

# Kentucky Assistive Technology Service (KATS) Network

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The KATS Network is one of 56 statewide assistive technology programs federally funded through the Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. Department of Education under the [Assistive Technology Act of 1998](#), as amended in 2004.

The KATS Network's mission is to make assistive technology (AT) information, devices and services easily obtainable for people of any age and/or disability. AT is any item or piece of equipment (both low-tech and high-tech) used to improve and/or maintain independence in the home, at work, school or play.

## Services we provide

The KATS Network provides access to AT through a network of Regional AT Resource Centers (ATRCs) across the state. The Regional ATRCs operate AT demonstration programs, lending libraries and AT reutilization programs. The KATS Network Coordinating Center and each of the ATRCs work cooperatively to provide outreach, information & referral services, and training on various AT topics. Technical Assistance and collaboration is also provided to state agencies and organizations to enhance the understanding of and access to AT and accessible information technology (IT).

## KATS Network Coordinating Center

8412 Westport Road  
Louisville, KY 40242  
(800) 327-5287  
[www.katsnet.org](http://www.katsnet.org)

## Regional AT Resource Centers

The KATS Network partners with the following locations to provide AT Information, Awareness, Training, Demonstration, Lending Library and Reutilization services throughout the state.

Our inventory of equipment available for demonstration and loan is available online at [katsnet.at4all.com](http://katsnet.at4all.com).

### Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center

5659 Main Street  
Thelma, KY 41260  
(606) 788-7080

[kcc.ky.gov/vocational-rehabilitation/cdpvtc](http://kcc.ky.gov/vocational-rehabilitation/cdpvtc)

### Redwood Assistive Technology Center

71 Orphanage Road  
Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017  
(800) 728-9807

[redwoodnky.org](http://redwoodnky.org)

### Kosair Charities Enabling Technologies of Kentuckiana (enTECH) at Spalding University

812 S. Second St.  
Louisville, KY 40203  
(502) 992-2448

[entech.spalding.edu](http://entech.spalding.edu)

### Wendell Foster Technology & Resource Center

815 Triplett Street  
Owensboro, KY 42302  
(800) 209-6202

[wendellfoster.org/technology-and-resource-center](http://wendellfoster.org/technology-and-resource-center)

### HDI Center for Assistive Technology Services (CATS)

2358 Nicholasville Road  
Lexington, KY 40503  
(859) 218-7979

[hdi.uky.edu/HDICATS](http://hdi.uky.edu/HDICATS)

## **Alternative Financing Program and Protection & Advocacy for Assistive Technology**

The Assistive Technology Act also provides funding to states for the implementation of Alternative Financing Programs (AFP's) to assist individuals in obtaining affordable financial loans to purchase assistive technology and Protection & Advocacy for Assistive Technology Programs (PAATs) to offer legal and advocacy services to assist individuals with disabilities obtain assistive technology.

In Kentucky, the AFP program is operated through the Kentucky Assistive Technology Loan Corporation (KATLC). KATLC provides low-interest loans for qualified applicants with disabilities for the purchase of modified vehicles, hearing aids, adapted computers, mobility devices, augmentative communication devices or any other type of equipment or home modification that will improve the quality of life or increase the independence of Kentuckians with disabilities.

### **Kentucky Assistive Technology Loan Corporation**

Mayo-Underwood Building  
500 Mero Street  
4th Floor, NE  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(877) 675-0195  
[katlc.ky.gov](http://katlc.ky.gov)

Protection & Advocacy for Assistive Technology is provided through Kentucky Protection & Advocacy (P&A), an independent state agency designated by the Governor as the Protection & Advocacy agency for the state. P&A's staff includes professional advocates and attorneys working together with people who have disabilities to promote and protect their legal rights.

### **Kentucky Protection & Advocacy**

5 Mill Creek Park  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(800)-372-2988  
[kypa.net](http://kypa.net)