



Assistive Technology Resource Center

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Easterseals Redwood's innovative programs and services encourage abilities to grow so lives can flourish.

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Mission

Easterseals Redwood's mission is to advance 100% equity, access, and workforce inclusion for people with disabilities, people facing disadvantages, and veterans. Our services impact the lives of people throughout their lifespan and the lives of their families, their communities and society at large.

Overview & History:

The story of Easterseals Redwood is a story of love, dedication and community. Easterseals Redwood was formed when Easterseals Serving Greater Cincinnati and Redwood joined together in August 2022 to expand our services across state lines. Both organizations were founded by parents seeking brighter futures for their children with disabilities. Building on Easterseals' 110-year history and Redwood's 70-year history, Easterseals Redwood continues to enrich education, enhance health, expand employment, and elevate community in the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky region. Together, we are helping more people with disabilities, people with disadvantages, and veterans thrive, through our comprehensive services and compassionate care.

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Easterseals Redwood is a member of KATS Network (katsnet.org)

Assistive Technology is any item, piece of equipment or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.

Redwood has a long history of providing specialized technology support services for our many programs. In January 1999, Redwood's assistive technology services officially became the Redwood Assistive Technology Center (ATRC) and joined the Kentucky Assistive Technology Resource Services (KATS) Network. Today, the ATRC at Easterseals Redwood continues to be a participating member of the KATS Network and is one of only five KATS Network sites in the state. The ATRC provides both assistive technology devices and services, such as demonstrations and training, to children and adults who attend or receive services through Easterseals Redwood. These devices and services are also available to individuals and organizations in the community because the ATRC is open to the public.

Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Appointments are recommended.

Please contact the Assistive Technology Resource Center at 859-331-0880.

Programs & Services

Assistive Technology Loan Library:

The ATRC library features a wide selection of assistive technology devices that range from low tech to high tech and address a range of needs. There are seven main categories of assistive technology available in the ATRC, including communication devices, switches and devices for access, devices to address hearing and vision needs, switch adapted toys, adapted games, adapted tools for activities of daily living, and seating and positioning systems. The devices are available to families, therapists, and service providers to rent for a brief period while deciding if the device is appropriate for the individual before making a purchase. The inventory for the loan library is maintained at katsnet.at4all.com.

Device Demonstrations:

The ATRC has an extensive inventory of AT devices that are updated regularly to provide access to new and updated technology. Demonstrations are provided by members of the Easterseals Redwood AT Team for Easterseals Redwood clients, therapists, and community organizations.

Training:

Members of the AT Team provide ongoing public awareness, product specific training, and teach appropriate intervention strategies to consumers, families, and professionals. The ATRC develops, conducts, and sponsors workshops and participates in local, regional, and national conferences.

Evaluations and Consultations:

Members of the AT Team collaborate to provide AT evaluations and consultation services for children and adults to identify the most appropriate technological solution to meet individual needs and increase independence. The ATRC staff collaborates with First Steps providers, school districts, community speech language therapists, and other agencies to support evaluations and provide consultations that may ultimately lead to AT provision.

Program Support:

Educational, technology-based experiences embedded in Easterseals Redwood programs, along with collaborative teamwork and planning, help individuals develop skills necessary for future success in school, work, and life.

Ramp Up Kentucky:

The ATRC also provides assistance with loans of temporary portable ramps to help people with disabilities or short-term medical needs access their homes. Ramp building kits (using your own lumber) are also available as an alternative.

Telecommunications Access Program:

As a demonstration site for the Telecommunication Access Program (TAP), Easterseals Redwood's ATRC provides Kentucky residents with a hearing loss or communication impairment the opportunity to evaluate a variety of telephones, including amplified phones, signaling devices and hands-free phones that are free to qualified applicants. For more information on the TAP program visit kcdhh.ky.gov/ifyky

Reutilization:

The ATRC accepts donations from the public of durable medical equipment (DME), AT devices, and other materials that may be beneficial for an individual with a disability. The donations are cleaned and sanitized (when possible) by the ATRC staff. Donated items are available free of charge for individuals in the community but must be picked up from the Ft. Mitchell campus of Easterseals Redwood. Reutilized items do not need to be returned to Easterseals Redwood. Inventory of reutilized items are located at katsnet.at4all.com.