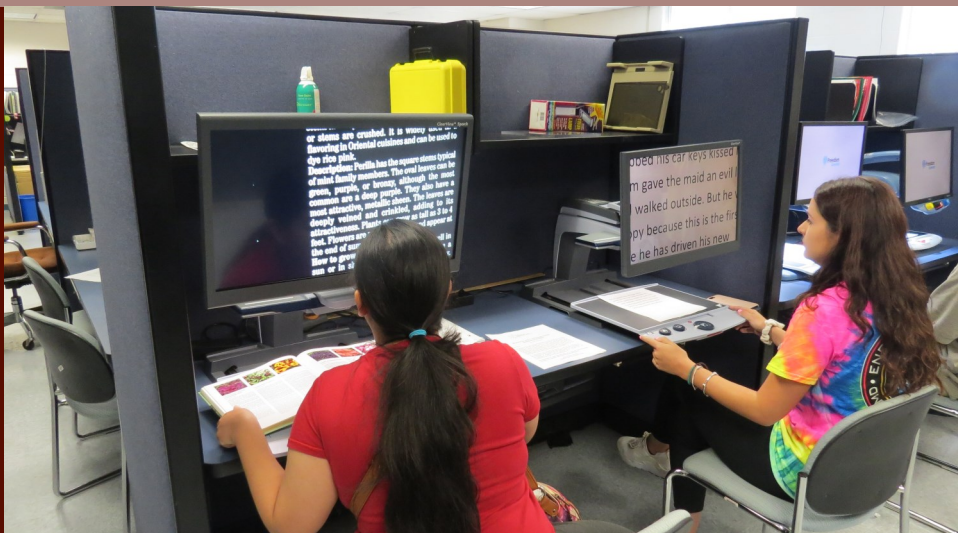


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Assistive technology (AT) is any item, piece of equipment, or software program that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.

Rehabilitation Technology Services (RTS) assists individuals with disabilities to select, acquire and use AT to succeed in the workplace and live independently. AT services provide items, equipment or products that individuals with disabilities can use to do things that might otherwise be difficult or impossible. The services also include training and technical support on the use of the AT hardware and/or software. AT Assessments and training may be held at WTC or in the community.

EXAMPLES OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY INCLUDE:

- Desktop or portable video magnifiers to magnify print documents for individuals with low vision.
- Note taking devices for individuals with visual impairments
- Specialized software that can assist individuals with accessing a computer. For example, someone with limited hand function may use voice recognition software. An individual with blindness may need to use software that reads text on the screen.
- Software and other products to assist individuals with learning disabilities with reading and writing.

AT TRAINING (GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL) MAY INCLUDE:

- JAWS™ Screen Reader software.
- ZoomText™ Magnifier/Reader software.
- Customized training based on consumer needs.

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