



Region 3 AT Center

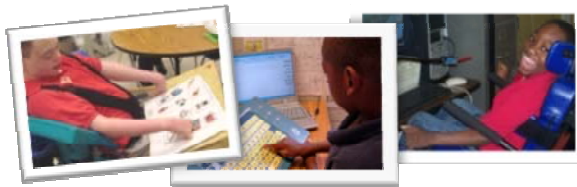
A PROJECT OF THE LOUISIANA ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

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CREATING ACCESS FOR ALL

The Access Guide is now live!!!! This online resource provides a variety of suggestions, resources, and tools to maximize the likelihood of higher academic achievement for ALL students, including struggling learners, students with significant disabilities, and those who need added rigor. The Access Guide is a resource that can: facilitate student access to the Louisiana Comprehensive Curriculum, maximize opportunities for academic success, support wide range of student needs, teacher expertise and site resources, support differentiated instruction for all students through strategies, accommodations, technology tools and product options, support modified instruction for students with significant disabilities and provide suggestions ranging from simple enhancements to methods requiring professional development.



The site will expand over time in response to input.

<http://sda.doe.louisiana.gov/AccessGuide/>

(Grades 4th and 8th are currently live)

EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAMS

Need to loan a tool or device? The Region 3 AT Center has a loan program to assist school systems in conducting AT assessments and/or recommending assistive technology for students. This affords the student an opportunity to try the technology before it is purchased for his or her use. Lending Library periods are limited to four weeks. Assistive technology tools/hardware/software is provided only to students with disabilities at the request of the local AT staff.

www.lati3.com/loan_library.htm

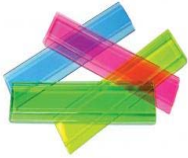
LATAN also offers a device loan program for use by AT users and AT providers. These loans provide the opportunity for individuals to try out equipment before purchase while devices are being repaired or while waiting for equipment to be delivered. Devices available for short-term loan include communication devices, laptops with various types of software, vision aids, mobility aids,, computer access, wheelchairs, eye gaze systems, environmental control units, portable ramps, and others.

www.latan.org/loanDevices.shtml



Low Tech

EYE LIGHTER



The Eye Lighter is a 6" long transparent plastic highlighter with a beveled frosted edge, which you place below the line you are reading. Use to highlight text, track 1-3 lines at a time, and help with focus and concentration.

www.onionmountaintech.com

Mid Tech

LOGAN PROXTALKER



The Logan ProxTalker is a communications device that anyone who uses picture exchange (PECS) to communicate can easily learn. The benefit is increased independence in communication because it actually talks!

www.proxtalker.com/product.html

High Tech

TOBII C8



The perfect choice for anyone in need of a small, lightweight yet powerful communication device. This device provides control and independence all in one. It allows people with communication disabilities to achieve their full potential. They can communicate via text or symbols to generate synthesized or digitized speech for face-to-face interaction or connect through email, text messages or chat.

www.tobii.com

Free Stuff

www.hearwho.com

HearWho.com converts text into speech and saves it as an MP3 file so that you can listen to it on any device capable of playing MP3 files, such as Ipods, PDAs, mobile phones, MP3 players, etc.

www.cameramouse.org

Camera Mouse is a free program that enables you to control the mouse pointer on your computer screen just by moving your head. It is designed to help a person who cannot use their hand to control the mouse but who can voluntarily move their head. All you need is a standard USB webcam and a Windows Vista or XP computer.

<http://jc-schools.net/tutorials/PPT-games/>

PowerPoint game templates that can be downloaded and then customized to fit into your curriculum (ex: Are you Smarter than a Fifth Grader?, Jeopardy, Who Want to be a Millionaire, etc.).

<http://www.papunet.net/games/>

Games, exercises and stories for people of different ages that can be played as pastime learning, entertainment, rehabilitation or teaching. The games can also serve as tools for practicing interaction and communication skills or communication means that support or substitute speech (augmentative and alternative communication, AAC). Most of the games, exercises and stories can be operated by switches using a switch interface.

<http://udltechtoolkit.wikispaces.com>

An awesome wiki that you need to place as a favorite. A comprehensive resource for FREE technology that can be used in your classrooms to provide a Universal Design for Learning experience for your students. They provide links to free tools/solutions for: text-to-speech, graphic organizers, multimedia storytelling, study skills, literacy tools, writing tools, collaborative tools, research tools, math tools, handwriting tools and other strategies.



CUSTOMIZE A WORKSHOP

Need a specific workshop for your school/parish/organization? The Region 3 AT Center provides **FREE** workshops designed to be beneficial to the implementation of assistive technology tools, devices, and software. Workshops are offered to all populations including teachers, special educators, para-educators, administrators, parents, caregivers and service providers. We have many workshops designed that would be beneficial to our Region. However, the area of assistive technology is very broad and we can customize workshops specifically for your school's/parish's/organization's needs. We can offer workshops at our center or come to you. The workshops can be during faculty meetings, professional development days, after school (1 1/2 hours), 1/2 day (3 hours) or a whole day (6 hours). We know that it is sometimes hard for educators to leave their schools and classrooms. In this event we can offer an "AT @ A Glance" at your school. This is a "playground" to explore AT devices, low tech tools, and software. This is a hands-on opportunity to "try before you buy". Learn how to use the principals of Universal Design to ensure equal access to the curriculum for **ALL** of your students. The tools are portable and can be setup in a teacher's lounge or library so that teachers can come and explore and learn on their off hour.

For some example workshops that we offer go to:

www.lati3.com/Documents/PDF/PDFlyer.pdf.

To request a workshop for your school/parish/organization or have any questions, please contact us by email or phone.

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Check us out on the web!
www.lati3.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| March 10, 2009 | Computer Access, R3 AT Center |
| March 12, 2009 | Don't Break the Bank with Accessibility, R3 AT Center |
| March 18, 2009 | LA AIMS Forward, R3 AT Center |
| April 20, 2009 | LATI Summer Institute Registration (OPENS 8am)
http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/CourseByCateg.asp |
| April 29 - May 1, 2009 | Solutions for AT Conference, Baton Rouge
http://www.adaptive-sol.com/conference.php |
| June 22 - 25, 2009 | Autism Summer Institute, New Orleans
http://www.hdc.lsuhs.edu/ASI2009/ |
| July 15 - 17, 2009 | LATI Summer Institute, Baton Rouge |



For more information call or email the R3 AT Center.

To register for trainings at the R3 AT Center go to: www.lati3.com/training.htm