



## 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 is powered by OCALI, providing 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 and services and AEM for students with a wide variety of disabilities. Key partners include state and local agencies, school districts, university programs, professional licensure programs, and instructional technology agencies.

### **Resources for Individuals with 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). Additionally, the center administers the Braille Excellence for Students and Teachers (BEST) project, which is dedicated to braille literacy, instruction, materials, and technology in Ohio schools, while aiding local education agencies in establishing braille production centers.

### **Short- and Long-Term Loan Access to AT**

The center selects, acquires, and manages a short-term AT device loan program supporting a variety of needs, such as communication, writing, reading, math, vision, hearing, daily living and more – including training and support in the use of these technologies. The program supports the assessment process through device trials prior to purchase. The center's long-term loan program includes similar supports for students with visual and hearing impairments and print disabilities. Additionally, the center conducts the Ohio Federal Quota program, which helps to provide funding for AT devices and AEM for qualifying students.