

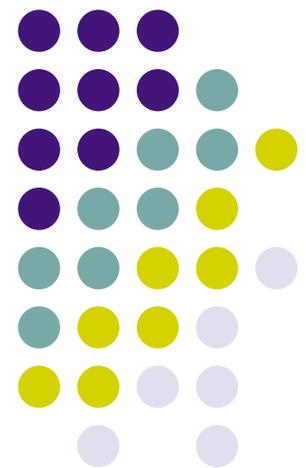
Assistive Technology for Kansans (ATK) Services

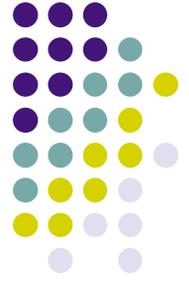
Ombudsman Lunch & Learn Series

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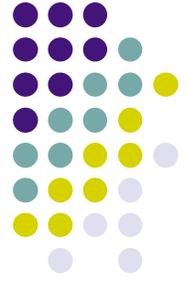




Road Map

- What is AT
- How does AT meet people's needs
- Accessing services

Durable Medical Equipment is AT



- Gait trainers
- Communication devices
- Seating systems
- Prone & supine standers
- Bath & shower chairs
- Patient lifts
- Wheelchairs

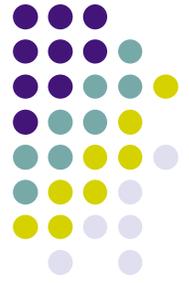


Other Types of AT

- Assistive listening devices
- Vision magnification & Braille devices
- Computer peripherals
- Accessible telephones
- Adapted vehicles
- Modifications for employment
- Memory aids



How Can AT Meet Members' Needs?

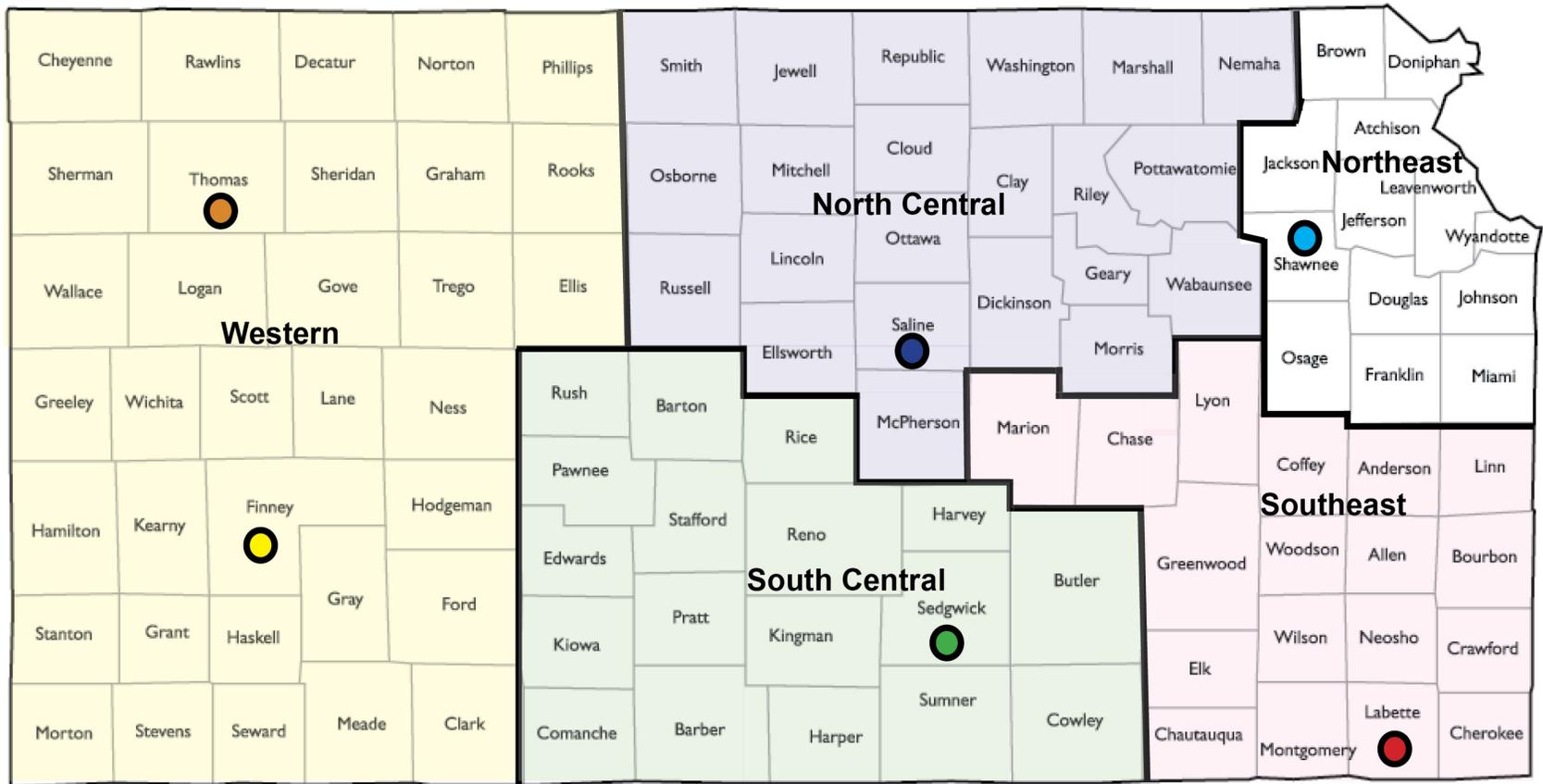


- AT can be used to improve health, increase independence, access to the community, and keep individuals safe in their home.
- A man uses a memory device to get to doctor's appointments and take his medication.
- A woman uses a magnification device to read mail, read prescription labels and directions, and pay bills.
- A young woman uses a communication device to explain to her paraprofessional how to reposition her correctly.



ATK Structure

- ATK is a statewide program.
- KU Life Span Institute – Parsons manages ATK.
- Five regional AT Access Sites and an affiliate office provide the same services in each region.
- Contact your regional AT Access Site or learn more about ATK:
 - 800-526-3648
 - www.atk.ku.edu



**ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR KANSANS AT ACCESS SITES & ATK-KEE REUSE (Kansas Equipment Exchange) NETWORKS
1-800-KAN DO IT (1-800-526-3648)**

 **Western AT Access Site**
The Assistive Technology Department of Northwest
Kansas Educational Service Center
703 West Second St., Oakley, Kansas 67748
PHONE: 800-KAN DO IT or 785-672-3125

 **Southwest Affiliate Office**
ATK-KEE AT affiliate for NKESC
Families Together
1518 Taylor Plaza, Garden City, KS 67846
PHONE: 800-KAN DO IT or 785-673-9609

 **North Central AT Access Site**
OCCK, Inc., Solution Outreach Center
1605 W. Schilling Rd., PO Box 1160
Salina, KS 67401
PHONE: 800-KAN DO IT or 785-827-9383

 **South Central AT Access Site**
Southeast Kansas Independent Living (SKIL)
3033 West Second N, Suite 104
Wichita, KS 67203
PHONE: 800-KAN DO IT or 316-942-5444

 **Northeast AT Access Site**
Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL)
1507 SW 21st Street, Suite 203
Topeka, KS 66604
PHONE: 800-KAN DO IT or 785-267-1717

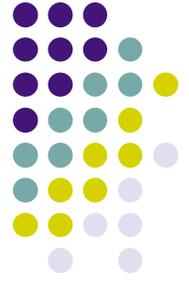
 **Southeast AT Access Site**
Southeast Kansas Independent Living (SKIL)
1714 Main Street, PO Box 957
Parsons, KS 67357
PHONE: 800-KAN DO IT or 620-421-6551



Accessing Services

- ATK has a contract with Kansas Health Policy (KS Medicaid) to provide AT services to Medicaid beneficiaries.
 - ATK Access Site staff work with the beneficiary (MCO member) to write the goal and complete the work.
 - Services can be conducted at the ATK Access Site or the beneficiary's home.
 - ATK bills KS Medicaid directly for the services.

Other Services – Learning about AT

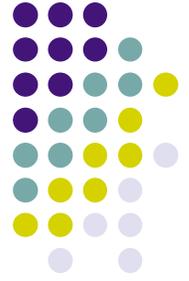


- An **assessment** conducted by ATK staff helps the person determine if an AT device can help overcome a barrier.
- If the individual is interested in a specific device, ATK staff can **demonstrate** that device and similar ones to help him select the right one.
- An individual can **borrow** a device, if available, to try it out before buying it.
- ATK staff can teach an individual how to use and maintain a device if **training** is needed.



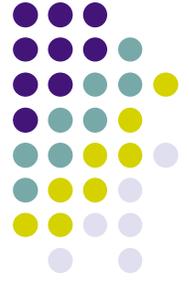
Other Services – Getting AT

- Assistance in **finding public and private funds** for a device can be provided by ATK staff.
- **KEE & ATK Reuse** - Donation and reassignment of quality used AT devices to any Kansan with a disability.
 - KEE - Refurbished durable medical equipment (wheelchairs, scooters, patient lifts, hospital beds, etc.). Provided through a contract with Kansas Medicaid.
 - ATK Reuse – High end, expensive technology (porch lifts, car wheelchair carrier, ceiling lift, etc.)
 - Donations limit the type and number of devices so the ability to match can be limited and doesn't replace the need for new devices from State agencies.



In Summary:

- ATK provides a range of services to Kansans of all ages and disabilities or chronic health conditions.
- ATK has qualified staff who provide comprehensive coverage for the state.
- There appear to be opportunities for ATK and the Care Coordinators from Managed Care Organizations to collaborate.



Questions?

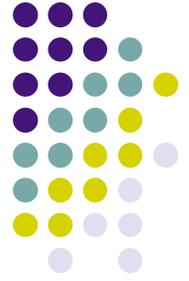
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AT can be even more critical in rural area



- A husband and his wife installed a ceiling lift that allowed him to independently and safely transfer his wife from bedroom to bathroom to living room and to her power wheelchair. ATK staff funded the lift through a Rural Housing Grant and Friends of Man.

AT services may take a few visits



- A couple contacted ATK since the wife was losing her vision. After a device demonstration and borrowing a few devices, she decided a CCTV worked for her. She was taught how to use it over 4 weeks. Now she can read the mail, prescription labels, and pay bills. She's reading magazines and books again. These services kept them safe and independent.



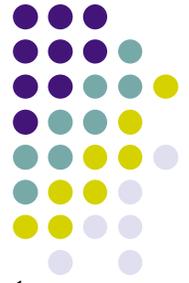


AT supports for a rural lifestyle

- The family of a 78 year old farmer with arthritis knew that he needed some supports to continue to help with harvest and do odd jobs on the farm. With the installation of a retractable, drop step, he could climb into the tractor on his own. Use of a cellphone with basic operation buttons allow the family to stay in touch if problems should arise.



AT may help with memory, security and help caregivers



- ATK staff can research products and share information about inexpensive but valuable safety and memory items.
- Medication reminders & dispensers
- Memory devices with to-do reminders
- Water leak alarms/shut offs
- Anti-scalding sensors
- Pause controls on hand held shower heads
- Timers for stove, appliances
- Vocal smoke detector
- Alarm mat for wandering
- No start car battery switch