



Assistive Technology & Accessible Educational Materials Center



Accessibility: a Key to Unlocking Potential

At the Assistive Technology & Accessible Educational Materials (AT&AEM) Center, we are committed to ensuring access for all people with disabilities. We believe that people with disabilities and those who support them need access to the right materials, technology, and training to ensure they can live their best lives for their whole lives. From assistance in obtaining AEM to delivering professional development and managing OCALI's statewide AT Lending Library, the center provides an array of expertise and supports.

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The AT&AEM Center at OCALI provides access to the vast resource network and technical expertise OCALI has established over the last 10+ years.



The AT&AEM Center's Core Service Areas

Professional Development in AT&AEM

The center develops and delivers multi-modal professional development opportunities and technical assistance, while collaborating with key partners to build local and regional capacity to assess and implement AT devices, services, and AEM for students with various disabilities.

Resources for Print Disabilities

The center sources AEM for local education agencies and renders a variety of alternative format types to meet the needs of students with print disabilities. It is Ohio's liaison to the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Center (NIMAC). The center administers the Braille Excellence for Students and Teachers (BEST) project, which is dedicated to braille literacy, instruction, materials, and technology in schools, while aiding education agencies in establishing braille production centers.

Short- and Long-Term Loan Access to AT

The center selects, acquires, and manages an AT device loan program supporting needs, such as communication, writing, reading, math, vision, hearing, daily living and more – including training and support in the use of these technologies. The center conducts the Ohio Federal Quota program, supporting funding for AT and AEM for qualifying students.