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Tools for Life Network

Tools for Life is the Assistive Technology Act Program for the state of Georgia. We seek to increase access to and acquisition of assistive technology for all Georgians with disabilities regardless of region, disability, or age. We work with community partners throughout the state to provide hands-on demonstrations and loans of equipment.
Tools for Life partners with agencies throughout the state to identify consumers who can benefit from assistive technology (AT). Some partners of Tools for Life include:

- All nine Centers for Independent Living (CILs)
- Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)
- The Georgia Library for Accessible Statewide Services (GLASS)
- Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)
- Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC)
- Center for AT Excellence (C4ATX)

We welcome consumers to contact us regarding borrowing equipment or devices, scheduling a demo, or discussing funding options for a device or service. We serve all ages, all disabilities, and all areas of Georgia.

**App Finder Database**
We have curated some of the best apps that we have used as a team to benefit the disability community. You can search by operating system, price, or need.

**Alternative Financing Program and Funding Resources**
The Credit-Able program is a collaborative effort between Tools for Life and the Center for Financial Independence and Innovation. Credit-Able provides financial education and small, low interest loans for assistive technology and building credit.

**Assistive Technology Assessments**
Assistive Technology assessments are a service we offer for a fee. Contact our office for additional information on pricing.

**Assistive Technology Resource Centers**
ATRCs are hands-on learning centers for assessment, demonstration, education, and training for assistive technology. Visit Walton Options, FODAC, and Disability Connections for more information.

**Webinars and Wiki**
Tools for Life and C4ATX have regular webinars that you can participate in live. You can also enjoy our webinar archive on our wiki along with other valuable resources.

**www.gatfl.org**
404.894.0541
info@gatfl.org
AMAC Accessibility is committed to the promotion of technological innovation and the development of user-centered research, products, and services for individuals with disabilities.

As a research and service center within Georgia Tech’s College of Design, we address unmet needs in higher education, government, non-profits, and corporations by providing accessible and inclusive environments for the universal benefit of all.

AMAC’s custom accessibility solutions include:

**Media Production:** AMAC’s in-house production teams produce accessible media that is quality assured for accuracy. Our highly-trained staff are able to produce accessible digital documents (including ebooks), braille, and more.

**Captioning and Described Media:** Our team of captioning and audio description experts make your video or presentation accessible to your audience. With real-time and remote captionists on staff, we can enable and enhance your content for accessibility.

**Training and Technical Support:** Whether it’s determining what a person needs, how to place an AMAC order, how to access our files, or how to utilize the assistive technology, our training and support staff and online resources are here to help.

AMAC’s products and resources include:

**Accommodation Management:** The Student Accommodation Manager web-app (SAM) is designed to help college disability offices securely manage accommodations and data for their students including case notes, custom support letters, and much more.

**ICT Compliance and Training:** With legal mandates and the increasing growth of the internet, AMAC addresses the requirements for Section 508 and WCAG 2.0 compliance while meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities. We stress the importance of universal design and access to information and communication technologies (ICT).

**Accessible Textbook Database:** AMAC’s digital archive contains thousands of publisher-vetted textbooks, converted into accessible formats by our team of experts. Colleges and universities can place orders for titles, which can be fulfilled in as little as 24–48 hours.
Providing Accessibility for All

In addition to Tools for Life, AMAC is home to many initiatives and programs which serve the needs of individuals across the United States and the world. Through these initiatives, we further our mission to increase opportunities for people with disabilities in education, employment, and access to services.

**CAMI:** Funded by a multi-million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Education, AMAC’s Center for Alternative Media Innovation (CAMI) research project develops creative, research-driven solutions to support the retention, graduation rate, and academic success of students with print-related disabilities at minority-serving institutions.

**AccessGA:** As a joint initiative between the State ADA Coordinator’s Office, AMAC, and the Georgia Technology Authority (GTA), AccessGA supports Georgia’s state agencies with ICT accessibility and promotes equal access for employees and customers with a wide range of disabilities.

**AccessText Network:** Managed on behalf of the Association of American Publishers, the AccessText Network supports publishers and schools alike, granting students with disabilities quick access to e-text accommodations.

**WAG:** The Web Accessibility Group (WAG) brings together individuals in higher education to help navigate Section 508 and WCAG 2.0 web accessibility standards, providing online resources in an effort to create web accessibility ambassadors around the country.

**IAAP:** The International Association of Accessibility Professionals (IAAP) is a worldwide organization for individuals and groups that are focused on accessibility. AMAC provides support for the accessibility professional certifications while helping professionals develop and advance their careers.

**PROFIT:** Providing Real Opportunities for Income Through Technology (PROFIT) is a prison vocational program and comprehensive curriculum administered by AMAC to teach the in-demand skills of literary braille transcription to offenders slated for impending release, with the goal of reducing recidivism rates.

**To learn more, contact AMAC at:**

Phone: 404.894.8000  
Toll-Free: 866.279.2964  
www.amacusg.org  
amacinfo@gatech.edu
Centers for Independent Living

Centers for Independent Living (CILs) are organizations run by and for people with disabilities and provide five core services: peer support, advocacy, information and referral, transition services, and independent living skills training. Every CIL in Georgia has an assistive technology toolkit with a variety of items to demonstrate.
Find the Center Closest to You

**Access 2 Independence**
Serves counties in West Central Georgia.
TTY: Call GA Relay 711
www.access2independence.com

**BAIN (Bainbridge Advocacy Individual Network)**
Serves counties in Southwest Georgia.
Phone: 229.246.0150
TTY: Call GA Relay 711 or 800.255.0135
Fax: 229.246.1715
www.baincil.org

**Disability Connections**
Serves counties in Central Georgia.
Voice: 478.741.1425
Toll Free TTY/Voice: 800.743.2117
Fax: 478.755.1571

**Disability Resource Center**
Serves counties in North Georgia.
Voice: 706.778.5355
TTY: Call GA Relay 711 or 800.255.0135
www.disabilityresourcecenter.org

**disABILITY Link**
Serves counties in Metro Atlanta.
Voice: 404.687.8890
TTY: 404.687.9175
Toll Free TTY/Voice: 800.239.2507
Fax: 404.687.8298
www.disabilitylink.org

**Northwest Georgia Center for Independent Living**
Serves counties in Northwest Georgia.
Voice: 706.314.0008
Toll Free: 866.888.7845
TTY: 706.802.0280
Fax: 706.314.0011

**LIFE (Living Independence for Everyone)**
Serves counties in Southeast Georgia.
Voice: 912.920.2414
TTY: 912.920.2419
Fax: 912.920.0007
www.lifecil.com

**Multiple Choices**
Serves counties in Northeast Georgia.
Voice: 706.850.4025
TTY/Fax: 706.850.4044
Toll Free: 877.549.1020
Toll Free TTY/Fax: 866.449.2020
www.multiplechoices.us

**Walton Options for Independent Living**
Serves counties in East Georgia.
Voice: 706.724.6262
TTY: 706.261.0199
Toll Free: 877.821.8400
Fax: 706.724.6729
www.waltonoptions.org
Georgia’s ADRC Sites

The Vision
To build on existing networks to create Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) in every community serving as highly visible and trusted places where people of all incomes and ages can get information on the full range of long term support options and a single point of entry for access to public long term support programs and benefits.

Call 1.866.552.4464
Select Option Two
## Aging & Disability Resource Connections

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<td>Atlanta Regional Commission Aging Division</td>
<td>Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Dekalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Rockdale</td>
<td>404.463.3333</td>
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<td>Coastal Georgia Area Agency on Aging</td>
<td>Bryan, Bullock, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh</td>
<td>912.437.0800</td>
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<td>Heart of Georgia Area Agency on Aging</td>
<td>Appling, Bleckley, Candler, Dodge, Emanuel, Evans, Jeff, Davis, Johnson, Laurens, Montgomery, Tattnall, Telfair, Toombs, Treutien, Wayne, Wheeler, Wilcox</td>
<td>912.367.3648</td>
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<td>Legacy Link Georgia Mountains Area Agency on Aging</td>
<td>Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, White</td>
<td>770.538.2650</td>
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<td>Middle Georgia Area Agency on Aging</td>
<td>Baldwin, Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach, Pulaski, Putnam, Twiggs, Wilkinson</td>
<td>478.751.6466</td>
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<td>Northeast Georgia Area Agency on Aging</td>
<td>Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Jackson, Jasper, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Walton</td>
<td>706.583.2546</td>
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<td>Northwest Georgia Area Agency on Aging</td>
<td>Bartow, Catoosa, Chattanooga, Dade, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Walker, Whitfield</td>
<td>706.295.6485</td>
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<td>River Valley Area Agency on Aging</td>
<td>Chattahoochee, Clay, Crisp, Dooly, Harris, Macon, Marion, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, Webster</td>
<td>706.256.2910</td>
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<td>Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging</td>
<td>Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Pierce, Tift, Turner, Ware</td>
<td>912.285.6097</td>
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<td>SOWEGA Council on Aging, Southwest Area Agency on Aging</td>
<td>Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas, Worth</td>
<td>229.432.1124</td>
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<td>Three Rivers Area Agency on Aging</td>
<td>Butts, Carroll, Coweta, Heard, Lamar, Meriwether, Pike, Spalding, Troup, Upson</td>
<td>678.552.2853</td>
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Alternative Financing

Alternative financing provides financial access to people who would normally not qualify for traditional financing.

The Center for Financial Independence and Innovation (CFII) takes financial access a step further with the addition of our financial education services. Services are offered in person, over the phone, or via webinar. Print materials can be provided in a variety of alternate formats upon request. Financial education presentations can be downloaded from the CFII website at www.cfiiga.org. Learn more about:

- Basics of Banking
- Basics of Credit
- Financial Health
- AT Acquisition

Our financial education services are based on a curriculum established by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Additional free resources can be downloaded from Money Smart service at the FDIC website, www.FDIC.gov.
The Center for Financial Independence and Innovation

The Center for Financial Independence and Innovation (CFII) seeks to empower people with disabilities to become more financially secure through our programs. People with disabilities should have opportunities for self-determination, and we want to provide opportunities to advance these goals through our services. The CFII is a certified Community Development Financial Institution with a focus of serving the disability community in Georgia.

**The Credit-Able Assistive Technology Loan Program** provides loans of up to $10,000 at a 3-8% interest rate to people with disabilities in Georgia to acquire necessary assistive technologies. We offer flexible terms of up to 8 years, based on the life of the device, to fit the budget of people with disabilities.

**The First $TEP Program** provides small credit builder loans to assist Georgians with disabilities to build or repair their credit. Interest rates are 4% and up to $1,000 can be loaned for up to 18 months. These small loans are perfect for people who have never had the opportunity to establish or rebuild their credit.

**Financial Education** is the cornerstone of successfully managing your money and building your credit, we want to ensure that people with disabilities have the knowledge they require to become empowered and achieve financial independence. We will work one-on-one, in groups, or online to present information on banking, credit, avoiding scams, and making informed decisions when it comes to assistive technology and asset management. Our financial education services are free of charge.

To apply for a loan through the CFII please visit [www.cfiiga.org](http://www.cfiiga.org) and fill out the online application. If you have questions, or wish to schedule a group training on a financial education topic, please contact Danny Housley at 404.385.7029 or e-mail Danny.Housley@gatfl.gatech.edu
The Dollars & Sense database is for use by individuals with disabilities, their families, advocates, and service providers. It lets the user obtain a list of current funding sources and service providers that match the user’s individual assistive technology funding needs. www.gatfl.org/ds

G-Trade, Georgia’s Assistive Technology Equipment Exchange, is designed to make assistive technology (AT) devices and services more available and accessible to all Georgians with disabilities. This equipment exchange encourages members to offer assistive technology devices for sale or donation to others who may benefit from using technology unneeded or discarded by others. www.gtradeonline.org

The Pass It On Center continues to create national and state resources to foster the safe, effective, and appropriate reuse of assistive technology (AT) so people with disabilities can get the affordable AT they need to live, learn, work, and play more independently in communities of their choice. www.passitoncenter.org

AppleVis is a community-powered website for blind and low-vision users of Apple’s range of products. AppleVis also offers resources and mechanisms for raising the awareness of the accessibility of Apple products and related applications, and for promoting further advancement in accessibility. www.applevis.com

The ILRU (Independent Living Research Utilization) Program is a national center for information, training, research, and technical assistance in independent living. Its goal is to expand the body of knowledge of independent living and improve utilization of results of research programs and demonstration projects in this field. They offer trainings and webinars at no cost to the individual. www.ilru.org

The National Veterans Foundation serves the crisis management, information, and referral needs of all U.S. Veterans and their families through: management and operation of the nation’s only toll-free helpline for all veterans and their families; public awareness programs that shine a spotlight on the needs of America’s veterans; and outreach services that provide veterans and families in need with food, clothing, transportation, employment, and other essential resources. https://nvf.org/
Friends of Disabled Adults and Children

For more than 25 years, FODAC has leveraged our strong network of volunteers and partners to provide the equipment and services that create a better quality of life for disabled adults and children. Over the years, our programs have evolved to include free or low-cost wheelchairs and other durable medical equipment, vehicle and home adaptations, and more.

4900 Lewis Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30083
Phone: 770.491.9014 or 1.866.977.1204
Visit www.fodac.org to learn more.

Partnerships to Distribute Assistive Technology and Durable Medical Equipment

**Northwest AAA**
520 W. Waugh Street
Dalton, GA
706.295.6485

**Northwest AAA**
1 Jackson Hill Drive
Rome, GA
706.295.6485

**River Valley AAA**
710 Front Avenue, Suite A
Columbus, GA
706.256.2941

**Custom Mobility**
315 Whitehead Way
Athens, GA
706.353.1099

**Disability Connections**
2695 Broadway
Macon, GA
478.741.1425

**Walton Options**
948 Walton Way
Augusta, GA
706.724.6262

**Amble South Carolina**
8301 Farrow Road
Columbia, SC
800.681.6805

**Life, Inc.**
315 Whitehead Way
Athens, GA
706.353.1099

**Coastal AAA, ADRC**
1181 Coastal Drive, SW
Darien, GA
912.437.0861
Low-Cost or No-Cost Equipment

**The Georgia Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (GATEDP)** is a program enacted by the Georgia Legislature that provides specialized telecommunication equipment to Georgia residents with hearing and/or speech impairments.

**The National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP)** enables low-income individuals who are deaf-blind to access 21st Century communications services. This program will help ensure that qualified individuals have access to the internet and advanced communications.

Through the **National Federation of the Blind**, any blind individual in the fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico may request a cane for their personal use. Requests may be made as often as every six months.

Visit [https://nfb.org/free-cane-program](https://nfb.org/free-cane-program) for the application, or call: 410.659.9314

**The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation** has programs for individuals in Georgia who are low-income to get access to affordable eyeglasses, eye exams, and eye surgeries. There is a sliding scale program for hearing aids to make them more financially accessible. For more info contact: 404.325.3630. An online application can be found at [www.lionslighthouse.org](http://www.lionslighthouse.org).
Advocacy Resources

Legal Assistance

**Georgia Legal Aid**
Helping low-income Georgians solve legal problems. This is a project of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society.
www.georgialegalaid.org
404.524.5811

**Georgia Advocacy Office (GAO)**
The GAO is a private non-profit corporation. Their mission is to work with and for oppressed and vulnerable individuals in Georgia who are labeled as disabled or mentally ill to secure their protection and advocacy.
www.thegao.org
404.885.1234

Housing Assistance

**The Georgia Housing Search**
A resource for finding affordable housing in Georgia. This is a project from the Department of Community Affairs.
www.georgiahousingsearch.org
1.877.428.8844

**Metro Fair Housing Services**
A private, not-for-profit, fair housing organization whose primary purpose is to prevent housing discrimination throughout the state of Georgia. MFS also handles tenant/landlord disputes in City of Atlanta, Cherokee, Clayton, Dekalb, Cobb, Forsyth, Fulton, Hall, Henry, and Gwinnett Counties.
http://www.metrofairhousing.com
404.524.0000

Reporting Abuse

**Medicaid Fraud**
If you suspect Medicaid fraud, call the Georgia Medicaid Fraud Control Unit to report it: 404.656.5400

**Abuse of People with Disabilities**
Suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation in a person’s home or other community setting should be reported to the Division of Aging Services’ Adult Protective Services. Atlanta: 404.657.5250 or outside of Atlanta: 1.866.552.4464
Support Services in Georgia

Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD)
The Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities is the state’s leader in advancing public policy on behalf of persons with developmental disabilities. For additional information on programs, advocacy, and other support visit their website or call.
www.gcdd.org
404.657.2126

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)
The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities provides treatment and support services to people with mental health challenges and substance use disorders, and assists individuals who live with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
https://dbhdd.georgia.gov
404.657.2252

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency
The Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency operates five integrated and interdependent statutory programs that share a primary goal: to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.
www.gvs.georgia.gov
844.367.4872

Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network
The Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network is a non-profit corporation founded in 1991 by consumers of state services for mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases. They offer respite services and wellness services throughout Georgia.
www.gmhc.org
www.gmhc.org/wellnesscenter
1.800.297.6146

Parent to Parent of Georgia
Parents who are raising a child with disabilities or special healthcare needs often feel overwhelmed, helpless, and alone. Looking back, many parents say what helped them the most was talking to another parent.
www.p2pga.org
1.800.229.2038
Media Access for People with Print-Related Disabilities

Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services
Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services (GLASS) supports accessible library services in Georgia by promoting the use of assistive technology and by providing accessible reading materials to those who, due to a disability, are unable to read standard print.
www.georgialibraries.org/glass
1.800.248.6701

Georgia Radio Reading Service
Founded in 1980, the Georgia Radio Reading Service (GaRRS), the State’s only radio reading service, is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit closed circuit radio station. They provide access to the broadcast through distribution of free radios and via the internet.
www.garrs.net
1.800.672.6173

NFB Newsline
Georgia’s Audible Universal Information Access Service. This service provides access to dozens of magazines and newspapers at no cost to the user. This is for residents of Georgia with print related disabilities. Information can be accessed via call-in telephone service or through the NFB Newsline App.
info.nfbnewsligneaga@gmail.com
404.632.5989

Peer-Led Organizations in Georgia

National Federation of the Blind:  www.nfbga.org
GA Council of the Blind:  www.georgiacounciloftheblind.org
GA Association of the Deaf:  www.gadeaf.org
Peer Support and Wellness Center:  www.gmhc.org/wellnesscenter
Statewide Independent Living Council:  www.siclga.org
People First of Georgia:  www.peoplefirstofga.com