

Access to Assistive Technology

Serving Clients Requiring Disabilities Supports

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Introduction and Background

- Providing AT resources and support province wide since 1993
- AT service provider for the EPPD program

Available Assistive Technology Services and Resources

- Specialized assessments, training , and technical support
- Assistive technology for evaluation
- Consultation and workshops

Service Delivery throughout BC

- Remote connection technology
- Mobile assessment kits
- In-person

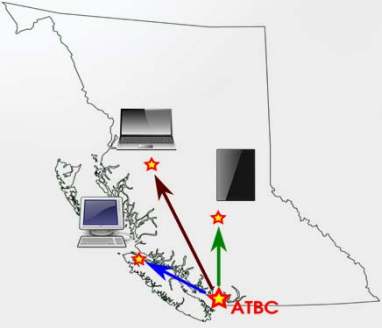
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Remote Connection Technology

- Used for assessments, training, and technical support
- Eliminates geographic and travel barriers
- Permits timely service and reduces down-time

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Remote Connection Technology



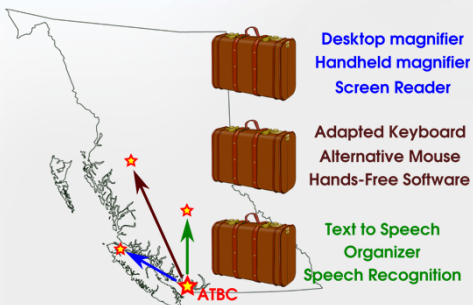
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Mobile Assessment Kits

- Used for assessing physical technology
- Provides hands-on evaluation
- May be used in conjunction with remote connection technology

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Mobile Assessment Kits



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In-person Service

- Complex job-site assessment
- Client has a communication barrier
- Direct observation is required

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In-person Service



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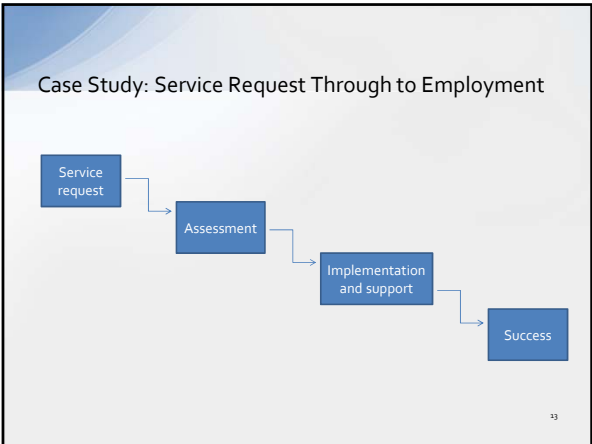


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Requesting Service

- Service request form available on www.at-bc.ca
- Service can begin immediately
- Initial consultation or preliminary assessment

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Case Study

Client: Dave Jackson

Region: Kootenays

Distance: 45-mins from referring agent and 2.5 hrs from Selkirk

Disability: Legally Blind with reduced fields

Functional: Difficulties reading print, small font and contrasting colours

Barriers: No Computer Skills, Does not Drive, Commuter Student

Training Plan: Health Care Assistance certificate program at Selkirk College

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Assessment Outcome

- Expectation for mobile technology
- Consulted with vendor and sought advice
- Required training on OS and adaptive technology
- Needed technology for both home and school
- Assess candidate technology to confirm expectations and functional need

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TimeLine					
Aug 22	Aug 23	Aug 27	Sept 3	Sept 11-18	Sept 23
Initial Call	Formal Request	Assessment and Consultation	Configured, Tested & Shipped	Remote Training & Tech Support	Technology Plan Evaluation
Suggested technology Learning Needs	<u>Comprehensive Assessment and Trialing Period</u>	• Expectation Learning Functional Need	• Laptop, screen magnification, Hand-held and 27 inch external monitor	Adaptive Software Adjusting Font & Colour On/Off Magnification levels Zooming	• Good Progress • Independently • On-demand
		• Fair Evaluation • Candidate	• Enlarge font, Reverse contrast and a cursor Locator Circle	Windows • Start Menu • Open & Close • Creating & Submitting Word	CSG School Application

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TimeLine				
October	November	December	January	April
Receive School Referral	Remote Trouble Shooting & Training	Coordinating & Assessing	Ongoing Assessment & Communication	Graduates
Desktop or Portable • Computer • Magnifier	• Window OS Colour Canadian Food Guide (1/2c or 2/3c)	• Identify CSG Assess outstanding needs (WorkBC)	Equipment • School • WorkBC	• Honours • Applying Ft.
	Magnifier with, Word, Explorer and Email client	• Home • School • CSG/WorkBC	• "accessing written info" • "handwriting underneath" • "53% Average"	• Returns WorkBC • Desktop CCTV & Computer • RemoteTech Support

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Dave's Narrative	
• "School is now completed" • "It was not easy - a lot of learning in a brief period of time" • "I don't know how I would have managed without this equipment and your help" • "Before I started this course, I had never even turned a computer" • "early delivery of the laptop and your over the phone (plus teamviewer) assistance, I was able to start the course with enough skill to get by" • "I have been hired as a casual (to start) at a local facility" • "I did the best I could to attain a high level of achievement for myself, but also to show that I was worth the investment in time and money" • "I truly believe that people with disabilities are very able, they just need a hand up sometimes, not just a hand out. As Dr. Phil says, " If you give them a fish, they'll eat tonight, if you teach them to fish, they'll eat for life "	

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Dave's Certificate



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Dave & Jennifer



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