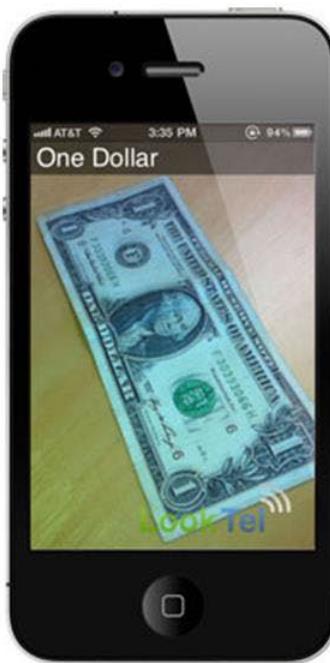


# What is Assistive Technology?

- Cognitive/memory/learning aids



# There's an App for That ?!



# INFORMATION & REFERRAL

- Helps identify potential products and solutions
- Links with sources for assessment or evaluation
- Refers to vendors
- Connects with funding sources

# EQUIPMENT LOAN AND DEMONSTRATION

- Lets people observe and try out devices before buying
- Lends devices to individuals or professionals for 4 weeks to try out or cover short-term gaps (e.g., when devices are being repaired)
- Centers in Baltimore and the Eastern Shore
- Reuse AT: Equipment Link – [www.equipmentlink.org](http://www.equipmentlink.org)

## AT LOAN PROGRAM

- Provides low-interest loans to Maryland residents with disabilities or their families to buy assistive technology
- Covers all types of AT, including vehicles, computers, home modifications
- Loan amounts - \$500 - \$60,000
- Interest rates usually one point below prime
- Approves many loans that would be turned down by conventional lenders

\* Telework Loan - Provides low-interest loans to enable people with disabilities to buy equipment needed to telecommute or start small businesses

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