

# UATP

## Utah Assistive Technology Program *Annual Report FY 2017-18*



## Highlights from 2017-2018:

- UATP executive director Sachin Pavithran was appointed to the Association of University Centers on Disability board;
- UATP staff members took to the road to train people in rural areas on low-tech AT;
- UATP in the Uintah Basin moves from Roosevelt to Vernal;
- Services in Salt Lake City (formerly CReATE) and the Uintah Basin (formerly the AT Lab in the Uintah Basin) are renamed the Utah Assistive Technology Program.



## Assistive Technology Loans:

In 2017-18 UATP made a concerted effort to expand the number and variety of items available for clients to loan.

High-tech and low-tech items are available to aid clients at home, in educational settings and at work.

Device loans were made to **209 clients** statewide.

AT equipment loans are available through UATP in Logan and the Uintah Basin.



## AT Demonstrations

UATP staff members demonstrated devices to 824 people with disabilities, their families and service providers in 17 counties.

These services allow people to make informed decisions before they purchase assistive technology.



*97% of clients who attended a demonstration were highly satisfied.*

## Reuse

*In 2017-18, clients received 661 reused devices, saving them a total of \$942,900.*

UATP offers reused assistive technology to clients at its Logan, Salt Lake City and Uintah Basin locations. The SLC facility (formerly CReATE) offers only refurbished mobility devices, while the other two locations refurbish, customize and construct assistive technology of all kinds.



*Of clients who responded to our survey, 58% said they could not have afforded the AT they received any other way.*

## Training & Public Awareness

**Training:** 1606 people received face-to-face training, information and assistance from UATP.

In addition, our YouTube Channel received more than **36,000 views in the 2018 calendar year** (the most recent yearly data available). To browse UATP's archived trainings, visit our YouTube channel by searching for [Utah Assistive Technology Program](#).



*Public Awareness: In 2017, UATP was featured by 3 radio stations and 4 local and regional publications; reached 626 people in face-to-face interactions; posted 13 blog posts, and appeared on other blogs 7 times.*

## AT Financing

UATP's financing services provided small grants and loans to Utahns with disabilities to help make the assistive technology they needed more affordable.

A total of \$31,440 in small grants was awarded to 123 Utahns. \$679,908 was loaned to 91 recipients. UATP's financing services are offered everywhere in the state.



*“If another person can find what I’ve found... for me it was a reprieve from the destinies that were isolating me.”*

*--John Montour, on receiving a loaned scooter from the Utah Assistive Technology Program, Logan*

*“Before, it took so much energy to use my walker to get to the bus stop or whatever, but then I couldn’t do anything else. So this is great! ... It makes it so I can go places, especially in this particular chair, because it makes the ride so much easier. I feel safe.”*

*--Jennifer Holland, on receiving a wheelchair from the Utah Assistive Technology Program in Salt Lake City*

*“Hands on work is what he wants to do for his job, so this is really great training. I think this is building his self-confidence and his self-esteem. And Cameron is so good to work with.”*

*--Amelia Gardner, on the training one of her students received working at UATP in the Uintah Basin*

*“The interest rate was just unbelievable. ... it just made the whole process less painful.”*

*--Ethelyn Humphries, on receiving a reduced-interest loan on an adapted van in Southern Utah.*



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