

## What is Assistive Technology (AT)?

Devices and services that allow people to function as independently as possible at home, at school, at work and in the community are known as Assistive Technology.

### Assistive Technology includes:

- Wheelchairs and motorized scooters
- Hearing aids
- Magnifiers and other visual aids
- Computers with modifications
- Control/switches for lights, doors and appliances
- Vehicles with lifts or hand controls
- Home modifications (for example, kitchen or bath redesign, ramps and/or widened doorways)

Wisconsin's first stop for AT

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

## Connecting customers and professionals with a statewide network of AT resources

### Technical assistance

WisTech answers customer questions and works with community programs and agencies to improve and enhance their ability to meet the needs of customers related to AT.

### Training

WisTech works with community programs and agencies to provide training to increase knowledge and skills around AT. Many trainings are free of charge and provide Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for professional certifications. WisTech maintains a listing of current training opportunities on its website:

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/wistech/index.htm> or call 608-267-9091 (Voice) or 608-267-9880 (TTY).

## WisTech network of services

### Device Loan and Device Demonstration

Device Loan and Device Demonstration Centers are operated regionally through Wisconsin's eight Independent Living Centers (ILCs). Each ILC has AT devices available for short-term loan and demonstration. Both Device Loan and Device Demonstration provide you with access to AT to help you decide which technology is best for you. Both can direct you to vendors and funding resources.

### Device Reutilization

The Wheelchair Recycling Program provides recycled, repaired and cleaned durable medical equipment for purchase statewide. The program's inventory includes wheelchairs, hospital beds, lifts and bath equipment. Donations of durable medical equipment are also accepted. For information and an online inventory, go to [www.wrp.org](http://www.wrp.org) or call 608-243-1785 (Voice) or 414-313-1303 (Voice).

### WisLoan

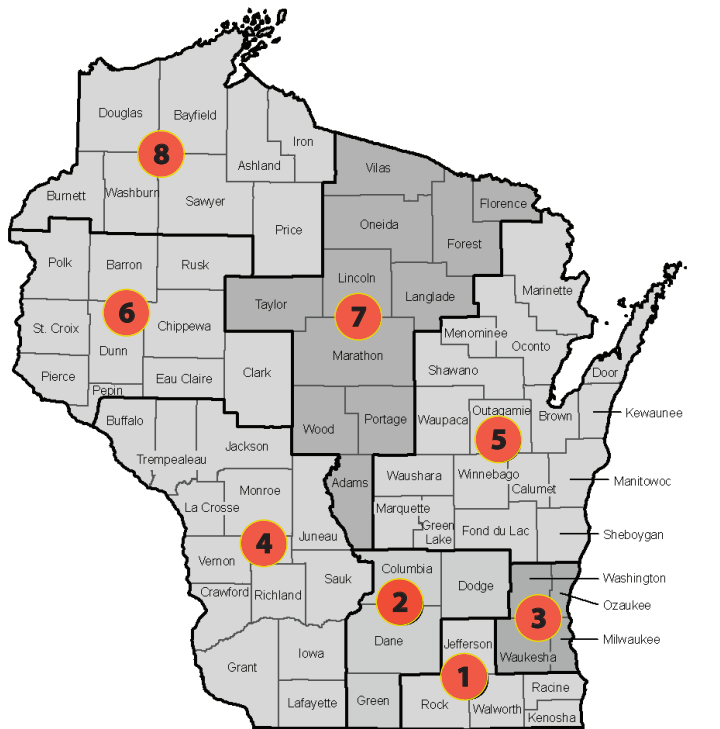
WisLoan provides financing options to allow Wisconsin residents to purchase AT devices. Applications can be made through your local ILC.

See <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/wistech/wisloan.htm> or call Patti Kraemer toll-free at 1-877-463-3778 (Voice).

# Locate your regional AT Device and Demonstration Center

- 1** Society's Assets  
262-637-9128 Voice/TTY  
800-378-9128 Toll-free  
[www.sai-inc.org/1024/index.htm](http://www.sai-inc.org/1024/index.htm)
- 2** Access to Independence  
608-242-8484 Voice · 608-242-8485 TTY  
800-362-9877 Toll-free  
[www.accesstoind.org/pages/](http://www.accesstoind.org/pages/)
- 3** IndependenceFirst  
414-291-7520 Voice/TTY  
[www.independencefirst.org/home/index.asp](http://www.independencefirst.org/home/index.asp)

- 4** Independent Living Resources, Inc.  
608-787-1111 Voice · 608-787-1148 TTY  
888-474-5745 Toll-free  
[www.ilresources.org/](http://www.ilresources.org/)
- 5** Options for Independent Living  
920-490-0500 Voice · 920-490-0600 TTY  
[www.optionsil.com/](http://www.optionsil.com/)
- 6** Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin  
715-233-1070 Voice/TTY  
800-228-3287 Toll-free  
[www.cilww.com/](http://www.cilww.com/)
- 7** Midstate Independent Living Consultants  
715-369-5040 Voice/TTY  
800-311-5044 Toll-free  
[www.milc-inc.org/](http://www.milc-inc.org/)
- 8** North Country Independent Living Center  
715-392-9118 Voice/TTY  
800-924-1220 Toll-free  
[www.northcountryil.com/](http://www.northcountryil.com/)



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## Wisconsin's Assistive Technology Program



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Resources for home, school, work and living independently