Technical Assistive Technologies/Technical Access

Technical Assistive Technologies/Technical Access Defined also known as TA's. TA's are " life useful" adaptive, assistive, educational, and tutorial devices that allow a person with special needs and or learning disabilities to properly access information and perform tasks that they were unable to accomplish, or have had great difficulty in accomplishing. By providing enhancements to or changing the methods of interacting with the technology people are able to accomplish such tasks.

The National Assistive Technology/Technical Assistance Partnership (NATTAP), http://www.resna.org/taproject/at/statecontacts.html Lists by State, contact offices for assistive technologies with addresses and phone numbers.

Examples of just a few assistive technology supports are listed below:

Vision: magnifiers, vision items, screen magnifiers, readers, scanners, embossers, Braille

Learning: Reading, writing, visual learning, software, teacher aides

Hearing: Amplified phones, TDD/TTY's, amplification devices, alarms

Keyboards and Mice: Large print key boards, trackballs and joysticks, touch pads, one handed keyboards

Mobility: voice recognition, touch screens, Head/Eye supports, controlled input, word prediction

Communication: Hardware, software

Switches: General switches, wireless switches, interfaces, foot switches

Ergonomics: Ergonomic mice, keyboards, chairs, keyboard mice and trays, rest, workstations

Environmental control: complete access suites, hardware, software, modules

Workstations: chairs, desks, accessories, all access work stations

Assistive Living: kitchen and household, eating and drinking, tactile and exercise, toys, wheelchairs
For more information on Assistive Technology Information Links please use this site:

http://trace.wisc.edu/resources/at-resources.php