

# National Assistive Technology Act Data System

# State Plan - Full Report

# Oklahoma 2021

# **General Information**

# Statewide AT Program (Information to be listed in national State AT Program Directory)

State AT Program Title	Oklahoma ABLE Tech https://www.okabletech.org	
State AT Program URL		
Mailing Address	1514 W Hall of Fame	
City	Stillwater	
State	ОК	
Zip Code	74078	
Program Email	abletech@okstate.edu	
Phone	405.744.4608	
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# **Lead Agency**

Agency Name	Oklahoma State University	
Mailing Address	1514 W Hall of Fame	
City	Stillwater	
State	ОК	
Zip Code	74078	
Program URL	https://www.okabletech.org	

# **Implementing Entity**

Does your Lead Agency contract with an Implementing Entity to carry out the Statewide AT Program on its behalf? N/A		
Name of Implementing Agency		
Mailing Address		

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# **General Information (Continued...)**

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Name (last, first)	
Title	
Phone	
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# Module A: Change in Lead Agency or Implementing Entity

Does your Lead Agency contract with an Implementing Entity to carry out the Statewide AT Program on its behalf (From General Information)?	<u>No</u>
2. Is the Lead Agency named in this State Plan a new or different Lead Agency from the one designated by the Governor in your previous State Plan?	No
3. Is the Implementing Entity named in this State Plan a new or different Implementing Entity from the one designated by the Governor in the previous State Plan?	No

### **Module B: Advisory Council**

1. How many representatives of the designated State agency for Vocational Rehabilitation are members of the advisory 1 council? 2. How many representatives of the designated State agency for Vocational Rehabilitation for individuals who are blind are members of the advisory council (when there is such a separate VR agency for individuals who are blind)? 3. How many representatives of a state Center for Independent Living are members of the advisory council?. 4. How many representatives of the State workforce development board established under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act are members of the advisory council? 5. How many representatives of the State educational agency are members of the advisory council? 1 6. How many additional representatives of other agencies and/or organizations are members of the advisory council? 4 6.1 Description of additional representatives of other agencies and/or organizations are members of the advisory council. Rep of Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council Rep of Oklahoma Medicaid Agency (Oklahoma Health Care Authority) Rep of Oklahoma Disability Law Center Inc. Rep of Oklahoma National Guard 7. How many individuals with disabilities who use assistive technology or their family members or guardians are members of the advisory council?

#### **Advisory Council Calculation**

Description	Number
Individuals with disabilities that use AT or their family members or guardians on the advisory council	9
Total number of individuals on the advisory council	17
Percentage	52.94%

8. In accordance with section 4(c)(2) of the AT Act of 1998, as amended our state has a consumer-majority advisory council that provides consumer-responsive, consumer-driven advice to the state for planning of, implementation of, and evaluation of the activities carried out through the grant, including setting measurable goals. This advisory council is geographically representative of the State and reflects the diversity of the State with respect to race, ethnicity, and types of disabilities across the age span, and users of types of services that an individual with a disability may receive.

# **Module C: Actual Expenditures and Budgeted Allocations**

# 1. Actual Expenditures Carryover Year Close-out

In the following table provide the actual expenditure data for the <u>closed-out carryover fiscal year AT grant award (liquidated the previous December 31)</u>. Please note, this data is for a specific year AT Act grant award amount, NOT any specific 12 month period of time as funds from a grant award can be obligated over more than that initial 12 month period.

For the State Plan submitted in the spring of 2022, you will report the closed-out grant award for FY19. The grant began 10/1/2018 with the first year ending on 9/30/2019, the first carryover year ended on 9/30/2020 and the second carryover year ended on 9/30/2021 with the 3 month liquidation period ending 12/31/2021.

Actual Expenditures for Closed-out Carryover Year Award	Final Expenditures	Percentage	Requirements
a. All State Level Activities	\$321,413.39	70.24%	The AT Act required state level expenditures to be at least 60% of grant award.  If flexibility is claimed, at least 70% is required.
b. All State Leadership Activities	\$136,193.61	29.76%	
c. Total Expenditures	\$457,607.00		
d. Total Award	\$457,607.00		
e. Lapsed Amount	\$0.00	0.00%	
f. Transition Training & Technical Assistance Set Aside	\$6,824.65	5.01%	The AT Act requires at least 5% of state leadership expenditures to be spent on transition activities.

#### Module C: Actual Expenditures and Budgeted Allocations (Continued...)

### 2. Actual YTD Expenditures and Budgeted Allocations for Preceding Year Award

In the following table provide year-to-date (YTD) obligated and liquidated expenditure data for the <u>preceding fiscal year AT grant award</u> along with planned budget allocations for the unobligated remainder of that award. Please note, this data is for a specific year AT Act grant award amount, NOT any specific 12 month period of time as funds from a grant award can be obligated over a 24 month period.

For the State Plan submitted in the spring of 2022, you will report the closed-out grant award for FY20. The grant began 10/1/2019 with the first year ending on 9/30/2020, the first carryover year ended on 9/30/2021 and the second carryover year ended on 9/30/2022 with the 3 month liquidation period ending 12/31/2022.

The total grant award for was \$472,476.00

Actual & Planned Immediate Preceding Year Award Expenditures	YTD Obligated not Liquidated Expenditures	YTD Liquidated Expenditures	Planned not yet Obligated Expenditures	Total
All State Level Activities	\$0.00	\$322,943.20	\$0.00	\$322,943.20
All State Leadership Activities	\$0.00	\$149,532.80	\$0.00	\$149,532.80
Total	\$0.00	\$472,476.00	\$0.00	\$472,476.00
Transition Training & Technical Assistance	\$0.00	\$7,537.00	\$0.00	\$7,537.00

# **Module D: State Level Activity Summary**

# 1. Which State Financing Activities do you conduct?

- Financial Loan
- Other State Financing that directly provides AT (telecommunications programs, etc.)

# 2. Which Reutilization Activities do you conduct?

- Device Exchange
- Device Reassignment or Open Ended Loan

# 3. Do you conduct Short-term Device Loans?

Yes

#### 4. Do you conduct Device Demonstrations?

Yes

Module E: Financial Loan
1. Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes who conducts this activity.  Both the Statewide AT Program and other entities/contractors (Both)
2. Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes from where this activity is conducted.  One central location (Central)
3. Do you charge a fee for this activity? (This fee is separate from and addition to the financial loan made.) $\rm No$
. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.
Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)
Have written agreement with this entity
Provide financial support to this entity
Independent Living Center (select any/all)
Easter Seals (select any/all)
Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)
Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

# State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Receive financial support from this entity

#### **Module E: Financial Loan (Continued...)**

#### Local/Community Entities (select any/all)

#### Private Entities (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Provide financial support to this entity
- · Receive financial support from this entity

#### Other (select any/all)

#### 5. This activity offers the following types of assistance. (select all that apply – at least one is required)

Identify all types of loans the Statewide AT Program offers, regardless of whether any loans of that type are currently outstanding.

- · Revolving loans
- · Interest buy-downs
- · Combined loan guarantee and interest buy-down

6. The lowest interest percentage for loans as established by the policies of the activity. 5.0000%

7. The highest interest percentage for loans as established by the policies of the activity. 5.0000%

8. The lowest loan amount (in dollars) provided as established by the policies of the activity. N/A

9. The highest loan amount (in dollars) provided as established by the policies of the activity. N/A

# 10. Describe the activity.

ABLE Tech offers low-interest loans, interest-buy downs, and combined (loan guarantee and interest buy downs). There is no minimum or maximum loan amount as decisions for loaning funds are based upon the individual's ability to repay the loan amount. ABLE Tech buys down the interest rate for borrowers so they can receive all loans for a 5% interest rate. These activities are provided through a collaboration with a private, nonprofit partner, Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation (OkAT), and a banking institution (BancFirst of Stillwater, Oklahoma). Additional funds are legislatively provided by the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services. Two federal awards received from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and the Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) also provided funding for this activity during the fiscal year.

11. The online page for this specific activity can be found at:

https://www.okabletech.org/guide-to-all-services/f

# **Module F: Other State Financing Activities that Directly Provides AT**

1. Which of the following activity/activities are conducted? (select all that apply)
Identify all types of other state financing programs that directly provide AT that are conducted.
• Other (Describe)
Provide a description of the other activity/activities conducted.  SoonerCare (Medicaid) Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Provider of iPads as Speech-Generating Devices
2. Select the one option that best describes who conducts this activity/activities.  The Statewide AT Program (State AT)
3. Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes from where this activity/activities is conducted.  One central location (Central)
4. Do you charge a fee for this activity/activities? (select one) No
5. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity/activities.
Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)
Independent Living Center (select any/all)
Easter Seals (select any/all)
Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)
Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)
State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)
Have written agreement with this entity
Receive financial support from this entity

# Module F: Other State Financing Activities that Directly Provides AT (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)	
Private Entities (select any/all)	
Other (select any/all)	

#### 6. Describe the activity/activities.

Oklahoma ABLE Tech collaborates with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA - Oklahoma's Medicaid Agency) as durable medical equipment (DME) provider vending iPads, apps, and durable cases as speech-generating devices (SGD) to eligible members. ABLE Tech also engages in AT "maker" activities where a finished product is made/fabricated and provided to a consumer to meet an AT need. ABLE Tech makes and provides the AT devices at no cost to the consumers.

7. The online page for this specific activity can be found at:

https://www.okabletech.org/community/soonercareprovider-for-speech-generating-devices/; https://www.okabletech.org/educationservices/lowtech/

# **Module H: Device Exchange**

1. Select the one option that best describes who conducts this activity. The Statewide AT Program (State AT)
2. Select the one option that best describes from where this activity is conducted.  One central location (Central)
3. Do you charge a fee for this activity? No
4. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.
Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)
Independent Living Center (select any/all)
Easter Seals (select any/all)
Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)
Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)
State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)
<ul> <li>Have written agreement with this entity</li> <li>Receive financial support from this entity</li> </ul>

#### **Module H: Device Exchange (Continued...)**

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)

#### Private Entities (select any/all)

· Receive financial support from this entity

Other (select any/all)

#### 5. Select the option that best describes what happens when a device is exchanged. (select all that apply)

- The transaction is direct consumer-to-consumer
- The Statewide AT Program is involved in the transaction

#### 6. Describe the activity.

ABLE Tech helps Oklahomans donate, sell, or locate equipment, such as wheelchairs, modified vehicles, lift chairs, and computer software, for a reasonable price. The program is a person-to-person exchange, which functions like the newspaper classifieds and provides listings of pre-owned equipment. The Device Exchange Program receives additional funding for pediatric exchange activities from the Oklahoma State Department of Education. Additional collaborations are in place with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG) Area Agency on Aging, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (State Medicaid Agency), and the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation (private nonprofit) that provide funding and/or assistive technology that benefits individuals using the Device Exchange Program.

7. The online page for this specific activity can be found at:

https://www.okable tech.org/guide-to-all-services/device-reutilization/oklahoma-equipment-exchange/

# Module I: Device Refurbish and Reassignment and/or Open-ended Loan

1. Select the one option that best describes who conducts this activity. The Statewide AT Program (State AT)
2. Select the one option that best describes from where this activity is conducted.  One central location (Central)
3. Do you charge a fee for this activity? No
4. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.
Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)
Independent Living Center (select any/all)
Easter Seals (select any/all)
Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)
Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)
State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)
Have written agreement with this entity
Receive financial support from this entity

#### Module I: Device Refurbish and Reassignment and/or Open-ended Loan (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)	
Private Entities (select any/all)  • Receive financial support from this entity	

#### Other (select any/all)

- 5. Select the option(s) that describe how a reutilized device is provided to a recipient. (select all that apply)
  - Device is loaned for as long as the recipient needs it with no ownership transfer

#### 6. Describe the activity.

ABLE Tech operates a Device Reuse Program that includes the retrieval, refurbishment, repair, and reassignment of gently-used durable medical equipment (DME) that has been donated by Oklahomans. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) is Oklahoma's Medicaid Agency and funds the majority of the Device Reuse Program activities. Additional funds are received from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG) Area Agency on Aging to provide funds for DME to be reused by individuals in their tri-county service area specifically. The private nonprofit, Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation (OkAT), partners to provide DME for the Device Reuse Program, and the Oklahoma State Department of Education partners to provide funding that supports pediatric DME reuse activities.

**7.** The online page for this specific activity https://www.okabletech.org/guide-to-all-services/device-reutilization/apply-for-dme/can be found at:

# **Module J: Device Loan**

1. Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes who conducts this activity.  Both the Statewide AT Program and other entities/contractors (Both)	
2. Select the one option that best describes from where this activity is conducted.  A combination of a central location and regional sites (Combination)	
3. Do you charge a fee for this activity? No	
4. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.	
Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)	
Independent Living Center (select any/all)	
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Easter Seals (select any/all)	
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Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)	
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Federal Entities/Agencies (galact ony/all)	
Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)	
State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)	
Have written agreement with this entity	
Receive financial support from this entity	

#### Module J: Device Loan (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)

#### Private Entities (select any/all)

• Have written agreement with this entity

Other (select any/all)

5. Select the option that describes how the majority of devices loaned are delivered to and returned from a borrower. (select one)

The majority of devices are shipped via mail or other delivery service

#### 6. Describe the activity.

ABLE Tech operates a Device Short-Term Loan Program from Oklahoma State University's campus in Stillwater, Oklahoma. ABLE Tech also collaborates with an average of 4 organizations across the state via Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs) who provide short-term loans of equipment to Oklahomans with disabilities of all ages and in all environments of education, community living, and employment. ABLE Tech ships the majority of short-term loan devices from Stillwater; however, local consumers and MOA partner consumers all pick up equipment. The Oklahoma State Department of Education provides annual funding for the purchase of assistive technology related to education for children birth to 21 via a contract. ABLE Tech partners with the Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma to provide short-term loans of technology for annual activities/events including Partners in Policymaking (for parents of children with a disability, adults with a disability, and professionals in the field of developmental disabilities or related field) and Youth Leadership Forum (for high school students with disabilities). ABLE Tech partners with Oklahoma Human Services Developmental Disabilities Services to expand short-term loan offerings of smart home and enabling technologies. With a new partnership with private nonprofit, AbleGamers, ABLE Tech collaborates to offer a variety of gaming AT via short-term loans to assist Oklahomans with combating social isolation through play.

**7. The online page for this specific activity** https://www.okabletech.org/guide-to-all-services/device-loan-program/ can be found at:

# **Module K: Device Demonstration**

1. Select the <u>one option</u> that best describes who conducts this activity.  Both the Statewide AT Program and other entities/contractors (Both)
2. Select the one option that best describes from where this activity is conducted.  A combination of a central location and regional sites (Combination)
3. Do you charge a fee for this activity? No
1. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.
Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)
Independent Living Center (select any/all)
Easter Seals (select any/all)
Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)
Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)
State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)
<ul> <li>Have written agreement with this entity</li> <li>Receive financial support from this entity</li> </ul>

#### **Module K: Device Demonstration (Continued...)**

**Local/Community Entities (select any/all)** 

#### Private Entities (select any/all)

· Have written agreement with this entity

Other (select any/all)

#### 5. Describe the activity.

ABLE Tech operates a Device Demonstration Program from Oklahoma State University's campus in Stillwater, Oklahoma. ABLE Tech also collaborates with an average of 10 organizations across the state via Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs) who provide demonstrations of equipment to Oklahomans with disabilities of all ages and in all environments of education, community living, and employment. The Oklahoma State Department of Education provides annual funding for the purchase of assistive technology related to education for children birth to 21 via a contract. ABLE Tech partners with Oklahoma Human Services Developmental Disabilities Services to build-out and equip demonstration spaces with smart home and enabling technologies in both Stillwater and Oklahoma City. With a new partnership with private nonprofit, AbleGamers, ABLE Tech collaborates to offer demonstrations of a variety of gaming AT to assist Oklahomans with combating social isolation through play.

**6. The online page for this specific activity** https://www.okabletech.org/guide-to-all-services/device-demonstration/can be found at:

# **Module L: Training**

В	sanks/Financial Institution (select any/all)
I	ndependent Living Center (select any/all)
	aster Seals (select any/all)
	aster Sears (select any/an)
	signification Technology Organizations (cologs ony)(all)
L	bisability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)
F	ederal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)
	Have written agreement with this entity

# State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Receive financial support from this entity

• Receive financial support from this entity

#### **Module L: Training (Continued...)**

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)

#### Private Entities (select any/all)

- · Have written agreement with this entity
- · Receive financial support from this entity

Other (select any/all)

2. Provide a short description of at least one and no more than three planned training activities. One of the activities described must be planned Information and Communication Technology (ICT) accessibility training that will provide the required ICT Training performance measures. If the Statewide AT Program is meeting the transition requirements of the AT Act through training, please describe that planned activity. If the Statewide AT Program sponsors or co-sponsors a statewide conference please include that event as one you describe.

#### Planned ICT Accessibility Training (required)

ABLE Tech contracts with the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services to partner with the Oklahoma Office of Workforce and Economic Development to provide ICT Accessibility Training to Oklahoma's Workforce System in order to ensure Access for All under the Workforce and Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA). Additionally, ABLE Tech receives funding from the Southwest Disability Business Technical Assistance Center to ensure ICT Accessibility Training to all state agencies, institutions of higher education, and the Oklahoma CareerTech System. Self-paced training courses are being developed and will be hosted on topics of ICT Accessibility. Oklahoma statute authorizes ABLE Tech to coordinate with the Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) to provide ICT Accessibility Training to agencies, institutions of higher education, and the Oklahoma CareerTech System concerning the requirements of the Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility (EITA) Law in Oklahoma. ABLE Tech also receives funding from the Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs' (ATAP) AT3 grant to provide ICT Accessibility Training to state/territory AT Act Programs. Self-paced training courses are being developed and will be hosted on topics of ICT Accessibility. Self-paced coursework development is also financially supported by the Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma (DDCO), a Governor Appointed Council that promotes systemic change and helps build community capacity so persons with developmental disabilities can live, work, play, and learn in the communities of their choice. Through this collaboration, DDCO will make the self-paced course materials directly available to the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

#### **Planned Transition Training or Other Training Activity (optional)**

ABLE Tech is a member of the Oklahoma Transition Council (OTC). Through this council, ABLE Tech contributes to the planning of OTC's annual transition conference called the Oklahoma Transition Institute. ABLE Tech staff train OTI presenters on ICT Accessibility, help ensure the digital components of the event are accessible to individuals with disabilities, and also participate as presenters at the conference. Future plans include the development of self-paced training courses for use by students receiving Pre-Employment Transition Services to help them build job readiness and work-based learning skills. ABLE Tech staff will also annually present to Pre-ETS students at Building Employment Skills for Today (BEST) camps statewide.

# Planned Statewide Conference or Other Training Activity (optional)

ABLE Tech hosts the annual TechAccessOK Conference. This conference is sponsored by the Oklahoma State Department of Education and the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services. Through a contract with the Oklahoma State Department of Education, ABLE Tech also hosts an annual AT workshop series for educators, related service providers, and administrators to train on the Quality Indicators for Assistive Technology (QIAT). ABLE Tech is an American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Continuing Education (CE) Provider and registers all workshops for CE Units for speech-language pathologists and audiologists. Courses are also registered for CE Units for Occupational and Physical Therapists. ABLE Tech currently hosts self-paced courses on topics of the QIAT and quality provision of AT devices and services to students with disabilities. Through agreements and contracts with the National AEM Center and SWADA respectively, future trainings will include content on the Quality Indicators for the provision of Accessible Educational Materials (AEM).

3. The online page for this specific activity can be found at:

https://techaccessok.org; https://www.okabletech.org/education-services/at-services-for-pk-12/at-support-team-workshops/; https://okabletech-atcurriculum.org

# **Module M: Technical Assistance**

1. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.
Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)
Independent Living Center (select any/all)
Easter Seals (select any/all)
Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)
Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)
Have written agreement with this entity
Receive financial support from this entity

# State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Receive financial support from this entity

#### **Module M: Technical Assistance (Continued...)**

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)
Private Entities (select any/all)
Other (select any/all)

2. Provide a short description of at least one and no more than two planned technical assistance activities. If the Statewide AT Program is meeting the transition requirements of the AT Act through technical assistance, please describe that planned activity.

#### Planned Transition Technical Assistance or Other Technical Assistance Activity (required)

ABLE Tech receives a contract from the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services to partner with the Oklahoma Office of Workforce Development to provide Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Accessibility technical assistance to Oklahoma's Workforce System in order to ensure Access for All under the Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Additionally, ABLE Tech receives funding from the Southwest Disability Business Technical Assistance Center (SWADA) to ensure ICT Accessibility technical assistance to all state agencies, institutions of higher educations, and to the Oklahoma CareerTech System. Oklahoma statute authorizes ABLE Tech to coordinate with the Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) to provide ICT Accessibility technical assistance to agencies, institutions of higher education, and the Oklahoma CareerTech System concerning the requirements of the Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility (EITA) Law in Oklahoma

# Planned Other Technical Assistance Activity (optional)

Through a contract with the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE), ABLE Tech receives funding to provide targeted technical assistance to local education agencies (LEAs) regarding the quality provision of assistive technology devices and services to students with disabilities. ABLE Tech collaborates with the OSDE to offer a robust Assistive Technology Technical Assistance Guide (https://www.okabletech.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/2022-AT-Part-B-Doc\_Final-6.30.22-1.docx) Oklahoma is currently an Accessible Educational Materials (AEM) Cohort State, and ABLE Tech leads the statewide partners in the 4-year initiative. Through a collaboration with the National AEM Center, ABLE Tech offers technical assistance to agencies/organizations/entities statewide - with a goal of improving timely, quality provision of AEM, accessible and assistive technologies, and services to individuals with disabilities across the lifespan. ABLE Tech collaborates with the OSDE, SWADA, and the National AEM Center to offer a robust AEM Technical Assistive Guide (https://www.okabletech.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/2022-AEM-TA-Doc\_FINAL-6.30.22.docx).

# **Module N: Public Awareness**

1. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.
Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)
Independent Living Center (select any/all)
Easter Seals (select any/all)
Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)
Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)
State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)
Have written agreement with this entity
Receive financial support from this entity

#### Module N: Public Awareness (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)	
Private Entities (select any/all)	
Other (select any/all)	

2. Provide a short description of at least one and no more than two planned major public awareness activities. If the Statewide AT Program conducts a major ongoing public awareness activity such as an annual AT awareness day with a Governor's Proclamation, please include that activity.

#### Major Annual Planned or Other Public Awareness Activity (required)

Through a contract with the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), ABLE Tech receives funding to provide regular ICT Accessibility Tips via email as a way to disseminate employment-related information to DRS employees, those with disabilities seeking or maintaining employment, as well as employers. Through a contract with the Oklahoma State Department of Education, ABLE Tech receives funding to provide regular communications via email and text as a way to disseminate information regarding assistive technology devices and services to those serving the early intervention (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C) and school-age (IDEA Part B) populations in the state.

### Planned Other Public Awareness Activity (optional)

ABLE Tech and its statewide partners participate in public awareness actives on a weekly basis by disseminating information digitally and/or attending events around the state hosting booths and conducting presentations for the purpose of providing general awareness of ABLE Tech activities. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (Oklahoma's Medicaid Agency - OHCA) provides funding to ABLE Tech to participate in public awareness activities to educate medical professionals, case managers, and other organizations about Device Reuse Program activities. ABLE Tech works to participate in as many public awareness activities as possible in order to reach people with disabilities of all ages, professionals, and families, statewide and in all environments of education, employment, and community living.

# **Module O: Information and Assistance**

1. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.		
Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)		
Independent Living Center (select any/all)		
Easter Seals (select any/all)		
Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)		
Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)		
Have written agreement with this entity		
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Receive financial support from this entity		

# State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Receive financial support from this entity

# Module O: Information and Assistance (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)	
Private Entities (select any/all)	
Other (select any/all)	

#### 2. Describe the activity

ABLE Tech and Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) partners provide information and assistance to people with disabilities of all ages, professionals, and families who call, email, or interact with the program in-person. Specifically, through a contract with the Oklahoma State Department of Education, ABLE Tech receives funding to provide information and assistance to local education agencies (LEAs) including educators, related service providers, and administrators on topics of assistive technology devices, services, and funding. The Southwest Disability Business Technical Assistance Center provides funding to ABLE Tech to provide information and assistance to state agencies, institutions of higher education, and the Oklahoma CareerTech System on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Accessibility services. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (Oklahoma's Medicaid Agency - OHCA) provides funding to ABLE Tech to provide information and assistance to Oklahomans statewide who need gently-used durable medical equipment solutions.

#### **Assurances and Measurable Goals**

Section 4(d) of the AT Act prescribes the duties of the Lead Agency receiving a grant under section 4 of the AT Act and requires the State to provide a number of assurances in its application for funds. 34 CFR part 76 also requires that any State Plan include certain assurances. The Statewide AT Program certifying representative will attest to these assurances and other requirements below and by submitting the State Plan, will affirm that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief all information provided in the State Plan is true and correct and the State Plan fully discloses all known weaknesses concerning the accuracy, reliability, and completeness of the information.

#### Assurances

As the Certifying Representative of the Lead Agency for the State of , I hereby assure the following:

- 1. The Lead Agency prepared and submitted this State Plan on behalf of the State of OK.
- 2. The Lead Agency submitting this plan is the State agency that is eligible to submit this plan and if an Implementing Entity is identified it is designated to implement the required AT Act activities.
- 3. The State agency has authority under State law to perform the functions of the State under this program.
- 4. The State legally may carry out each provision of this plan.
- 5. All provisions of this plan are consistent with State law.
- 6. A State officer, specified by title in this certification, has authority under State law to receive, hold, and disburse Federal funds made available under the plan.
- 7. The State officer who submits this plan, specified by title in this certification, has authority to submit this plan.
- 8. The agency that submits this plan has adopted or otherwise formally approved this plan.
- 9. The plan is the basis for State operation and administration of the program.
- 10. The Lead Agency will maintain and evaluate the program under this State Plan.
- 11. The State will annually collect data related to the required activities implemented by the State under this section in order to prepare the progress reports required under subsection 4(f) of the Act.
- 12. The Lead Agency will submit the annual progress report on behalf of the State.
- 13. The State will prepare reports to the Secretary in such form and containing such information as the Secretary may require to carry out the Secretary's functions under this Act and keep such records and allow access to such records as the Secretary may require to ensure the correctness and verification of information provided to the Secretary.
- 14. The Lead Agency will control and administer the funds received through the grant.
- 15. The Lead Agency will make programmatic and resource allocation decisions necessary to implement the State Plan.
- 16. Funds received through the grant will be expended in accordance with Section 4 of the Act, and will be used to supplement, and not supplant, funds available from other sources for technology-related assistance, including the provision of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services.
- 17. The Lead Agency will ensure conformance with all applicable Federal and State accounting requirements.
- 18. The State will adopt such fiscal control and accounting procedures as may be necessary to ensure proper disbursement of and accounting for the funds received through the grant.
- 19. Funds made available through a grant to a State under this Act will not be used for direct payment for an assistive technology device for an individual with a disability.
- 20. A public agency or an individual with a disability holds title to any property purchased with funds received under the grant and administers that property.
- 21. The physical facility of the Lead Agency and Implementing Entity, if any, meets the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) regarding accessibility for individuals with disabilities. Section 4(d)(6)(E)
- 22. Activities carried out in the State that are authorized under this Act, and supported by Federal funds received under this Act, will comply with the standards established by the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (20 U.S.C. 794d). Section 4(d)(6)(G)
- 23. The Lead Agency will coordinate the activities of the State Plan among public and private entities, including coordinating efforts related to entering into interagency agreements.
- 24. The Lead Agency will coordinate efforts related to the active, timely, and meaningful participation by individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives, and other appropriate individuals, with respect to activities carried out through the grant.