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1-2-3 Speak

This company offers an augmentative communication system, that speaks for a person.

www.1-2-3speak.com

AbleData

Huge searchable database of approximately 19,000 assistive devices. Offers a comprehensive and well categorized directory of assistive technology products and vendors, many fact sheets and consumer guides.

www.abledata.com

adaigle@macroint.com

Alliance for Technology Access

The Alliance for Technology Access (ATA) is comprised of networks of community-based resource centers, developers and vendors and associates dedicated to providing information and support services to children and adults with disabilities, and increasing their use of standard, assistive, and information technologies. Contact this organization and visit their resource centers if you want to try out adaptive equipment before making a purchase.

www.ataccess.org

ATAinfo@ATAccess.org

Apple Disability Resources

This site is useful if you're a Mac user. It offers a searchable library of freeware and shareware programs, a database catalog listing hundreds of third-party disability products for the Macintosh, as well as information on the latest adaptive hardware and software available for the Macintosh.

www.apple.com/accessibility

Assistive Technology 4HELP

Have questions about Assistive Technology? Need help finding a product? Subscribe to the AT Community's e-mail lists and start sending messages and questions to other community members today! It's convenient and free. Organizations and vendors offering Assistive Technology information, products or services are cordially invited to join these community mailing lists.

groups.yahoo.com/group/4HELP

www.topica.com/lists/4HELP

community@rehabtool.com

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)

This center focuses on strategies to assist people with severe communication disabilities

www.aac.unl.edu

Closing The Gap

Large searchable database of computer-related products and services available to assist persons with disabilities and special needs. Includes product descriptions, prices and contact information. Their online resource directory is updated monthly.

www.closingthegap.com

info@closingthegap.com

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disABILITY Information and Resources

Jim Lubin's comprehensive resource directory for people with disabilities. Visit this site if you need to find assistive technology products and vendors.

www.makoa.org
jlubin@eskimo.com

DREAMMS for Kids

Non-profit organization that has been publishing assistive technology information since 1994. They offer parents of children with special needs and special education professionals a free monthly newsletter (online). Their web site provides extensive information relating to assistive technology and adaptive devices.

www.dreamms.org
janet@dreamms.org

DynaVox Mayer-Johnson

Hardware solution to speak for a disable person.

www.dynavoxtech.com

Early Learning Site

Software created to aid students with Autism and PDD.

www.helpingtogrow.istores.com
aba@aba-materials.com

EnableMart

Hardware company that sells devices to help in areas of communication, vision & hearing and overall learning.

www.enablemart.com

Microsoft Accessibility

One of the best resources we've seen for finding assistive technology solutions if you are using a Windows-based computer. Check out their Products & Aids page for information about accessibility features and options included in Microsoft products, and learn how to adjust them to meet your personal preferences. They also offer a thorough directory of free accessibility software as well as a huge catalog of third-party products developed for the Windows platform.

www.microsoft.com/enable

National Association of Special Education Teachers

While this website focuses on all forms of special education and not specifically with assistive technology, it is a great resource to get all kinds of information on this topic.

www.naset.org

RehabTool.com

A place to find assistive technology information, products, and services for children and adults with disabilities. They can help you choose and select assistive technology solutions for your specific needs via their popular Product Search & Referral service. Their web site offers plenty of links to some of the largest product catalogs, databases and vendor directories in North America.

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Simplified Technology

A resource page created by Linda J. Burkhart, which has a lot of selected links to assistive technology and augmentative communication resources for children with disabilities.

www.lburkhart.com/links.htm

Trace Center

Trace is a non-profit research center which focuses on making standard computer technologies and systems more accessible for people with disabilities. Their site includes plenty of links to assistive technology products and vendors. Be sure to visit their FAQ's and Information Resources pages.

www.trace.wisc.edu

web@trace.wisc.edu

USA TechGuide

This site, funded by the United Spinal Association previously known as the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association, features a searchable database of wheelchairs, scooters, and other mobility related products. The site categorizes hundreds of assistive technology web sites and offers articles and product reviews on wheelchairs.

www.usatechguide.org

techguide@unitedspinal.org

Washington Assistive Technology Alliance

The Washington Assistive Technology Alliance (WATA) is a consumer advocacy network that offers information and referrals, consultation and training on selected AT devices, funding information, legal advice and advocacy, several publications, a discussion forum, an equipment exchange program, and a comprehensive and categorized vendors database for finding assistive technology products or services.

www.wata.org

uwctds@u.washington.edu

Word-Q

Software that works with standard word processing software to provide spoken feedback.

www.wordq.com