



Center for Persons with Disabilities

# Utah Assistive Technology Program *Annual Report FY 2018-19*



## Highlights from 2018-2019:

- UATP executive director Sachin Pavithran was named president-elect of the Association of University Centers on Disability;
- We welcomed a new coordinator in Logan;
- We renewed our focus on reaching out to Utah's underserved communities through VISTA member Bora Lee;
- UATP's demonstration and loan libraries are upgraded.



## Assistive Technology Loans:

In 2018-19 UATP added items to its loan bank for clients with low vision, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, aging, and those who could benefit from augmentative and alternative communication.

161 device loans were made in 2018-19 statewide.

Assistive technology device loans are available in UATP's Logan and the Uintah Basin locations.



## AT Demonstrations

UATP staff members demonstrated 598 devices to 1626 people with disabilities, their families and service providers in 19 counties.

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

UATP offers demonstrations of mobility equipment in its Salt Lake City Location. Equipment of all kinds is demonstrated at the Logan and Uintah Basin locations.



*95% of clients who attended a demonstration were highly satisfied.*

## Reuse

*In 2018-19, clients received 585 reused devices, saving them a total of \$560,556.*

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, 43% said they could not have afforded the AT they received any other way.*

## Training & Public Awareness

**Training:** 869 people received face-to-face training, information and assistance from UATP.

In addition, our YouTube Channel received more than **51,800 views in 2019**. To browse UATP's archived trainings, visit our YouTube channel. Search for [Utah Assistive Technology Program](#).



*Public Awareness: In 2018-19, UATP staff members reached five local radio stations, one statewide radio station, and online audiences of four publications; posted 26 blog posts and seven YouTube videos; and appeared on other blogs 10 times.*

## AT Financing

UATP's financing services are provided statewide. We offer small grants and loans to Utahns with disabilities to make assistive technology more affordable, and help entrepreneurs with disabilities start or expand a business.

**A total of \$30,567 in small grants went to 112 Utahns. Loans totaled \$554,723 and went to 62 recipients.**



*“The UATF grant of \$400 that facilitated the purchase of an electric mobility scooter will, singularly, allow me to once again be more functional at home, be active in the community, and to get out and enjoy life. I will not only regain mobility, but quality of life and a renewed sense of purpose..”*

*--Kathryn Naron of St. George, who received a scooter with the help of a small grant from UATP.*

*“Tom’s a lifesaver. If it wasn’t for him, we wouldn’t be able to help as many people throughout the year.”*

*--Kathy Tucker at Ability 1st Independent Living Center in Provo, Utah. She received help from Tom Boman and UATP in Salt Lake City to supply affordable wheelchairs to people who need them.*

*“He’s very social and he likes to play with friends, so this will give him another tool that he can use.”*

*--Raquel Labrum, on the reused therapeutic trike she recieved for her son through UATP in the Uintah Basin. Her child’s doctor recommended that he do some bike riding to help build up his leg strength and work his hips.*

*“They did it just perfectly. It’s a huge difference.”*

*--Heather Goodwin on the custom-made, 3D-printed bike pedal her son recieved from UATP in Logan. The pedal was designed to keep his foot from sliding off: something that had happened before on his recumbent bike. He had broken his leg because of it, but the new pedal will prevent further injury.*



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