



## **Assistive Technology Act of 2004**

On October 25, 2004, President Bush signed into law the Assistive Technology Act of 2004, to ensure that individuals with disabilities throughout the U.S. and its territories have access to the technology they need to help them be independent in school, at home, in the workplace, and in the community.

Every state and U.S. territory has an Assistive Technology Act Programs (AT Program) funded under the provisions of the Technology-Related Assistance Act of 1988. This Act was established as a 10-year program to provide seed money to enable states to create systems for improving access to assistive technology devices for individuals with disabilities. In 1998, the program was extended beyond the initial 10-year period and legislation supporting the State AT Programs expired in September 2004. The Assistive Technology Act of 2004 supports the continuance of State AT Programs through 2010 and redefines the primary purpose of this program from establishing systems to directly helping the individuals with disabilities in need of assistive technology devices.

To learn about the available AT Programs in each state and U.S. territory, [click here](#). You will be re-directed to the Rehabilitation Engineering & Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA) Web site, [www.resna.org](http://www.resna.org). There you will receive contact information for each state AP-funded program.