



Disability Rights New Jersey or DRNJ is a private, non-profit, consumer-driven organization designated as New Jersey's protection and advocacy system for individuals with disabilities established to:

- **Advocate** for and protect the human, civil and legal rights of citizens of NJ with disabilities.
- **Promote** public awareness and acceptance of persons with disabilities as equally entitled members of society.
- **Advise** and assist persons with disabilities, family members, attorneys and guardians in obtaining and protecting the rights of individuals with disabilities.
- **Provide** education, training and technical assistance to persons with disabilities, the agencies that serve them, attorneys, professional persons, courts and others regarding the rights of individuals with disabilities.

The Richard West Assistive Technology Advocacy Center (ATAC) of DRNJ is a comprehensive statewide program of technology related assistance designed to increase access to assistive technology for people with disabilities of all ages. ATAC provides the following programs:

Device Demonstration: ATAC, through its network of contractors, provides a variety of AT devices for demonstration. A demonstration is a good way to introduce individuals with disabilities to the features of different types of AT devices.

Device Loans: ATAC, through its network of contractors, provides a library of devices for temporary loan. Borrowing a device for a short period of time is a good way for a person with a disability to determine whether a given device will meet their needs.

Device Reutilization: ATAC supports device reutilization through its network of contractors, and also operates a used equipment recycling program called BACK IN ACTION. Its mission is to provide an alternative source for assistive technology devices. BACK IN ACTION acts as a clearinghouse for items that are for sale (usually at a minimal cost) or offered for donation or loan. BACK IN ACTION can be reached by visiting the website at <http://backinaction.drnj.org/> or calling 1-800-922-7233.

Financing: ATAC has information about financing programs available through many different programs to help individuals with disabilities have enhanced access to AT devices and services.

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Information and Referral: Anyone with questions regarding assistive technology devices and services can contact ATAC at 1-800-922-7233 or through the ATAC website at <http://www.drnj.org/atac/>. ATAC has information on where to obtain assistive technology devices and services, the costs of assistive technology devices and services, and suggestions about where to obtain assistance in paying for assistive technology devices and services.

Technical Assistance: ATAC can also provide detailed technical assistance on AT devices, services, policies, and procedures.

Training: Educational programs are provided to describe the benefits of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, and to suggest strategies for obtaining assistive technology. These educational programs are offered to consumer groups, professional organizations, agencies, employers, and any other group.

Advocacy Services and Legal Representation: DRNJ's Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology (PAAT) program can provide advocacy services and legal representation for individuals with disabilities who are denied access to assistive technology devices and/or assistive technology services.

The Richard West Assistive Technology Advocacy Center (ATAC) of DRNJ works with the following programs to provide enhanced access to device loans, demonstrations, and reutilization:

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