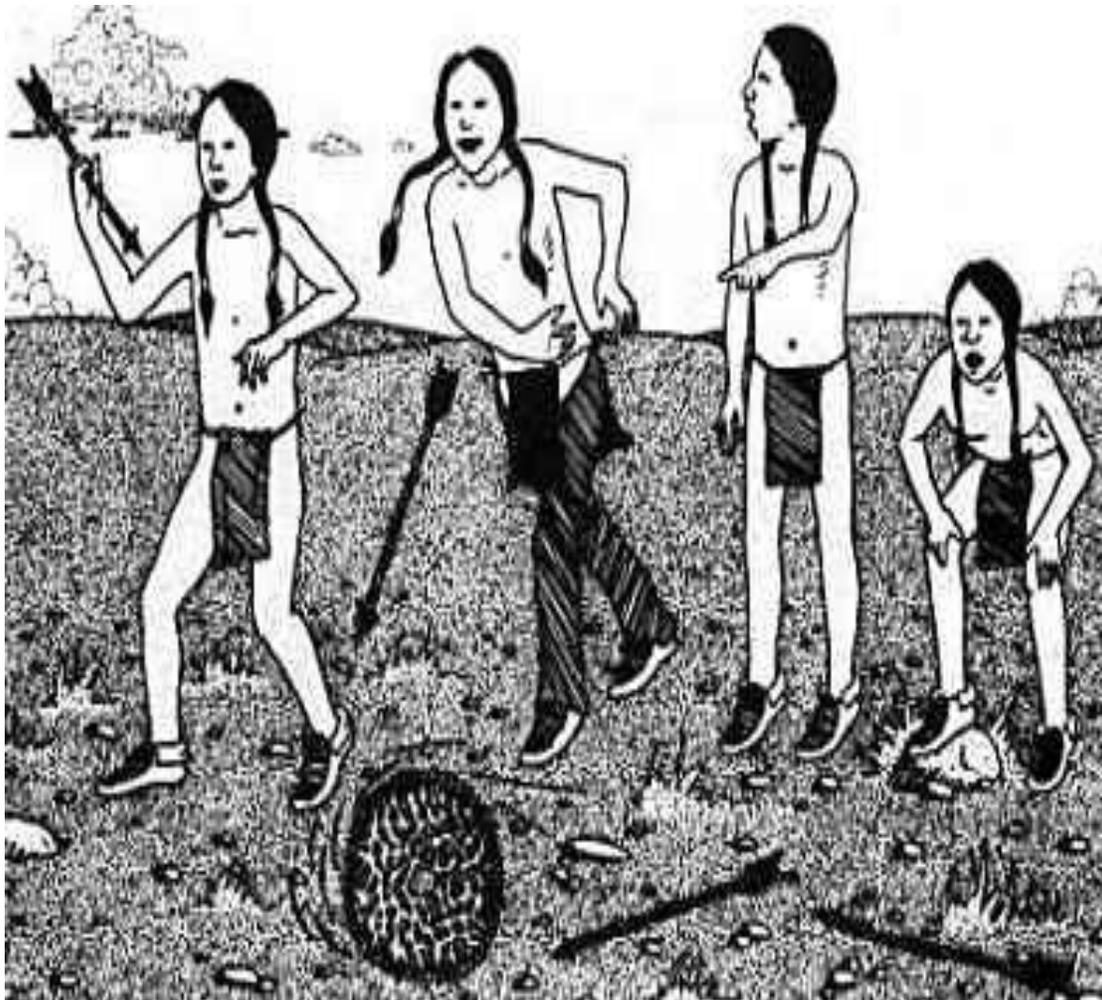


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LifeShare Assistive Technology Project

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Website: <http://www.latkids.org/>

Organization Type: Assistive Technology

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

LifeShare Assistive Technology Project, or LAT Kids, works to better the lives of children with disabilities through the use of technology. LAT Kids offers for download all of the software and resources it develops, free of charge, and in Mississippi currently offers one-on-one consulting with children, parents, teachers and therapists, also free of charge.

Mississippi Project START (Success Through Assistive Rehabilitative Technology)

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Organization Type: Assistive Technology, State and Local Organizations

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

The mission of Project START is to ensure the provision of appropriate technology-related services for Mississippians with disabilities by increasing the awareness of and access to Assistive Technology and by helping the existing service systems to become more consumer responsive so that all Mississippians with disabilities will receive appropriate technology-related services and devices.

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URL: <http://www.tkmartin.msstate.edu/services/hearing/>

URL: <http://www.tkmartin.msstate.edu/services/learning/>

URL: <http://www.tkmartin.msstate.edu/services/visual/>

brain trauma

The T.K. Martin Center specializes in assistive technologies that increase the independence and overall functional capabilities of persons with brain trauma. The T.K. Martin Center staff can work in conjunction with community based rehabilitation staff who specialize in the needs of persons with brain injury. Each case is reviewed individually to determine the appropriateness and extent to which assistive technology services should be rendered. While the T.K. Martin Center staff are not involved in issues of cognitive rehabilitation therapy, they can provide assistance in solving individual problems identified by the head injury rehabilitation professional.

communication disorders

The T.K. Martin Center specializes in the evaluation of persons with communication disorders to determine the appropriateness for augmentative and alternative communication technologies. Services may result in the recommendation of the necessary equipment as well as the setup of the communication system once it is purchased by the client or referral source. While training in the use of this technology is an on-going, often lifelong process, the T.K. Martin Center provides the initial orientation and the necessary instruction to the device user and significant others regarding the constant learning process equated with this technology.

hearing impairments

The T.K. Martin Center specializes in the evaluation of assistive technology needs of persons with hearing impairments. Services provided are contingent upon the vocational, educational, and social tasks which need to be performed. Modifications can be made to environments within homes, schools, and job sites that will enable a person with a hearing disability to be more functional. The T.K. Martin Center does not provide hearing aids services for persons with hearing impairments.

specific learning disabilities

The T.K. Martin Center specializes in evaluating individuals with specific learning disabilities for technology that may improve their ability to function more fully. The evaluation matches an individual with appropriate equipment, software, and strategies that will compensate for the disability. Persons can use the technology to learn, organize, and communicate information in a way that allows them to meet their goals. As with most forms of assistive technology, such recommendations result in tools which must be learned and mastered by the client in order to be effective.

visual impairments

The T.K. Martin Center specializes in the assessment of persons with visual impairments who require assistive devices to perform activities related to education, employment, and independent living. The exploration of solutions for the individual's needs is performed by a low vision assistive technology

specialist utilizing an array of state-of-the-art devices and software applications. These services may result in specific recommendations for devices as well as the configuration and preparation of the devices when purchased by the client or referral source. Recommendations will be thorough and may include a wide spectrum of low vision assistive technology.

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Assistive Technology Division

Addressing the barriers confronted by individuals with disabilities. It is the goal of the Assistive Technology Division to meet the needs and address the barriers confronted by individuals with disabilities. The Assistive Technology Division staff evaluates MDRS clients for the most appropriate assistive technology, thus enabling them to return to work and/or live independently. Rapid changes in technology are constantly expanding opportunities for those with disabilities to participate in their communities and in the work place. MDRS has assumed the lead in assuring that Mississippi citizens with disabilities have maximum access to this technology. The Assistive Technology Division of MDRS includes an Assistive Technology Coordinator, an Administrative Assistant, a Special Projects Officer, two Rehabilitation Technology Specialists, and eight Rehabilitation Technologists, enabling the agency to provide evaluations and assessments for clients of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Office of Special Disability Programs throughout the state.