



What's New With MassMATCH!!

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- As a member of this internet news service, individuals will be kept abreast of the latest in Assistive Technology (AT), upcoming AT events, and other activities of MassMATCH. Also, we will have a new website available soon which will provide information on all the AT Act programs and more. We hope it will be the clearinghouse of all AT information in Massachusetts.



Celebrating Accomplishments

May 2007

MA AT Loan Program accomplished granting \$2 million in loans to people with disabilities to purchase their own assistive technology in just two years of the program opening.



Our partners, Easter Seals MA and Sovereign Bank, have made this possible through their collaborative efforts.



AT Expos

May & June 2007

The NEAT Expo sponsored by Class.Inc will be held on May 3rd at the Radisson Hotel in Chelmsford, MA. For more information, please contact Stacey Selfridge at 978-975-8587.



The Western MA AT Expo, hosted by UCP of Berkshire County, will be held on June 5th at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA. For more information, please contact Dawn Perotti at 413-442-1562.

New AT Programs to Open

2 AT device demonstrations and device loan programs have opened as of April 9, 2007.

*The Eastern Center will be operated by Easter Seals

*The Western Center will be operated by United Cerebral Palsy of Berkshire County

**These Centers will give people with disabilities, educators, therapists, employers and others the opportunity to see a range of assistive technology devices and provide opportunities for short term loan of devices to try or to use while awaiting the purchase of a permanent device.



new programs coming on line this year. MassMATCH, stands for "Maximizing Assistive Technology in Consumer's Hands," and was established by the AT Act Advisory Council, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC). MRC has been designated the Assistive Technology lead state agency for the AT Act grant activities in Massachusetts.

In January, the Assistive Technology Exchange Program opened in the New England region. The site, www.getatstuff.org, is an on-line listing of AT items for sale or for free in the New England region.



At this site you can shop for a needed device or post an item for sale that you no longer need. It's like an AT porch sale! So be sure to visit and register to enjoy all the benefits of the exchange program.

Thank you for taking the time to catch up on the latest MassMATCH news! We hope you like these new services and that you have found this information useful! If you have any suggestions, please drop us an e-mail at massmatch@state.ma.us.

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