



Assistive Technology Lending Library Update

Celebrate the first anniversary of the Penn-Mar Assistive Technology Lending Library! Explore a range of technology solutions for trial, whether you're in the community, at home, or in a workplace setting. Join us during our lending hours every Tuesday from 12 pm to 3 pm and Thursdays from 9 am to 11:30 am at Penn-Mar North, situated at 888 Far Hills Drive, New Freedom, PA 17349.

[Click here for a virtual tour of the Assistive Technology Lending Library!](#)

Assistive Technology Spotlight

How the people we support are using assistive technology to live their lives.

A Personalized Approach to Reminders

One afternoon, around 4:30 pm, team member Savannah Ashlin received a frantic phone call from an individual's mom. Her son had not arrived home from work yet, and he gets off at 2:30 pm. The individual struggles with short-term memory. After extensive collaboration with the team, Savannah decided to explore setting up a system to send him a daily text, asking if his ride had arrived. Savannah also realized that she would not remember to do this manually. After some research, she discovered the option to set up automated text messaging, tailored to specific needs. In this case, Savannah created a text that read, "Did your ride pick you up?" This message is automatically sent to the individual's phone 20 minutes after their scheduled shift on the days they worked. This approach proved incredibly helpful when Savannah received a "No" response one day. She promptly followed up with transportation and provided an update to the concerned individual.



Penn-Mar Team Elevates Expertise with Completion of SHIFT's Enabling Technology Credential

102 members of the Penn-Mar team have successfully finished their Enabling Technology Credential program through SHIFT, supported by grants from Northrop Grumman and DDA ARPA. SHIFT, an education and accreditation platform, aims to standardize and professionalize Technology First programming. The credential equips team members with fundamental knowledge in enabling technology integration, best practices, roles and responsibilities, and person-centered assessment. These accomplished team members are now prepared to empower technology.



Pennsylvania Technology for All

A small group of individuals from the Penn-Mar Far Hills location has been participating in the Pennsylvania Technology for All Training. This free Technology Training series aims to empower individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, offering them an opportunity to navigate and embrace the ever-evolving world of technology. Participants have the chance to not only enhance their digital skills but also to connect with like-minded individuals in the breakout sessions. These interactive sessions serve as a platform for sharing insights and experiences, fostering a sense of community and collaboration. The weekly online Technology Training Series covers topics such as how to use Zoom, Facebook, email, web browsers, Alexa, Google Search, Smartphones, and Tablets.

[Click here](#) to join the weekly online Technology Training Series.



Assistive Technology in Action

Have you ever found yourself struggling to put on your favorite outfit, especially those tricky items that seem to have a mind of their own? Fear not, because we've got the perfect solution for you - the Dressing Stick!

[Click here](#) to see the Dressing Stick in use!