

Hudson Valley Special Education Parent Center

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Assistive Technology

Why AT?

Naomi Brickel, Project Coordinator of the Hudson Valley Special Education Parent Center shares observations and perspective gained through direction of the Center and as a parent of a child who uses AT.

Assistive Technology: Lingo Simplified

Beth Heyd is the coordinator of the Assistive Technology Program at WIHD, Valhalla, NY. In this article she explains AT using everyday examples to define terms and concepts.

How My Life Has Changed Through The Use Of Assistive Technology

David S. is a junior in New Rochelle High School who uses a process called "Facilitated Communication" (FC) to participate in a highly competitive general education program. In his own words, Davis shares the dramatic impact of AT has had on his life and his ability to learn and participate in school.

A Parent's Hope

Jeff S. (the father of David S.) shares the perspective and hope gained through observation of the impact of Assistive Technology in the life of their son.

The ABC's of Assistive Technology

This creative article offers introductory concepts and definitions along with a wealth links and resources and links. David Grapka, Staff Development Coordinator for Instructional Resource Services in the Capital Region BOCES, provides professional development to educators in schools and agencies throughout New York State on the effective use of Assistive Technology through the LATS (Local Assistive Technology Specialist) Certification program, co-sponsored with the AAC Institute (www.aac institute.org).

Assistive Technology in School

Greg Stowell, the District-Wide Administrator for Special Education in the Mahopac Central School District, discusses the impact of technology and the implications of regulations regarding AT in the classroom for students with disabilities.

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To Learn More

A list of internet resources including an informative and easy to understand article by Patti Slobogin, Coordinator of the Region Special Education Technical Assistance Support Center (former SETRC).

Favorite AT Vendors

Beth Heyd of the AT Program at WIHD shares her list of favorite vendors and sources for AT equipment.



[Don't miss these upcoming events!](#)

Information about upcoming AT events in our region.

[HVSEPC Monthly Regional Events Listings](#)

Click in the link above for the HVSEPC monthly listing of events happening in our region during December.

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