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ATLA is a public non-profit 501(c)(3) agency which provides assistive technology solutions to Alaskans with disabilities.

## WHO IS ATLA?

Assistive Technology of Alaska (ATLA) is Alaska's only comprehensive assistive technology resource center. ATLA provides the "keys" (assistive technology) so Alaskan's with disabilities can have greater access to and more independence in their home, school, work and community settings. Assistive technology (AT) comes in all sizes and shapes with a wide variety of user options. ATLA is here to help you make an informed choice and get appropriate technology into your hands.

## ATLA PROVIDES

### Daily Living

- environmental controls
- switches
- independent living aids

### Blindness & Low Vision

- portable screen readers
- CCTVs
- magnifying devices
- computer screen enlarging programs

### Communication Devices

- tools with verbal or visual output
- voice output devices
- software for picture communication systems

### Computer Access

- various keyboards and mouse options
- screen enlarging programs
- positioning and desk/table solutions
- voice recognition

### Deaf & Hard of Hearing

- phones
- alert devices
- watches
- sound application

### Educational Needs

- literacy/written language
- organizational skills
- mathematics

## SERVICES

### Experienced professionals can provide consultations for:

- all ages - infants to seniors
- employers and businesses
- anyone in the state needing additional information

### Services may include:

- hands-on demonstrations
- training and support of software and hardware
- low/mid/high technology strategies and solutions
- presentations to groups
- service contracts with school districts
- web-based equipment recycling site [www.aktradingpost.org](http://www.aktradingpost.org)

## WHAT IS "AT"?

Assistive technology (AT) is any device or product that can be used to maintain or increase the abilities and independence of an individual.

Assistive Technology services assist an individual with the selection and acquisition of a product or device and training on how to get the most benefit from it in their home, school, work, and community setting.



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this site is intended for reutilization of  
assistive technology across Alaska

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## Calling ALL Educators (Not just Special Educators)

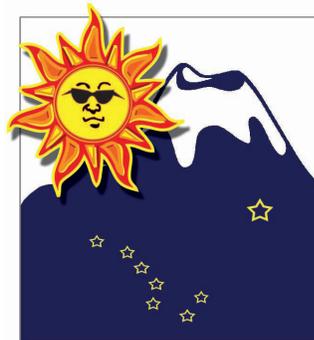
In October, ATLA will begin hosting a series of software overviews for educators across Alaska whose students so often have varied reading and writing abilities and needs. The purpose of this series is to provide an overview of software that can be used for individual-student, classroom-wide, school-wide or district-wide text access and is easy to customize for each student's specific support need. Featured software would fit as one part of RTI and meets the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard (NIMAS). Text access software in the first week of this series has solid research behind it that reflects

- increased access to all curriculum materials
- writing tools that increase work performance of all students,
- results in increased high stakes test performance.

**Check ATLA's website  
at [www.atlaak.org](http://www.atlaak.org)  
for more details.**

## MIDNIGHT SUN ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

[www.msatc.org](http://www.msatc.org)



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## Assistive Technology of Alaska (ATLA)

*Assistive technology* – commonly refers to “...products, devices or equipment, that are used to increase, maintain or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.”

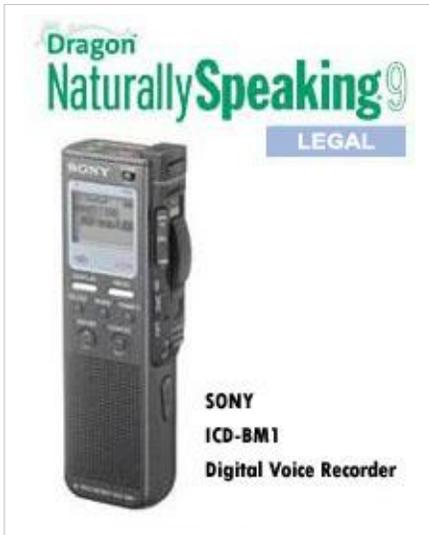
Assistive technology is redefining what is possible for employees in the workforce who are aging and may need a little “extra support” to remain employed; for new or potential hires who may experience a disability and need minimal assistance to perform their job successfully; and for individuals with vision, hearing, mobility, learning disabilities and other challenges who need off the shelf or customized technology to become and remain employed.

Employers recognize the importance of having great employees and the ability to provide technological solutions when the employees acquire or experience a disability. Assistive technology can help them retain that employee and avoid the replacement and training of new hires.

Assistive Technology (AT) is breaking down barriers and expanding the possibilities for everyone. Technology that was once “just for people with disabilities” is now “mainstream”. Some examples of mainstream technology include: voice recognition software that turns voice into text; digital recorders that download voice messages/notes into text; PDA’s with alarm reminders, organizational software, text messaging, note taking; scan and/or download books, manuals, documents into digital text on an MP3 or other player and have the text read aloud; camera phones that capture and speak text; and graphic pens that capture hand written notes and inputs into a computer. Universal design in “high tech” computers and devices makes accommodations for all employees possible.

Kathy Privratsky, Executive Director of Assistive Technology of Alaska (ATLA), the designated entity for Alaska’s statewide assistive technology program, will provide a brief update on “What’s New in assistive technology in Alaska”.

## The Possibilities of Assistive Technology



### Digital Voice Recorder

Records dictation on built-in flash memory high capacity media cards. Compatible with Dragon NaturallySpeaking Preferred voice recognition to print software to easily convert your recorded files into text.



### KNFB Reader Mobile

Reading machine in a cell phone. Reads most printed documents, from letters and memos to pages in a book and street signs. The user takes a photo of the print to be read and the character recognition software in conjunction with high quality text-to-speech will read the contents of the document aloud. Each sentence is displayed visually and highlights each word as it is read.



### Read and Write Gold Mobile

Portable software on a USB flash drive provides users with all the features of a scan and read program with the added benefit of being able to use it on any computer, anytime, anywhere. No installation is required! Plug the device into any USB port on a PC computer and run the program.

# Statewide Assistive Technology Reutilization and Recycling

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Alaska Assistive Technology Trading Post. The header includes a logo with a recycling symbol and the text "Alaska Assistive Technology TRADING POST". Below the header is a navigation menu with links for HOME, MY ACCOUNT, ITEMS, CONTACT US, and FAQ. A search bar contains the text "computer" and "Adaptive Computer Devices". The main content area is titled "ITEM SEARCH" and shows "77 items found in Alaska". A table lists search results with columns for Item Name, Program, Type, and Bookmark.

| Item Name  | Program | Type | Bookmark |
|--|---------|------|----------|
| Adesso PS/2 to USB adapter                                   | ATLA    | Sale |          |
| Adesso PS/2 to USB adapter for Keyboard and Mouse (ADP-PU21) | ATLA    | Sale |          |
| Alphabet keyguard for  |         |      |          |

This screenshot shows a different search result page on the website. The search bar contains "Read & Write Gold" and "SAIL". The main content area is titled "ITEM SEARCH" and shows "7 items found in Alaska". A table lists search results with columns for Item Name, Program, Type, and Bookmark.

| Item Name   | Program          | Type | Bookmark |
|---|------------------|------|----------|
| Read & Write Gold Scan and read /screen reader software   | SAIL - Juneau    | Demo |          |
| Read & Write Gold Literacy and Language software/Learning Disabilities  | SAIL - Ketchikan | Demo |          |
| Read and Write Gold Scan and read software  | SAIL - Sitka     | Demo |          |
| Read and Write Gold 8.0 Scanning, reading and writing software solution for people with learning disabilities or reading difficulties such as dyslexia, attention deficit disorder (ADD) and other literacy difficulties, and ... | ATLA             | Demo |          |
| Read and Write Gold 8.0 - Mobile Scanning, reading and writing software solution for people with learning disabilities or reading difficulties such   | ATLA             | Demo |          |