

# LOUISIANA

## Assistive Technology Resources



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### Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network

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**Organization Type:** Assistive Technology, Information Centers, State and Local Organizations

**Disabilities Served:** General / Non-disability Specific

Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network (LATAN), the Louisiana Tech Act Project, is a consumer-directed, consumer-responsive advocacy and systems change nonprofit agency that involves individuals with disabilities in planning, implementing and evaluating LATAN's activities. LATAN's vision is that individuals who use assistive technology are independent, satisfied with their lives, and have access to their community. LATAN assists individuals with disabilities to achieve a higher quality of life and greater independence through increased access to assistive technology as part of their daily lives. Their goal is to expand the availability of assistive technology services and devices through a comprehensive consumer-directed, consumer-responsive statewide program of technology-related assistance.

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**Disabilities Served:** General / Non-disability Specific, Brain Injury and Stroke, Cerebral Palsy, Communication and Speech, Deaf / Blind, Developmental Disabilities, Health Impairments, Learning Disabilities, Mobility Impaired, Multiple Disabilities, Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Neurological Disorders, Orthopedically Impaired

The Gatling Group is an Assistive Technology consulting company, founded in 1996, which specializes in working with individuals of any age, or disability. The firm is an authorized trainer, evaluator, and provider for the State of Louisiana Rehabilitation Services. They build, sell, and repair computers, laptops, and assistive technology software and equipment. As a Microsoft Certified Professional and a JAWS for Windows trainer, they provide software training on all of the Microsoft Windows and Office products as well as JAWS for Windows, OpenBook, Kurzweil, and Dragon Naturally Speaking.

## **Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program - LaCHIP**

### **Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals**

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With the Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program, you may qualify for quality health coverage for your child at low cost or no cost. LaCHIP health care plans cover uninsured kids up to age 19. Eligibility is based on family size and income.

### **Regional Centers for Assistive Technology**

The Louisiana Assistive Technology Initiative (LATI) has established regional centers to improve outcomes and results for children and youth with disabilities through the use of assistive technology, to access school programs and curriculum, and to increase the capacity of school districts to provide assistive technology services by making training and technical assistance available to teachers, therapists, administrators, paraprofessionals and parents.



### **Regional Center Lending Library**

LATI operates a short-term loan program to assist school systems in conducting AT assessments and/or recommending assistive technology for students. This affords the student an opportunity to try the technology before it is purchased for his or her use. Lending Library periods are limited to four weeks. This program is not designed to provide long-term loans. The loan period will consist of thirty calendar days, exclusive of school holidays. Computers are not available through the loan program. Assistive technology hardware/software is provided only to students with disabilities, at the request of the local AT staff.

Regional AT staff will process requests for technology loans, ensure the proper working condition of devices, and provide adequate training in the use of the devices. It is the responsibility of the LEA AT staff to pick up the device and return it in proper working condition to their regional AT center. The LEA accepts responsibility for the device in instances of neglect, abuse, or theft.

Once the loan period has ended, the assistive technology hardware/software will be returned to the

assistive technology regional center within 3 days past the 30-day loan period. If the device is not returned within that time, the LEA will be contacted for remittance of the device. If the device is lost, damaged, or malfunctioning, the LEA will be held responsible and accountable financially for the repair or replacement of the device. The assistive technology regional center will be responsible for maintaining records of loans.

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