



# Assistive Technology

Assistive technology helps people with disabilities and those who are aging live more productive, independent lives. Oak Hill's New England Assistive Technology (NEAT) Center connects people with the latest assistive technology, helping them effectively perform many tasks independently, overcome obstacles, stay safe, and enhance their quality of life.

## Improving Independence

The world is designed for people without disabilities. For individuals who experience vision, speech, hearing, learning, or mobility impairments, there are countless barriers that limit their access to the everyday things that many of us take for granted. Assistive technology gives them access, and these tools can be the lifeline that helps someone attend school or keep their job after an accident, surgery, or illness; or stay in their home and remain independent.

*"When things get hard, you have to remember where you came from and always keep trying."*

~Janice

We also provide Equipment Restoration Services, offering skillfully refurbished, fully sterilized durable medical equipment that

assists people with day-to-day activities that they may have trouble doing on their own because of a chronic illness, injury, short or long-term disability, surgery, or the effects of aging. Durable medical equipment is not always covered by health insurance and, because these items are so expensive, they can be unaffordable for many. Ours is the only program of its kind in Connecticut, providing equipment at extremely discounted rates (the average discount is about 80% off the item's original value.)

## Support for All Abilities

Our highly skilled team works directly with anyone who faces challenges and helps them identify life-changing technology. We also allow individuals to try out a device and even take it home for a while to see how it will work within their own unique setting. This can help them make a more informed decision before investing their money.\*

\* Oak Hill does not sell any devices and we have no stake in individuals selecting specific brands. We provide expertise, experience, information, and resources that enable the user to evaluate their options and make an informed decision. Our only interest is in enhancing the lives of individuals with the correct tools for them.

**We offer services for all ages and all abilities at home, school, and work, including:**

- Assistive Technology Consultations and Evaluations
- Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Consultations, Evaluations, and Coaching
- Smart Home Technology Demonstrations, Assessments, Device Installation, and Training
- Adaptive Gaming Assessments
- Digital and Website Accessibility Consultations and Trainings
- Professional Development for Teachers, Caregivers, Therapists, and Professionals
- Equipment Restoration Services for Durable Medical Equipment Including Repairs, Donations, and Sales

## Membership

Individuals with a disability or over the age of 50 may have a free membership. Provider agencies and Schools may purchase a membership. Benefits include:

- **Professional Development**

9+ hours of free professional development provided annually through in-person and webinar-based sessions and seminars

- **Lending Library**

Exclusive access to items such as, but not limited to: iPads with apps, Eye Gaze, mid-tech communication devices, switch-adapted toys, capability switches, alternative mice and keyboards, etc.

- **Discounts on Services**

NEAT members receive a discount on our full menu of services

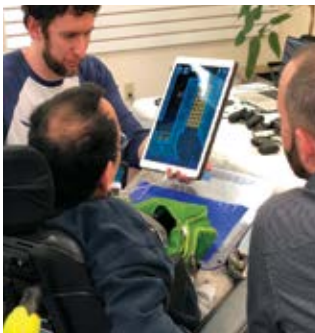
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*“NEAT is such a great resource for this population. It provides us the opportunity to trial different equipment and devices for families who would not otherwise have access to it.”*

~Provider



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