

About The Assistive Technology Team

The Assistive Technology Team aims to complement your community's resources by adding any needed skills, knowledge or equipment when these are not available in your community.

The team works with community organizations providing assistive technology to children. These organizations include SET-BC, the "I Can Talk Too" program, the At Home program, and various other charitable organizations and community service groups that support children with Assistive Technology needs.

About Sunny Hill

Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children is a provincial facility offering specialized services to children with disabilities, their families and communities throughout British Columbia. Using a family-centred approach, Sunny Hill helps promote the healthy development of children and youth by supporting families and community service providers in their efforts. It is also a resource for educational services and information about disabilities. Services are delivered close to home in a child's community, or on site at Sunny Hill, located in Vancouver.

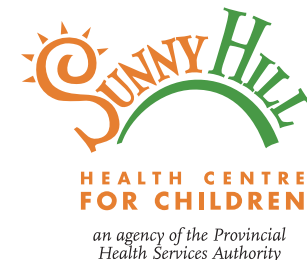
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What Is Assistive Technology (AT)?

Assistive Technology, or AT, refers to equipment that maintains or improves the lives of individuals with disabilities. AT may include:

- Alternate access to technologies such as computers or power wheelchairs (via switches, joysticks, light pointers, touch windows, etc.)
- Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices, such as communication boards, speech generating devices (SGDs), or talking switches
- Electronic Aids for Daily Living (EADLs), tools that allow children with disabilities to control lights, appliances and other devices within their environment
- Written communication output options for children unable to use traditional methods (paper/pencil, handwriting)
- Customized mounting of AT devices (such as computers, SGDs, wheelchair control mechanisms or other medical equipment) for ease of access



What Does The AT Team Do?

The AT Team at Sunny Hill:

- Provides assessments to assist parents, caregivers and community teams in determining a child's AT needs
- Assists with the implementation of AT recommendations
- Provides AT-related information
- Designs and builds custom solutions (including mounting, communication aids, access to devices, etc.)
- Participates in AT research
- Provides support and AT education

Who Is On The AT Team?

The AT Team includes:

- Occupational Therapists
- Speech-Language Pathologists
- Rehabilitation Engineers
- Educators



How Does The AT Team Work?

We work closely with each child, family and community team to determine the best way to deliver service. Options may include:

- Telephone consultation
- Telehealth (videoconferencing)
- Information sent by mail
- Appointments with the child, parents/caregivers and relevant community team members at Sunny Hill
- Appointments at a site deemed most appropriate (including home, school, preschool, Child Development Centres, etc.)
- In-services
- Workshops

How To Initiate A Referral

Just send a doctor's referral to the Sunny Hill Health Centre Health Records Department, describing the service you require. We're ready to help.

