# EXAMPLES OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY



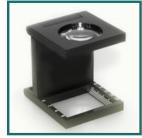
Wheelchair



 $\textbf{Pathfinder}^{\,\text{TM}}$ 



**Portable Ramp** 



Foldable Magnifying Glass



Hearing Impaired Travel Kit



**Braille Printer** 

An AT device may be as simple as an easy grip kitchen utensil or as complicated as a sophisticated voice recognition computer. AT devices and services may enable children and adults with disabilities to work, play, communicate, attend school, learn, move about, and be independent within the community.

#### Call or Visit GSAT!

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# Enhancing Your Quality of Life Through

**Assistive Technology** 







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Alternative Funding Programs (Cont.)

#### What is GSAT?

GSAT is a federal grant project funded by the Assistive Technology Act of 2004. The program is administered by the University of Guam Center for Excellence



in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service (CEDDERS).

#### **Mission**

GSAT's mission is to enhance the independence, productivity and quality of life for all Guamanians, through increased access and utilization of assistive technology (AT) devices and services.

### What is Assistive Technology?

"...An assistive technology (AT) device is any item, piece of equipment or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, assist, maintain, or improve the functional capacities of individuals with disabilities."

**Assistive Technology services** are any services that directly assist an individual with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an AT device." (P.L. 108-364, Sec. 3, 2004.)

# Services/Programs

#### **GSAT Demonstration & Resource Center**

GSAT is a center, available to the community, where visitors can visit, learn, and make an informative decision in selecting the best AT to meet their needs.

- AT Device Demonstrations
- Equipment Displays
- Annual Assistive Technology Conference & Fair

#### **AT Device 30-day Lending Library**

One benefit of the GSAT center is that it allows the community an opportunity to test and actually try any device available at the center. In addition, items can be taken home, to school, or even to the workplace for a 30-day period, free of charge.

- Information and Referral
- Training on AT Devices & Software
- Database Library of Products & Services

# **AT Recycling & Equipment Exchange**

GSAT, with the help of community partners, attempts to repair and refurbish old or used AT devices which are later available to the community for purchase.

- Collection of used AT equipment
- Listing of AT devices for sale or exchange

### **Alternative Funding Programs**

GSAT's loan programs, provide the community a means to purchase AT or pursue home-based employment.

- Low interest rates and flexible payment terms
- No credit history required

# Guam Options for Alternative Loans-Assistive Technology (GOAL-AT)

GOAL-AT is a federally funded program that provides affordable financial loans to persons with disabilities for the purchase of as

with disabilities for the purchase of assistive technology devices and services.

Examples of assistive technology include:

- Hearing aids/assistive listening devices
- Wheelchairs/scooters
- Braille note-takers
- Ramps/home modifications
- Lifts/carriers for vehicles
- Computer adaptations
- Communication devices

# Get Guam Teleworking (GGT) Loan Program

"Telework."\*

funded program
that offers affordable
financial loans to help individuals with
disabilities purchase equipment in order to

Equipment may include, but is not limited to:

- Computers, printers and related peripherals
- Home modifications for accessibility and/ or to create home offices
- \* Telework" is defined as paid employment that is regularly performed at a place other than the employer's office or place.