

### ***The Mission of WATI...***

Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative ensures that every child in Wisconsin who may need assistive technology (AT) has equal and timely access to appropriate assessment and the provision and implementation of needed AT devices and services.

The goal is to improve the outcomes and results for children with disabilities birth to 21 through the use of assistive technology to access services, curriculum, and school and community activities. The project increases the capacity of early intervention agencies, school districts, and their partners to provide assistive technology by making training and technical assistance available throughout Wisconsin.

### ***Lending Library***

The Lending Library is available to professionals in public schools, child care centers, Head Start programs and Birth-3 programs in Wisconsin. It includes equipment, software and resource materials that are available for preview and trial use to help aid in purchase decisions. The full list of available items can be found in a searchable database on the WATI website.

### ***Website***

A website has been established at [www.wati.org](http://www.wati.org). Check it for current information from WATI.

- √ Assistive Technology Training
- √ Lending Library Catalog
- √ Used Equipment Market Information
- √ WATI materials catalog
- √ Best Practices
- √ Curriculum
- √ Literacy
- √ Special Buys for WI Schools

### ***Used Equipment Marketplace (UEM)***

This service, similar to classified ads, allows individuals to obtain, sell, donate, loan or rent used equipment valued at \$25 or more. There is no charge to advertise. The ads appear in the Monitor newsletter and on the WATI website.

### ***Multiple Levels of Training***

Awareness, knowledge, and mastery level training is provided throughout the state on a variety of topics related to AT to interested persons working in public schools or Birth-3 programs. Training opportunities are advertised on the WATI website, in the Monitor and various CESA newsletters and through direct mailing. Summer training is scheduled the last two weeks in June. Information about the Summer Institute is placed on the website in the Spring of each year. Training is available at no or low cost and can be scheduled by contacting your WATI consultant at your local CESA office or the main WATI office. WATI staff are available to teach a variety of workshops on topics related to the provision of assistive technology services to children with disabilities, including assessment.

### ***WATI Materials***

WATI has developed a variety of materials to help support school district staff as they implement the assistive technology requirements of IDEIA 2004. These materials include manuals, assessment forms, self assessment tools, children's stories and low cost AT devices that we find useful and want to pass on to others.

Our materials have been sold in 50 states and 7 countries, with many repeat customers, so we know we are providing products that are useful to assistive technology service providers in many different situations.

### ***The Monitor Newsletter***

The newsletter is disseminated as a collaborative effort between WATI and the Milwaukee Technology Access Project. It contains information about workshops, conferences, new products, vendors, publications and other resources related to assistive technology. It is distributed electronically via email and the WATI website.

Elizabeth A Lahm, Director  
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For information regarding the following:

- √ General Information
- √ Statewide Training
- √ WATI Lending Library
- √ WATI Products
- √ Summer Institute
- √ Assistive Technology Interest Groups
- √ Used Equipment Marketplace

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