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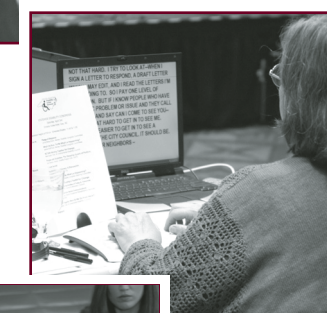
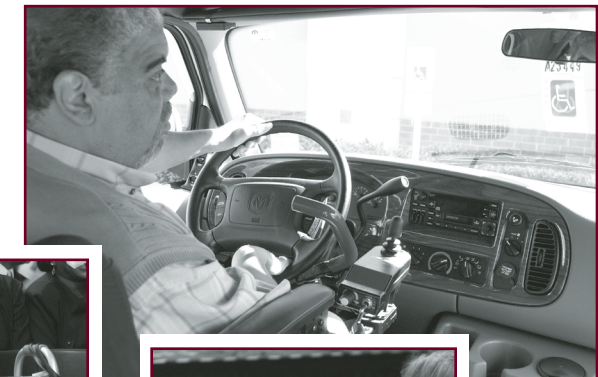
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Key Activities 2006-2007

NCATP STATISTICS

- 8,669 individuals received AT services
- 5,409 equipment loans, 964 equipment demonstrations
- 2,682 people received Information and Assistance services
- 503 AT training and awareness seminars for 14,616 people
- 1,200 attendees at the 16th Annual Assistive Technology Expo
- 245 equipment listings on Technology Exchange Post



HIGHLIGHTS

- Participated in Department of Health and Human Services-sponsored AT Expo for Legislative Awareness Day.
- Established an Early Learning Computer Station in Transylvania County for families to try early intervention software with their children.
- Conducted Usability Study of five Websites to identify access issues for people with disabilities for the Department of Administration.
- Partnered with Catfish Hunter Chapter of the ALS Association to implement an Assistive Technology Loan Closet for people with ALS.
- Established a monthly Orthotics and Prosthetics Clinic for residents of seven rural mountain counties.
- Transitioned Technology Exchange Post to searchable on-line database for individuals to acquire assistive technology devices at lower costs.

What People Say About NCATP:

North Carolinians have a wonderful resource in the N.C. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services' Assistive Technology Program. NCATP's primary objective is serving people – from birth through the later years – by increasing their access to education, to community living, and to employment.

A key component for achieving this goal is our partnerships with schools, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and community non-profits across the state that allow us to place assistive technology into the hands of as many people as possible.

Offering services in all 100 counties, NCATP reaches to the far corners of the state, improving individuals' access to their homes and their communities. With services offered by this program, people with disabilities are able to enjoy a fuller, more independent life.

...Linda Harrington, Director

North Carolina Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

“My son was able to use an adaptive keyboard at school to see if it was right for him.”

...Parent

“I was able to borrow a computer mouse to help me explore options for using my computer.”

...Person with a disability

“The recommendations of NCATP staff were included in evaluations and assistive technology makes it possible for people to become productive workers.”

...Counselor

“The use of assistive technology has helped restore communication and improve my quality of life.”

.... Person with a disability

“Thanks to the assistance of NCATP, two students can now independently access the computer for classroom instruction.”

.... Classroom teacher

“The NCATP staff was extremely helpful and provided options I did not even know about.”

.... Person with a disability