

FUNDED SERVICES  
**ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY**



## The Value of Assistive Technology

Assistive Technology can be used as a creative solution to help with a person's health and safety and can support a person's desire for more independence at home, in the community, or at work. This service enables people to use equipment ranging from low-tech devices to advanced smart technology to increase their independence and reduce reliance on caregivers to help with a person's needs.



### Enabling Tech: Carl's Own Home

See page 2 of this document to learn more about accessing tool's like Carl's in Missouri.



#### Adaptive Equipment

Ramps and Lifts  
Sensory Equipment  
Mobility Aids  
Reaching Devices

#### Vehicle and Home Modifications

Door Widening  
Automatic Doors  
Ramps and Lifts  
Steering Devices

#### Home Automation

Visual Doorbells  
Induction Stovetops  
Environmental Controls  
Motion Detectors

#### Enabling Technology

Tablets  
Smart Phones  
Screen Readers  
Technical Support

#### Remote Support

RX Dispensers  
Memory Aids  
Security Systems  
Video Support

## PLB Funded Initiatives in Assistive Technology and Adaptive Equipment

Our partners are experienced in assistive technology and adaptive equipment that supports individuals with gaining independence through traditional and innovative technologies. These partnerships will increase the availability of equipment and provide individuals with a choice of agencies. More information about our partner agencies can be found on page two of this document.



# PLB Funded Initiatives

## in Assistive Technology and Adaptive Equipment



### **The Center for Specialized Services • (314) 983-9230**

The Center provides individuals of all ages with adaptive equipment, assistive technology, maintenance and repairs, home modifications, vehicle modifications, sensory equipment, etc., to address health and safety concerns, and to increase or maintain accessibility, mobility, and independence.



### **Recreation Council • (314) 726-6044**

The E-Connect Tablet Initiative's goal is to increase participation in virtual social and recreation programs by placing Samsung tablets and internet connections into the hands of individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities who cannot afford the technology. In addition, individuals are provided with a training manual to teach the recipient how to connect to virtual recreation and social opportunities.



### **St. Louis Arc • (314) 569-2211**

The St. Louis Arc provides increased access to assistive technology and enabling technology to individuals in St. Louis County. Individuals will receive support to identify, acquire and use technology in their daily lives, increase capacity for communication, and increase equity as they live, learn, work and play as active members of their communities. They also provide training, resources, and help desk services that minimize technology abandonment and increase independence. Individuals must be 18 years or older to participate.



### **UCP Heartland • (314) 994-1600**

UCP Heartland (UCPH) has over sixty-five years of experience finding solutions for individuals of all ages. They have creatively sought out new products and built relationships with trusted experts to help individuals live without limits. In addition, UCPH has partnerships with local vendors for vehicle modifications, home modifications, adaptive equipment, assistive technology, mobility equipment, repairs, etc. UCPH provides follow-up with the participants and their caregivers to ensure continued care and to address any equipment issues right away.



### **Variety the Children's Charity • (314) 720-7704**

Variety provides equipment for mobility, communication, and independence and has had positive results for hundreds of children with disabilities from low-to-moderate income families. Variety's programs aim to encourage long-term progress and development based on four factors: improve skills, boost socialization, enhance self-esteem, and establish a groundwork for independence. Once a child is enrolled with Variety and the family remains financially eligible, they will continue to receive new equipment or repairs as they grow or their needs change until the age of 21, resulting in no out-of-pocket expense for the family.

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## **How Do I Acquire Assistive Technology or Adaptive Equipment?**

- Contact one of [PLB's funded partners](#) listed above.
- For individuals with [Vocational Rehabilitation](#) (VR) services, contact your VR Counselor and ask about Rehabilitation Technology.
- For individuals with [Medicaid Waivers](#), contact your Support Coordinator and ask about Technology First.
- Contact [Missouri Assistive Technology](#) to see if they have a service that is right for you.

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## **How Do I Know What Assistive Technology is Best for Me?**

- Discuss the consultations and assessments that our partners use to meet unique needs.
- Equipment and/or device loans
- In-home trials
- [Try out assistive technology at demonstration centers](#)
- [Jim's Place virtual tours](#)
- [Searchable Databases](#)
- [App database](#)
- [Atvisor assistive technology search tool](#)
- [The Arc Tech Toolbox](#)
- [Technology Resource Center](#)

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