

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Hearing loss may interfere with daily communication on many occasions. A hearing aid may be of benefit to certain people, but some situations may still present a problem which could require additional assistive technology. It might be difficult listening in a noisy restaurant or in a business meeting where the speaker is at a distance from the listener. The telephone can present a special problem where even a hearing aid may not be of any help. Doorbells or safety alarms with flashing lights or strobe lights are other assistive devices which can be particularly helpful. There are many assistive communication devices available for persons with hearing loss and a primary resource for assistive technology information is ATNetwork. The contact information for this organization and others are listed below.

ATNETWORK

The Alliance for Technology Access (ATNetwork Affiliate)

1234 H Street, Suite 100

Sacramento, CA 95814

Website: www.atnet.org

E-mail: info@atnet.org

For information and referral on Assistive Technology

(800) 390-2699 (Voice)

(800) 900-0706 (TTY)

For other questions, contact

(916) 325-1690 (Voice)

(916) 325-1695 (TTY)

(916) 325-1699 (Fax)

This is a statewide project which promotes: access to assistive technologies, related services, technology resource centers, community based organizations and assistive technology information to enable children and adults with disabilities. This organization, founded by the Foundation for Independent Living Centers, works in conjunction with the California Department of Rehabilitation to make assistive technology accessible to people with disabilities. Their on-line service directory has a comprehensive listing of assistive technology resources. Other services provided include: information and referral, funding for assistive technology, advocacy and training.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Website: www.atechnews.com

E-mail: jwilliams@atechnews.com

This is an online publication which has numerous assistive technology resources regarding products, informative articles, legislation and many other areas involving assistive technology.

CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE ACCESS PROGRAM (CTAP)

CTAP Call Center

P.O. Box 30310

Stockton, CA 95213

(800) 806-1191 (Voice)

(800) 806-4474 (TTY)

Website: <http://ddtp.cpuc.ca.gov/>

This program provides free assistive telephone devices to persons that live in California, have phone service at their residence and are certified as blind or low vision, deaf, hard of hearing, speech disabled, have cognitive impairments or restricted mobility by a certified professional. You can find the application form to apply for services at:

http://ddtp.cpuc.ca.gov/Applications/Apply_for_a_phone.aspx

DISABILITY RESOURCE DIRECTORY, ASSISTIVE AND ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Website: www.disability-resource.com/assistive-technology.html

This online assistive technology resource directory includes communications, educational, rehabilitation and research institutions and organizations as well as manufacturers and vendors of both hardware and software products.

The following companies provide assistive devices for deaf and hard of hearing individuals:

Deafpagers.com

Website: www.deafpagers.com

E-mail: sales@deafpagers.com

Global Assistive Devices, Inc.

1121 East Commercial Boulevard #39

Oakland Park, FL 33334

(954) 776-1373 (Voice/TTY-TDD)

(888) 778-4237 (Toll Free)

(954) 776-8136 (Fax)

Website: www.globalassistive.com

E-mail: Sales@GlobalAssistive.com

Harris Communications

15155 Technology Drive

Eden Prairie, MN 55344

(800) 825-6758 (Voice-Toll Free)

(800) 825-9187 (TTY)

(952) 388-2152 (Videophone)

Website: www.harriscomm.com

E-mail: <http://www.harriscomm.com/index.php/contacts/> (Fill-and-send e-mail)

Interpretype

3301 Brighton-Henrietta Townline Road, Suite 200

Rochester, NY 14623

(877) 345-3182 (Voice-Toll Free)

(585) 272-1155 (Voice)

(585) 272-1434 (Fax/TTY)

Website: www.interpretype.com

E-mail: info@Interpretype.com

This company carries one product called Interpretype which is a dual keyboard typing communication device.

Krown Manufacturing, Inc.

3408 Indale Road

Fort Worth, TX 76116

(800) 366-9950 (Voice-Toll Free)

(817) 738-2485 (Voice/TTY)

(682) 200-1331 (Videophone)

Website: www.krownmfg.com

E-mail: <http://krownmfg.com/support/contact-us> (Fill-and-send e-mail)

sComm

6238 Hadley Street

Raytown, MO 64113

(866) 505-7008 (Voice-Toll Free)

(866) 505-7001 (TTY)

(816) 527-8339 (Videophone/Sorenson)

Website: www.scommonline.com

E-mail: support@scomm.com

This company carries one product called UbiDuo which is a wireless, portable, dual keyboard typing communication device.

United TTY Sales and Service (UTSS)

21004 Brooke Knolls Road

Laytonsville, MD 20882

(866) 889-4872 (Voice/TTY-Toll Free)

(240) 449-3407 (Videophone)

(301) 963-0785 (Fax)

Website: www.unitedtty.com

E-mail: sales@unitedtty.com

Weitbrecht Communications

1500 Olympic Boulevard

Santa Monica, CA 90404

(800) 233-9130 (Voice/TTY-Toll Free)

(310) 626-4924 (Voice)

(310) 450-9918 (Fax)

Website: www.weitbrecht.com