

# Ability Connection Oklahoma

## Purpose

Ability Connection Oklahoma, formerly United Cerebral Palsy of Oklahoma, has been serving people with disabilities for more than 50 years. Ability Connection Oklahoma provides programs and services for individuals with cerebral palsy and other physical disabilities and their families. The mission is to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with cerebral palsy and other physical disabilities.

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## Financial Criteria

- Yes

## **Eligibility**

- Any Oklahoman with Cerebral Palsy or other physical disabilities and their family members.

## **AT Services Provided/Covered**

- Locating Alternate Funding
- Supporting Software
- Maintenance & Repairs
- Durable Medical Equipment Loans and Grants
- Information & Referral
- Advocacy/Other

## **AT Devices Provided/Covered**

- Speech Communication
- Computers & Related
- Aids for Daily Living
- Wheelchair & Mobility Aid
- Environmental Adaptations
- Learning Cognition & Development

## **Application Process**

- Contact the Ability Connection Oklahoma office by phone or e-mail for information regarding application process and financial eligibility criteria.

## **Pieces of the Puzzle**

- Ability Connection Oklahoma provides temporary and/or permanent loans of durable medical equipment, such as wheelchairs, feeding seats, prone standers, strollers, adapted toys, bath seats, etc. Loans are provided without charge regardless of disability.
- The Tulsa location offers a computer tech lab which features computers with adaptive input devices for assessment, training and/or personal computer time, enabling individuals with disabilities to improve skills, cognizance and confidence through technology.
- The New Voices grant provides iPads and specialized apps for individuals who are at least 4 years of age, have a physical disability, and are non-verbal. Financial guidelines must be met.

# ABLE Tech Financial Loan Program

## Purpose

Oklahoma ABLE Tech in partnership with the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation (OkAT) and BancFirst of Stillwater offers a Financial Loan Program to Oklahomans with disabilities. The Financial Loan is a low interest and/or guaranty loan that provides individuals with disabilities or those that have a dependent with a disability the opportunity to borrow money for the purchase of needed assistive technology. Additionally, the program can provide financial loans to individuals with disabilities that need equipment to meet an employment telework goal.

## Contact(s)

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Debbie Thomas  
808 S. Main  
P. O. Box 1  
Stillwater, OK 74074  
(405) 742-6208  
(800) 446-9401  
FAX: (405) 742-6265  
[www.bancfirst.com](http://www.bancfirst.com)

## Financial Criteria

- Each applicant must qualify with an approved credit record.

## Eligibility

- Loans are available to Oklahomans with a disability or has a dependent who has a disability. A person with a disability is defined as a person with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity. This includes persons who have a record of, or who is regarded as having a disability, or an impairment that significantly limits or restricts a major life activity such as: hearing, seeing, speaking, breathing, performing manual tasks, walking, caring for oneself, learning or working.

## **AT Services Provided/Covered**

- Locating Alternate Funding
- Information & Referral

## **AT Devices Provided/Covered**

- Aids for Vision Impaired
- Aids for Hearing Impaired
- Aids for Daily Living
- Computers & Related
- Environmental Adaptations
- Home Modifications (includes ramps)
- Learning Cognition & Developmental
- Mobility/Seating & Positioning
- Recreation & Leisure Devices
- Speech Communication
- Vehicle Modifications

## **Application Process**

- To make application contact Shelley Gladden at ABLE Tech.
- The Financial Loan Application can be downloaded at: [http://www.ok.gov/abletech/Financial\\_Loans/index.html](http://www.ok.gov/abletech/Financial_Loans/index.html)
- The minimum loan documentation necessary for this program includes:
- a completed loan application; and
- evidence of applicant's qualification of being a person with a disability as defined above, or as prescribed by a medical doctor.

## **Pieces of the Puzzle**

- The loan amount must be used to purchase needed assistive technology devices or equipment needed for an employment telework outcome.
- Any loan amount will be considered. The loan officer will determine appropriate loan amounts based upon the need(s) of the applicant and the applicant's ability to repay the obligation.
- Oklahoma ABLE Tech, along with its partner, the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation (OkAT), provides a low interest Direct Loan option. The Direct Loan allows individuals with disabilities to borrow money to purchase assistive technology and specialized devices that are \$1,500 or less, at a 5% fixed interest rate with a \$15 closing fee. The low monthly payment (usually for one year) allows a qualified borrower to pay off the loan, build their credit and own the assistive technology.

- The financial loan terms for unsecured loans over \$1,500, which could include items such as hearing aids, wheelchairs, adapted computers, hospital beds, lift equipment, etc.:
  - Fixed interest of 6%
  - Maximum term of the loan is three (3) year
- The financial loan terms for secured loans over \$1,500 for items such as modified vehicles, home modifications or guaranteed loans:
  - Fixed interest of 5%
  - Maximum term of the loan is five (5) year
- Borrowed funds are paid directly to the vendor and each closed loan has a documentation fee.
- Funds used for equipment that is needed for an employment telework outcome must reduce a barrier or barriers to employment.
- Applicants that are denied the low interest BancFirst of Stillwater loan can seek a guaranty of the loan through the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation (OkAT). Under established policies and procedures, OkAT a non-profit organization, can guaranty the loan of qualified applicants. In addition, OkAT requires applicants requesting a guaranty loan for hearing aids, to have an evaluation by a licensed audiologist or medical provider. OkAT determines a qualified applicant must have the financial means to make the monthly payment of the loan by producing evidence of:
  - no more than a 50% debt service to income ratio (including monthly payment of the bank loan); and
  - the person is working toward correcting any adverse credit.

# Arthritis Foundation

## Purpose

The mission of the Arthritis Foundation is to help people take control of arthritis by providing public health education; pursuing public policy and legislation; and conducting evidence-based programs to improve the quality of life for those living with arthritis.

## Contact(s)

Angeliesha Jackson, Mission Program Coordinator

Arthritis Foundation, Oklahoma Chapter

710 W. Wilshire Creek Blvd, Ste 101

Oklahoma City, OK 73116

(405) 936-3366

(800) 627-5486

FAX: (405) 936-0617

<http://www.arthritis.org/oklahoma/>

## Financial Criteria

- None

## Eligibility

- Any person or family member with arthritis
- Areas served: 17 county service areas in Northeast Oklahoma and 60 county areas in Southern, Central and Western Oklahoma.
- AT Services Provided/Covered
- Information & Referral
- AT Devices Provided/Covered
- No devices are provided or covered
- Application Process
- Contact by phone and request service(s).

## Pieces of the Puzzle

- Primarily serves adults, but they also have programs for children and their families.
- Programs include: arthritis education; land and water based arthritis exercise; support groups; physician referral; self-help courses for arthritis, lupus and fibromyalgia.

# Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

## Purpose

Centers for Independent Living (CILs) are nonprofit community-based nonresidential organizations that are run by and for people with disabilities, providing programs and services to help individuals have a more independent lifestyle. The core services that the CILs provide include: systems advocacy, individual advocacy, peer counseling, information and referral, and independent living skills training.

## Contact(s)

Statewide Independent Living Council of Oklahoma (SILC)

Sidna Madden - Executive Director

3535 NW 58th St., Ste 480

Oklahoma City, OK 73112

(405) 951-3581

FAX: (405) 951-3504

Email: [smadden@oksilc.org](mailto:smadden@oksilc.org)

## Financial Criteria

- None

## Eligibility

- Persons with a disability

## AT Services Provided/Covered

- Information & Referral
- Assessment & Evaluations
- Case Management
- Locating Alternate Funding
- Training for Consumer & Family
- Advocacy/Other
- Loan Closet

## AT Devices Provided/Covered

- No devices are provided or covered

## Application Process

- Contact the SILC to learn of the CIL nearest you and request services.
- Contact information for each CIL is at: [http://www.okdrs.org/drupal/guide\\_11\\_05a](http://www.okdrs.org/drupal/guide_11_05a)

## **Pieces of the Puzzle**

- Each CIL is an independent nonprofit organization and has its own programs, policies and procedures. Programs and services will vary from organization to organization.
- Centers for Independent Living are located in Bartlesville, Enid, McAlester, Norman, and Tulsa.
- CILs have a fee-for-service contract with the Department of Rehabilitation Services to provide independent living services to people with disabilities that have an employment outcome. Those services may include:
  - independent living assessment;
  - community integration;
  - intensive counseling; or
  - home modification.



# Donna Nigh Foundation

## Purpose

The Donna Nigh Foundation administered through the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, was established as a bridge between the public and private sector to help with programs that government agencies are unable to provide. The Foundation works closely with state agencies to provide a network of supports. The Foundation provides adaptive equipment, which allows Oklahomans with developmental disabilities to push their boundaries and gain independence.

## Contact(s)

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Donna Nigh Foundation  
OU Child Study Center  
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Email: [rosena-rucker@ouhsc.edu](mailto:rosena-rucker@ouhsc.edu)  
[www.occf.org/NighFoundation](http://www.occf.org/NighFoundation)

## Financial Criteria

- See "Eligibility"

## Eligibility

Grants for organizations:

- Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, an accredited public or private school or other publicly-supported agency.
- Applicant must provide direct services to individuals with severe to profound Intellectual and/or Developmental Disorder (IDD).
- Organization must be located in the state of Oklahoma.

Grants for individuals:

- Applicant must have a diagnosis of a developmental disability and a need that is unmet by government or private sources.
- Applicants can be of any age and must reside in the state of Oklahoma

### **AT Services Provided/Covered**

- No AT services are provided or covered.

### **AT Devices Provided/Covered**

- Aids for Daily Living
- Environmental Adaptations
- Learning Cognition & Developmental
- Mobility/Seating & Positioning
- Speech Communication

### **Application Process**

- Contact the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to obtain an organizational grant application form.
- Contact the Donna Nigh Foundation to obtain an individual grant application form.

### **Pieces of the Puzzle**

- The Donna Nigh Foundation offers grants up to \$5,000 in situations where the individual needs help and has been turned down by other funders.
- Organizational grants are up to \$8,000.
- Resources of the Donna Nigh Foundation are limited and not all requests can be met.
- Deadlines for applications are October 1st and April 1st.
- The Donna Nigh Foundation makes payments to vendors only.
- The Donna Night Foundation does not approve requests for Autism related services.

### **How To Apply**

Contact Jennifer Stewart with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. You can reach Jennifer at (405) 606 - 2912 or [j.stewart@occf.org](mailto:j.stewart@occf.org)

# Easter Seals Oklahoma

## Purpose

The Easter Seals Oklahoma mission is to enhance the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities so that they may live with equality, dignity and independence. Easter Seals Oklahoma provides services for individuals with autism, developmental disabilities, physical and mental disabilities and other special needs. Through therapy, training, education and support services, Easter Seals creates life-changing solutions so that people with disabilities can live, learn and work and play. Easter Seals Oklahoma includes direct financial assistance for purchase of medical, educational supplies, and/or equipment.

## Contact(s)

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[www.eastersealsoklahoma.org](http://www.eastersealsoklahoma.org)

## Financial Criteria

Based on individual need

## Eligibility

- Children and adults with all types of disabilities; and
- Be from an economically eligible family and demonstrate a need for financial assistance services

## AT Services Provided/Covered

- Assessments and evaluations provided
- Case management
- Information and referral
- Locating Alternate Funding

## AT Devices Provided/Covered

- Aids for Daily Living
- Aids for hearing impaired
- Aids for vision impaired
- Mobility seating/positioning

## **Application Process**

- Call or write the Easter Seals Oklahoma office to request service(s).

## **Pieces of the Puzzle**

- Direct financial assistance for purchase of medical, educational supplies, and/or equipment for children and adults with all types of disabilities. This includes assistance with mobility devices such as wheelchairs, walkers, prosthetic devices, medical vision, and sensory processing equipment.
- All financial assistance is subject to availability of funds.

# HIKE Fund Inc.

## Purpose

The HIKE Fund, Inc. is a non-profit organization that is a philanthropic project of Job's Daughters International. The purpose of the Fund is to provide hearing devices for children with hearing loss between the ages of newborn and 20 whose parents are unable to meet this special need financially. An estimated 100 children are provided with hearing devices each year. The Fund has awarded many types of devices including, but not limited to, hearing aids, FM systems, tactile units, alerting systems, and specialized sports equipment, to aid children with hearing loss in communication.

## Contact(s)

The HIKE Fund Inc,  
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530 Elliott Street  
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503-0202  
(712) 325-0812  
Email: [johnhauser11@gmail.com](mailto:johnhauser11@gmail.com)  
[www.thehikefund.org](http://www.thehikefund.org)

## Financial Criteria

See "Eligibility"

## Eligibility

- The child must be a U.S. citizen between the ages of 0-20;
- the need for a hearing device is verified by a prescription from an audiologist or physician;
- the family must have a financial need; and
- the child can only receive the HIKE fund once every 4 years.

## AT Services Provided/Covered

- No AT services are provided or covered

## AT Devices Provided/Covered

- Aids for Hearing Impaired

## Application Process

- Contact the HIKE Fund for an application.

## **Pieces of the Puzzle**

- Each application is weighed on its own merit, and the application requires a letter from the applicant's family, which is an important part of the application. Considerations include:
  - family income;
  - size of household;
  - burdensome medical expenses for the applicant; and
  - cost of the hearing technology requested.
- The HIKE Fund does not accept applications for services or devices that have already been fitted.
- Families will be notified of the receipt of their application and of any additional information, if any, that will be required.

# Habitat for Humanity International

## Purpose

Habitat for Humanity International (HFH) is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty and substandard housing from the face of the earth, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. People from all walks of life come together in equal partnership to build relationships and a sense of community as well as new housing. HFH builds and rehabilitates homes with the help of the homeowner, volunteer labor, management expertise and tax-deductible donations. HFH houses are sold or renovated at no profit, and are financed with affordable, no interest loans. Habitat works on accessible housing needs with families who have members who have a disability or aging.

## Contact(s)

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Administrative Headquarters  
Habitat for Humanity International  
270 Peachtree St., NW  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
(800) 422-4828  
[www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org)

## Financial Criteria

- Ability to pay loan. Each chapter sets criteria.

## Eligibility

- Eligibility is based on the applicant's level of need, ability to repay the loan, and willingness to become a partner with HFH. Each affiliate will require "sweat equity" hours (hours of the applicant's own labor). "Creative sweat equity" that fits the ability of the applicant can be arranged.

## AT Services Provided/Covered

- No AT services are provided or covered.

## AT Devices Provided/Covered

- Home modifications
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## **Application Process**

- Contact your local HFH. Each affiliate has different requirements.
- The process usually includes: an application, interviews and home visits. All information is reviewed by the Family Selection Committee and sent to the Board of Directors for possible approval. After approval, applicants start their sweat equity hours.
- HFH is nondiscriminatory in its family selection process.

## **Pieces of the Puzzle**

- HFH provides home modifications and accessible housing for Partner Families' homes selected by local affiliate.
- Home modifications are not the main mission of HFH; however, they may be provided on a case-by-case basis
- To locate a locate Habitat for Humanity affiliate go to:  
[www.habitat.org/local/affiliate?zip=&title=&area+OK&country=US&=Search](http://www.habitat.org/local/affiliate?zip=&title=&area+OK&country=US&=Search)



# Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)

Central Oklahoma Chapter

## Purpose

Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) and its members strive to improve the quality of life to individuals who are hard of hearing through education, advocacy and self-help. The primary purpose of HLAA is to educate people who are hard of hearing, their families and friends, co-workers, teachers, industry, government, and others about hearing loss. HLAA provides adults and children with tools for self help; sensitizes the general population about the special needs of people who have hearing loss; and promotes understanding of the nature, causes, complications, and remedies of hearing loss, as well as ways to cope with it in daily life.

## Contact(s)

Nancy Landrum

Hearing Loss Association

Integrus Third Age Life Center

5100 N Brookline Ave., Ste 100

Oklahoma City, OK 73112

(405) 717-9820

<http://okchearingloss.publishpath.com/>

Hearing Helpers Room

(405) 717-9820

## Financial Criteria

- None

## Eligibility

- Persons of all ages with hearing loss and their family members

## AT Services Provided/Covered

- Information & Referral
- Training for Consumer & Family
- Advocacy/Other
- Loan Closet

## AT Devices Provided/Covered

- No devices provided or covered.

## **Application Process**

- There is no application necessary to use the Hearing Helpers Room.

## **Pieces of the Puzzle**

- The Hearing Helpers Room is staffed by volunteers and is open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Come & see listening devices and try them out with NO obligation. Hearing Helpers is not a vendor; therefore, does not sell the devices.
- HLA partners with Oklahoma ABLE Tech to provide an assistive technology device demonstration center and short-term equipment loan program. The demonstration center can assist a person or small group of individuals the opportunity to explore one or more assistive technology devices to assist in the decision-making process about device purchase or utilization. The short-term loan program provides the opportunity to borrow assistive technology devices to help individuals make an informed decision before purchasing, ensure compatibility between the device and user, have back-up equipment while waiting for repairs, or have a device while waiting for new equipment. ABLE Tech devices improve quality of life and help restore independence.
- A small deposit is required for the short-term equipment loan program.
- HLAA of Central Oklahoma accepts donations of used hearing aids that will be recycled for individuals in need.

# Hearts for Hearing Foundation

## Purpose

Hearts for Hearing Foundation provide the expertise, services and programs for individuals with hearing loss and their families. They provide the first set of hearing aids for children in Oklahoma with significant bilateral hearing loss under the age of five years old. Additionally, Hearts for Hearing provides an array of audiology and speech-language services for children that include evaluations, therapy, hearing aid fitting, and cochlear implant services. Adults with significant hearing loss can also receive comprehensive audiological services including evaluations, dispensing of hearing aids and assisted listening devices, cochlear implant services and auditory habilitation.

## Contact(s)

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Oklahoma City, OK 73112  
(405) 548-4300 Children  
(405) 548-4335 Adults  
FAX: (405) 548-4350  
[www.heartsforhearing.org/](http://www.heartsforhearing.org/)

## Financial Criteria

- Based on individual need

## Eligibility

- Contact for specific eligibility

## AT Services Provided/Covered

- Advocacy/Other
- Information & Referral
- Training for Consumer & Family
- Loan Closet

## AT Devices Provided/Covered

- Aids for hearing impaired

## **Application Process**

- Contact Hearts for Hearing to make an appointment.
- An application for financial assistance with the funding of hearing aids, ear molds, audiological services, auditory-verbal therapy or education must have:
  - a completed signed application;
  - the most recent Federal income tax returns;
  - a current picture of the applicant or child in need; and
  - a \$25 non-refundable processing fee.

# **J.D. McCarty Center**

## **Purpose**

The mission of the J.D. McCarty Center is to provide a comprehensive program of rehabilitative care to Oklahoma's children (ages 0-21) with developmental disabilities. The Center provides a multi-disciplinary approach to service delivery, which will enable children with developmental disabilities to maximize their potential and enhance their quality of life. The J.D. McCarty Center offers a large variety of services some of which include: physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language therapy, psychological services, nutritional counseling, aquatic therapy, sensory integration, feeding and swallowing disorders, equipment evaluations, and social work services.

## **Contact(s)**

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Norman, OK 73070  
(405) 307-2800  
(800) 777-1272  
FAX: (405) 307-2801  
[www.idmc.org](http://www.idmc.org)

## **Financial Criteria**

- None

## **Eligibility**

- Children with a developmental disability age birth to 21;
- J.D. McCarty staff determine appropriate services to be delivered based on screening of children; and
- Medicaid and private insurance are acceptable methods of payment.

## **AT Services Provided/Covered**

- Assessments & Evaluations
- Maintenance & Repairs
- Case Management
- Training for Consumer & Family
- Information & Referral
- Advocacy/Other
- Fabrication of Devices
- Inpatient, Outpatient, School Contracts, Summer Camps

## **AT Devices Provided/Covered**

- No AT devices are provided or covered.

## **Application Process**

- Complete required health forms at the time of initial screening

## **Appeals Process**

- When a child or family member has a conflict they are encouraged to discuss their concerns with the charge nurse, therapist or case manager to resolve the issue informally.
- The conflict will then be referred to the patient advocate, who will attempt to resolve the matter by assisting the child or family member in filing a formal grievance.

## **Pieces of the Puzzle**

- The center is licensed as a specialized pediatric rehabilitative hospital and has 36 inpatient beds.
- The average length of stay is approximately one month.

# Limbs for Life Foundation

## Purpose

The mission of the Limbs for Life Foundation is dedicated to providing fully functional prosthetic care for individuals who cannot otherwise afford it and raising awareness of the challenges facing amputees. Limbs for Life operates a limb bank for collection of gently-used limbs for free distribution to qualified amputees.

## Contact(s)

Lucy Fraser, Executive Director  
Limbs for Life Foundation  
9604 N. May Ave.  
Oklahoma City, OK 73104  
(405) 843-5174  
(888) 235-5462  
FAX: (405) 843-5123  
[www.limbsforlife.org](http://www.limbsforlife.org)

## Financial Criteria

- Based on individual need

## Eligibility

- Lower limb prosthetic care to amputees who are U.S. citizen or legal residents who have no other means of obtaining a lower limb.

## AT Services Provided/Covered

- Information & Referral
- Maintenance & Repair
- Advocacy/Other
- Fabrication of Devices
- Training for Consumer & Family

## AT Devices Provided/Covered

- No AT devices are provided or covered.

## Application Process

- Applicants must fill out an application. Printable applications are available on the Limbs for Life website.

## **Pieces of the Puzzle**

- Limbs for Life has a waiting list of clients who have been approved for funding. It often takes several months before you receive confirmation to proceed with fittings, etc. to move forward with getting your prosthesis.
- Limbs for Life encourages individuals to apply for other funding sources first. If a client receives any other form of assistance, he/she cannot qualify for funding from Limbs for Life.



# Limeades for Learning

## Purpose

Limeades for Learning is a national initiative of SONIC Drive-In to support U.S. public school teachers in local communities. In partnership with DonorsChoose.org, SONIC will provide essential funds needed for learning materials and innovative teaching techniques to inspire creativity and learning in today's youth. SONIC fans get to vote on their favorite projects, and the winning projects get funded.

## Contact(s)

[www.limeadesforlearning.com](http://www.limeadesforlearning.com)

## Financial Criteria

- None

## Eligibility

- Any U.S. public, magnet or charter school teacher who registers, or is currently registered, as a SONIC Teacher on DonorsChoose.org., and
- must be a full-time educator at a public school (employed by the district), spending at least 75% of your time working directly with students.

## AT Services Provided/Covered

- No AT devices are provided or covered

## AT Devices Provided/Covered

- Aids for Hearing Impaired
- Aids for Vision Impaired
- Mobility Seating/Positioning
- Environmental Adaptations
- Learning & Developmental
- Speech Communication

## Application Process

- Teachers must register on-line at DonorsChoose.org

## Pieces of the Puzzle

- Teacher proposals are funded based on the number of votes received by visiting the website. Voting is limited to a designated timeframe each fall; check the website for the exact dates.
- Teachers must register and submit their proposal early each school year to ensure that their projects can be reviewed and posted in time for voting.
- All requested resources must be used by students or directly provide a student experience.
- [DonorsChoose.org](https://www.donorschoose.org) will not accept requests for labor, capital improvements or vehicle purchases.
- SONIC will fund a maximum of \$450 toward a winning project.
- This program is not designed to specifically fund assistive technology, however any proposal can be submitted that would assist the local teacher to get what is needed.

# Multiple Sclerosis Association of America

## Purpose

The Multiple Sclerosis Association of America (MSAA) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving lives today. MSAA provides ongoing support and direct services to individuals with MS, their families, and their care partners.

## Contact(s)

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14902 Preston Rd  
Ste 404-345  
Dallas, TX 75254  
(800) 532-7667 x 137  
FAX: (860) 646-4849  
Email: [southcentral@msassociation.org](mailto:southcentral@msassociation.org)

MSAA National Headquarters  
Melissa Young, Manager of Client Services  
375 Kings Highway North  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034  
(856) 488-4500  
(800) 532-7667  
FAX: (856) 661-9797  
Email: [MSquestions@mymsaa.org](mailto:MSquestions@mymsaa.org)  
[www.msaa.com](http://www.msaa.com)

## Financial Criteria

- For certain programs and services, income limits may apply.

## Eligibility

- No fees are charged for MSAA services;
- Physician's written confirmation of diagnosis of MS; and
- for certain programs and services, income limits may apply.

## AT Services Provided/Covered

- Information & Referral
- Training for Consumers & Family
- MRI's

## **AT Devices Provided/Covered**

- Aids for Daily Living
- Mobility Seating/Positioning

## **Application Process**

- To apply for a MSAA program or service, contact (800) 532-7667, or download the Program Application from the website.

## **Pieces of the Puzzle**

- MSAA distributes cooling suits (vest and cooler unit), which are available to patients who qualify. MS research has proven that cooling the body can help lessen the negative effects of heat and humidity on a person with MS.
- The MSAA Equipment Distribution Program offer clients products designed to improve their safety, dignity, mobility, and independence. MSAA provides these products at no charge and ships directly to the client. Items distributed through the program include a variety of bathroom and home safety products such as shower chairs, grab bars and hand rails, as well as, mobility devices including canes, walkers, and wheelchairs. Those applying to the program must include a doctor's prescription that confirms the person's diagnosis of multiple sclerosis.

# Muscular Dystrophy Association

Western & Eastern Oklahoma

## Purpose

MDA combats neuromuscular diseases through programs of worldwide research, comprehensive medical and support services, and far-reaching professional and public health education. MDA's comprehensive services program includes diagnostic and follow-up medical consultations, flu shots, support groups, MDA summer camps for youngsters, a national medical equipment program, assistance with equipment repairs and modifications, and resource referrals.

## Contact(s)

Oklahoma City Office

Sarah Bailey, Health Care Services Coordinator

5601 NW 72nd, Ste 124

Oklahoma City, OK 73132

(405) 722-8001

FAX: (405) 722-1602

Email: [oklahomacitya@mdausa.org](mailto:oklahomacitya@mdausa.org)

Tulsa Office

Becky Prine, Exe. Director

5840 S Memorial Dr #307

Tulsa, OK 74145

(918) 749-7997

FAX: (918) 749-3725

Email: [tulsa@mdausa.org](mailto:tulsa@mdausa.org)

[www.mda.org](http://www.mda.org)

## Financial Criteria

- None

## Eligibility

- Client must be diagnosed with one of the 43 neuromuscular diseases covered by the association and be a permanent resident of the United States.

## **AT Services Provided/Covered**

- Information & Referral
- Loan Closet
- Neuromuscular center, which offers assessments, evaluations, and medical care
- Locating Alternate Funding
- Financial assistance with the maintenance and repair of wheelchairs; scooters; leg braces; and communication devices.

## **AT Devices Provided/Covered**

- Aids for Daily Living
- Speech Communication
- Mobility Seating/Positioning

## **Application Process**

- Once a firm diagnosis is established, the individual can contact the local office to determine eligibility for services.

## **Pieces of the Puzzle**

- MDA's national equipment program is open to anyone, regardless of age, employment or insurance coverage, for whom medical equipment has been recommended and prescribed by an MDA clinic doctor in relation to a neuromuscular disease diagnosis. To the extent feasible and when available, the program provides gently used wheelchairs and other medical equipment, such as shower chairs, hospital beds, walkers and canes, communication devices and similar items.
- MDA is able to make minor repairs to gently used items. Contact the local MDA office.

# National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS)

## Purpose

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society addresses the challenges of each person affected by MS. To fulfill this mission, the Society funds cutting-edge research, drives change through advocacy, facilitates professional education, collaborates with MS organizations around the world, and provides programs and services designed to help people with MS and their families move forward with their lives. The National MS Society provides information and referral services for people with multiple sclerosis (MS) and their families. The National MS Society offers a financial assistance program for members who need to purchase, repair or upgrade durable medical equipment.

## Contact(s)

Danielle Morrison

National MS Society

4606 E 67th, Bldg 7 Ste 103

Tulsa, OK 74136

(918) 488-0882

(800) 344-4867

<http://www.nationalmssociety.org/OKE>

## Financial Criteria

- None

## Eligibility

- Persons with MS who are registered with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and must have a doctor's prescription.

## AT Services Provided/Covered

- Information & Referral
- Maintenance & Repairs
- Advocacy/Other
- Educational Opportunity for Consumer & Family

## AT Devices Provided/Covered

- Mobility Seating/Positioning
- Lift Chairs

## **Application Process**

- Call the NMSS at (800) 344-4867 option 1, access services.

## **Pieces of the Puzzle**

- Call for more information.
- Program not income based.



# NewView Oklahoma

## Purpose

NewView Oklahoma is a private, not-for-profit organization founded in 1949 with a mission to empower people who are blind and visually impaired to achieve their maximum level of independence through employment, rehabilitation and community outreach.

## Contact(s)

Oklahoma City Low Vision Clinic

Laura Warren

710 W Wilshire, Ste 102

Oklahoma City, OK 73116

(405) 286-9699

(855) 811-9699

FAX: (405) 286-9828

[www.newviewoklahoma.org](http://www.newviewoklahoma.org)

Tulsa Low Vision Center

Cathy Holden

5986 S Yale Ave

Tulsa, OK 74135

(918) 779-7772

(855) 811-9699

FAX: (918) 779-7794

## Financial Criteria

- None

## Eligibility

- Any Oklahoman may utilize the demonstration center or short-term equipment loan.

## AT Services Provided/Covered

- Advocacy/Other
- Information & Referral
- Training for Consumer & Family
- Loan Closet

## AT Devices Provided/Covered

- Aids for Vision Impaired

## **Application Process**

- Call Oklahoma City (405) 232-4644 or Tulsa (918) 779-7772 to schedule an appointment with a Vision Rehabilitation Specialist.

## **Pieces of the Puzzle**

- NewView partners with Oklahoma ABLE Tech to provide an assistive technology device demonstration center and short-term equipment loan program at both Oklahoma City and Tulsa Low Vision Centers. The demonstration centers can assist a person or small group of individuals the opportunity to explore one or more assistive technology devices to assist in the decision-making process about device purchase or utilization. The short-term loan program provides the opportunity to borrow assistive technology devices to help individuals make an informed decision before purchasing, ensure compatibility between the device and user, have back-up equipment while waiting for repairs, or have a device while waiting for new equipment. ABLE Tech devices improve quality of life and help restore independence.

# Oklahoma Educational Technology Trust

## Purpose

The mission of the Oklahoma Educational Technology Trust (OETT) is to equip Oklahoma common school and Career Tech students with the technology and technological skills necessary to compete in the global marketplace. The Trust provides funds for computer and telecommunications equipment, infrastructure, leadership and professional development to implement and advance integration of technology into classroom instruction. AT&T Oklahoma provided \$30 million in initial funding for the Trust in 2001.

## Contact(s)

Susan Graves  
Executive Director  
2932 N.W. 122nd, Ste D  
Oklahoma City, OK 73120  
(405) 488-1450  
(877) 689-7726  
[www.oett.org/](http://www.oett.org/)

## Financial Criteria

- None

## Eligibility

- All schools and/or districts whose superintendents and/or administrators have completed K20 Leadership are eligible to apply for FY16 OETT technology grant awards unless the specific school/district is a previous grant recipient.

## AT Services Provided/Covered

- No AT services provided or covered

## AT Devices Provided/Covered

- Computers & Related

## **Application Process**

- The OETT annually establishes a grant timeline that begins in December. The timeline includes:
  - official grant announcement;
  - grant application deadline; and
  - grant recipient notification.
- Grant application guidelines and submission are located on the website at: [www.oett.org/](http://www.oett.org/)

## **Pieces of the Puzzle**

- Each OETT grant awardee will receive a maximum of \$40,000, which includes technology equipment and up to \$4,000 in staff release time, plus over \$25,000 of professional development provided by the K20 Center at the University of Oklahoma.
- The Trust shall be operated for the exclusive benefit of the common and Career Tech schools and the funds distributed from the Trust shall not be applied for any administrative or salary expenses of any Oklahoma educational institution.
- The OETT grant can be used to purchase assistive technology to be used by special education students.

# Pathways Therapy Center

## Purpose

Pathways Therapy Center is dedicated to providing occupational and speech therapy services to facilitate people on their journey to reaching their optimal potentials. They primarily see children from birth through 16 years of age for occupational and speech therapy. Evaluations revolve around the concerns of the clients and their family members and include informal analyses in addition to standardized assessment, which research shows to be a better indicator of deficit and prognosis. Pathways Therapy also serve persons of all ages for Craniosacral Therapy and Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Therapy services.

## Contact(s)

Sandra Wright  
Pathways Therapy Center  
4157 S Harvard, Ste 117  
Tulsa, Ok 74135  
(918) 712-7868  
FAX: (918) 878-7920  
EMAIL: [contact@pathwaystherapycenter.com](mailto:contact@pathwaystherapycenter.com)  
<http://www.pathwaystherapycenter.com/>

## Financial Criteria

- None

## Eligibility

- Any Oklahoman may utilize the demonstration center or short-term equipment loan.

## AT Services Provided/Covered

- Advocacy/Other
- Information & Referral
- Training for Consumer & Family
- Loan Closet

## AT Devices Provided/Covered

- Aids for Daily Living
- Speech Communication

## Application Process

- Call (918) 712-7868 to schedule an appointment.

## **Pieces of the Puzzle**

Pathways partners with Oklahoma ABLE Tech to provide an assistive technology device demonstration center and short-term equipment loan program. The demonstration centers can assist a person or small group of individuals the opportunity to explore one or more assistive technology devices to assist in the decision-making process about device purchase or utilization. The short-term loan program provides the opportunity to borrow assistive technology devices to help individuals make an informed decision before purchasing, ensure compatibility between the device and user, have back-up equipment while waiting for repairs, or have a device while waiting for new equipment. ABLE Tech devices improve quality of life and help restore independence.

# **Sertoma Hearing Aid Recycling Program (SHARP)**

Total Source for Hearing Loss and Access (TSHA)

## **Purpose**

SHARP is a non-profit program funded by the Sertoma civic clubs. They accept donations of used hearing aids. These hearing aids are then recycled to provide hearing aids to qualified low-income people living in Oklahoma for a one-time fee.

## **Contact(s)**

Diana Higgins,

SHARP

c/o TSHA

8740 E 11th St, Ste A

Tulsa, OK 74142

(918) 832-8742 (V/TTY)

(888) 311-3523 (V/TTY) (Oklahoma Only)

FAX: (918) 834-4329

<http://www.tsha.cc/resources/>

## **Financial Criteria**

- Low Income

## **Eligibility**

- Live in Oklahoma or reside in the four specific counties in Kansas; Montgomery, Labette, Wilson or Chautauqua;
- have a hearing loss of at least 30 db in the better ear; and
- low income.

## **AT Services Provided/Covered**

- Advocacy/Other
- Information & Referral

## **AT Devices Provided/Covered**

- Aids for Hearing Impaired

## **Application Process**

- Complete the application form available on the website, or contact TSHA. Application process is also available on the website.
- Must be willing to document financial need with tax returns, check stubs, etc.
- If currently residing in a nursing home, complete and return the Nursing Home Questionnaire.
- Attach your \$50 processing fee with your application or request a fee waiver in writing, on application. (Fee will be returned in the event you are determined ineligible).
- Attach a copy of a recent (within 6 months) hearing evaluation by an audiologist.
- Take care of any medical problems indicated by the hearing evaluation.

## **Pieces of the Puzzle**

- Make an appointment with an audiologist to receive a thorough hearing evaluation. A list of participating SHARP audiologists is available by contacting SHARP.
- Many audiologists can file with Medicare to cover a portion of the testing cost.
- The one-time \$50 processing fee helps stretch the civic club funds as far as possible. However, Sertoma does not want the fee to prevent anyone who needs a hearing aid from applying. If the applicant cannot afford the fee, please note on the application "Please consider me for a fee waiver." The Board will consider this request.
- Wait for notice of approval by the SHARP Board. Since this is an all-volunteer board, they meet once a month. All applications received during the previous month will be considered at that time.
- If an applicant is denied for any reason the \$50 fee will be refunded.
- Return the aid to SHARP if it is no longer being used, so someone else can benefit from the aid.



# The Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital

## Purpose

The Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital (TCCRH) is a private, non-profit hospital that offers a wide range of medical services, comprehensive rehabilitative care, special education, and social services to children with complex medical needs. TCCRH offers four main areas of service: Complex Care, Pediatric Medical Rehabilitation, Outpatient Therapy Services, and the Pediatric Clinic. The dedicated staff of over 500 employees is focused on maximizing the potential of each child.

## Contact(s)

Becky Vogt or Erin March  
6800 NW 39th Expressway  
Bethany, OK 73008  
(405) 789-6711  
FAX (405) 440-6750  
[www.miracleshappenhere.org](http://www.miracleshappenhere.org)

## Financial Criteria

- None

## Eligibility

- Children age birth to 18.

## AT Services Provided/Covered

- Assessments & Evaluations
- Maintenance & Repairs
- Case Management
- Training for Consumer & Family
- Information & Referral
- Advocacy/Other
- Fabrication of Devices

## AT Devices Provided/Covered

- No AT devices are provided or covered.

## Application Process

- Physician referral is required. Complete required health forms at the time of initial screening or admissions.

## **Pieces of the Puzzle**

- TCCRH partners with Oklahoma ABLE Tech to provide an assistive technology device demonstration center and short-term equipment loan program. The demonstration center can assist a person or small group of individuals the opportunity to explore one or more assistive technology devices to assist in the decision-making process about device purchase or utilization. The short-term loan program provides the opportunity to borrow assistive technology devices to help individuals make an informed decision before purchasing, ensure compatibility between the device and user, have back-up equipment while waiting for repairs, or have a device while waiting for new equipment. ABLE Tech devices improve quality of life and help restore independence.

# Total Source for Hearing Loss & Access (TSHA)

## Purpose

Total Source for Hearing-loss and Access (TSHA ) located in Tulsa is a non-profit organization. The focus at TSHA is to equip deaf and hard of hearing with tools they need to live independently. TSHA provides information and comprehensive support programs for those who have a hearing loss. In addition, TSHA also provides services for interested individuals: family, friends, employers, and employees who want to learn sign language. TSHA offers advocacy, sign language classes, support groups and information.

## Contact(s)

Jennifer Boss  
8740 E 11th St., Ste A  
Tulsa, OK 74112  
(918) 832-8742 (V/TTY)  
(888) 311-3523 (V/TTY)  
[www.tsha.cc](http://www.tsha.cc)

## Financial Criteria

- None

## Eligibility

- Any Oklahoman with a hearing loss.

## AT Services Provided/Covered

- Advocacy/Other
- Information & Referral
- Training for Consumer & Family
- Loan Closet

## AT Devices Provided/Covered

- Aids for Hearing Impaired

## Application Process

- Physician referral is required. Complete required health forms at the time of initial screening or admissions.

## **Pieces of the Puzzle**

- TSHA has gathered a list of resources, organizations, and events that may be helpful for individuals with a hearing loss.
- TSHA partners with Oklahoma ABLE Tech to provide an assistive technology device demonstration center and short-term equipment loan program. The demonstration center can assist a person or small group of individuals the opportunity to explore one or more assistive technology devices to assist in the decision-making process about device purchase or utilization. The short-term loan program provides the opportunity to borrow assistive technology devices to help individuals make an informed decision before purchasing, ensure compatibility between the device and user, have back-up equipment while waiting for repairs, or have a device while waiting for new equipment. ABLE Tech devices improve quality of life and help restore independence.
- A small deposit is required for the short-term equipment loan program.

# United Way Hearing Aid Bank (UWHAB)

## Purpose

The United Way Hearing Aid Bank (UWHAB) Clinic assists individuals with limited income in purchasing new, high end, digital hearing aids at the reduced price of \$350 per hearing aid. The program is a collaborative effort among the United Way of Central Oklahoma, Starkey Hearing Instruments and the Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders in the College of Allied Health.

## Contact(s)

Carole Johnson, AuD., PhD

Professor & Chair

825 NE 14th St

Oklahoma City, OK 73104

(405) 271-2866

[http://www.ah.ouhsc.edu/csd/unitedway\\_clinic.asp](http://www.ah.ouhsc.edu/csd/unitedway_clinic.asp)

## Financial Criteria

- Must meet low income guidelines of total monthly income and number of members in the household.

## Eligibility

- Meet the salary qualifications as outlined in the application;
- reside in one of the counties served by the Central Oklahoma United Way (Canadian, Cleveland, Kingfisher, Lincoln, Logan, Oklahoma or Pottawatomie); and
- be at least 18 years of age or older.

## AT Services Provided/Covered

- Information & Referral
- Maintenance & Repair
- Auditory Rehabilitation

## AT Devices Provided/Covered

- Aids for Hearing Impaired

## Application Process

- To apply for the UWHAB clinic, please call (405) 271-2866 or click the application link here.

## **Pieces of the Puzzle**

- Qualified individuals will receive a free diagnostic hearing test. The diagnostic hearing test is used to quantify the extent of the hearing impairment. Qualified individuals will be counseled regarding the use of amplification and recommendations are made. Once an individual has selected to purchase hearing aid(s), the patient is set up with a hearing aid fitting appointment. The hearing aid fitting appointment time is used to customize the hearing aid(s) for the patient. Follow up appointments are also available to the patient at no charge. Cerumen (ear wax) management is not provided.
- John W. Keys Speech and Hearing Center partners with Oklahoma ABLE Tech to provide an assistive technology device demonstration center and short-term equipment loan program. The demonstration center can assist a person or small group of individuals the opportunity to explore one or more assistive technology devices to assist in the decision-making process about device purchase or utilization. The short-term loan program provides the opportunity to borrow assistive technology devices to help individuals make an informed decision before purchasing, ensure compatibility between the device and user, have back-up equipment while waiting for repairs, or have a device while waiting for new equipment. ABLE Tech devices improve quality of life and help restore independence.

# Vehicle Mobility Assistance Program

## Purpose

Chrysler, Ford, GM, Saturn and many other automobile manufacturers offer “Mobility Programs” established to provide rebates to drivers with disabilities for the installation of adaptive equipment in any new vehicle, whether purchased or leased. Most lifts and carriers are eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the mobility programs as listed below. There may also be state and federal programs available to financially assist with wheelchair carrier or scooter lift purchase. Contact ABLE Tech for more information.

## Contact(s)

The Chrysler AutoMobility Program

(800) 255-9877

[http://www.chryslerauto\\_mobility.com/](http://www.chryslerauto_mobility.com/)

Ford Mobility Motoring Program

(800) 952-2248

[http://www.fordmobility\\_motoring.com/](http://www.fordmobility_motoring.com/)

GM Mobility Reimbursement Program

(800) 323-9935

(800) 833-9935 (TTY)

<http://www.gmmobility.com/>

The Toyota Mobility Program

(800) 331-4331

(800) 443-4999 (TTY)

<http://www.toyotamobility.com/>

Lexus Mobility Assistance Program

(800) 255-3987

(800) 443-4999 (TTY)

[http://www.lexus.com/models/LS/accessories/mobility\\_program.html](http://www.lexus.com/models/LS/accessories/mobility_program.html)

Honda Customer Mobility Assistance Program

(800) 999-1009

<http://automobiles.honda.com/information/mobility-assistance.aspx>

Acura Mobility Program

(800) 382-2238

<http://www.acura.com/MobilityOverview.aspx>

Hyundai Mobility Program

(800) 633-5151

<https://www.hyundaiusa.com/financial-tools/mobility-program.aspx>

## **Financial Criteria**

- None

## **Eligibility**

- Each company has different eligibility requirements. Contact the individual companies for these requirements.
- A prescription or letter from a licensed medical doctor on physician's letterhead may be required for reimbursement. For some types of adaptations, such as hand controls and wheelchair or scooter hoists, the requirements for a medical note or prescription will be waived.

## **AT Services Provided/Covered**

- Information & Referral

## **AT Devices Provided/Covered**

- Vehicle Modifications.

## **Application Process**

- Contact the individual automobile company to inquire about their application process and policies.

## **Pieces of the Puzzle**

- Chrysler will provide a reimbursement to each eligible customer who installs qualifying adaptive driver or passenger equipment on a purchased or leased new Chrysler, Dodge, Ram, Jeep® or FIAT vehicle. Conversions to minivans may be reimbursed up to \$1,000.
- Ford offers financial assistance up to \$1,000 for installation of adaptive equipment, and up to \$200 on alert hearing devices, lumbar support and running boards on new Ford, Mercury or Lincoln vehicle purchases or leases.
- Under the GM Mobility Reimbursement Program, a customer may be reimbursed up to \$1,000 of the cost of any eligible after market adaptive equipment when installed on any eligible purchased or leased new Buick, Chevrolet, or GMC vehicles.
- Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. provides reimbursement up to \$1,000 to each eligible, original retail customer, for the exact cost they paid to purchase and install qualifying adaptive driving or passenger equipment. In addition, the Toyota Sienna is now available with the industry first factory installed power rotating lift-up Auto Access Seat.
- Lexus will provide a reimbursement up to \$1,000 to each eligible, original retail customer for the exact cost they paid to purchase and install qualifying adaptive driving or passenger equipment for transporting persons with physical disabilities. This offer applies to all purchased or leased Lexus vehicles. Leased vehicles require advance written approval of adaptive equipment installations.



- Honda will provide a reimbursement up to \$1,000 to each eligible, original retail customer for expenses incurred to purchase and install qualifying adaptive equipment on any eligible purchased or leased Honda vehicle.
- Acura supports the mobility needs of drivers and passengers with physical disabilities. With the purchase or lease of an Acura vehicle, the buyer will be provided with a cash reimbursement up to \$1,000 of the cost of aftermarket adaptive equipment that is installed on any eligible vehicle.
- Hyundai provides for the mobility needs of drivers and passengers with physical disabilities. With the purchase or lease of a Hyundai vehicle, the customer will be provided with a cash reimbursement up to \$1,000 of the cost of aftermarket adaptive equipment that is installed on any eligible vehicle.