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Assistive Technology (AT) for Infants and Toddlers: Resources

Books

Family Guide to Assistive Technology

Katharin A. Kelker & Roger Holt

Brookline Books, 2000

Call Number

WB 320 .K29 2000

This guide was written for both parents and professionals. It explains how to obtain, evaluate, and make the most of assistive technologies in helping young children with special needs.

Assistive Technologies: Principles and Practice

Albert M. Cook & Susan M. Hussey

Mosby, 2002

Call Number

WB 320 .C771 2002

This text covers assistive technologies, their use, a glossary of terms, a history of the field, standards of performance, case studies, and more.

Clinician's Guide to Assistive Technology

Don A. Olson & Frank DeRuyter (Eds.)

Mosby, 2001

Call Number

WB 320 .C64184 2001

This book contains 26 chapters written by experts in assistive technology (AT). Intended for caregivers, teachers, and clinicians, this guide provides specific information on technical options available, expertise requirements, specific goals, and ideal applications of AT.

Choices in Deafness: A Parent's Guide to Communication Options

Sue Schwartz (Ed.)

Woodbine House, 2007

Call Number

HV 2471 .S399 2007

This easy-to-read guide discusses communication options for children who are hearing impaired or deaf.

Videos

Tech for Tots: Assistive Technology for Infants and Young Children

16-minute VHS and kit

USC University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), 2000

Call Number

WB 320 T255 2000

This kit and video provide training materials for professional in-service presentations. Materials cover the purposes of assistive technology (AT) for young children, legal requirements, a family-centered approach, and teaming around AT.

Tools of Inclusion: Assistive Technology for Young Children

30-minute DVD

Western Illinois University, 2007

Call Number

HV1569.5 .T671 2007

This *Apples Video Magazine* presentation demonstrates how children use assistive technology as a learning and inclusion tool. It is also available online at <http://www.wiu.edu/users/starnetv/mov/apples.html>.

Web Resources

The Family Center on Technology and Disability

This Web site features resources for parents and professionals who work with families of children with disabilities, including fact sheets on assistive technology (AT), an AT glossary, a database of resource reviews, lists of organizations by state, and Spanish-language resources.

Web site

<http://www.fctd.info/>

The National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (NECTAC): Assistive Technology (AT) for Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

The NECTAC page on AT includes an overview, an FAQ section, information on federal and state laws on AT, information on universal design, and several extensive bibliographies of articles on AT and early intervention.

Web site

<http://www.nectac.org/topics/atech/atech.asp>

Tots-n-Tech Ideas to Share

The Tots-n-Tech Web site has numerous resources on assistive technology in early intervention, including research papers and lists of organizations. One such resource is this “Ideas to Share” database, which indexes downloadable handouts on activities and ideas that professionals and parents can implement in providing services and care for children.

Web site

http://www.asu.edu/clas/tnt/home_files/ideas.htm

PACER Center Publications on Assistive Technology

This portion of the PACER Web site offers many free, downloadable guides and fact sheets on assistive technology, which are appropriate for professionals and families.

Web site

<http://www.pacer.org/publications/stc.asp>

Assistive Technology Facts: Assistive Technology and the IFSP

Vermont Parent Information Center, 2001

This article explains how to integrate assistive technology into a child’s Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).

Web site

<http://www.fape.org/pubs/FAPE-12.pdf>

Assistive Technology for Infants, Toddlers, and Young Children with Disabilities

Technical Assistance ALLIANCE for Parent Centers, 2006

This easy-to-read fact sheet explains assistive technology through a helpful question-and-answer format.

Web site

<http://www.taalliance.org/publications/pdfs/all7.pdf>

Journal Articles

Assistive Technology for Early Childhood. Brian Simms. (2003). *Exceptional Parent*, 33(8), 72-78.

This article provides a concise overview of the various types and uses of assistive technology and the benefits for young children.

Tech for Tots: Assistive Technology for Infants and Young Children: Part 1 and Part 2. Toni Solano & Sonia K. Aller. (2000). *Exceptional Parent*, 30(6), 44-47, and *Exceptional Parent*, 30(7), 64-67.

These articles are adapted from the Children’s Hospital Los Angeles training for professionals and parents. Part 1 explains the importance of assistive technology in the development of young children experiencing delays. Part 2 explains the practicalities of obtaining assistive technology devices.

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