

What Is Assistive Technology?

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, eye gaze, etc.)
- Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) systems, such as communication boards, speech generating devices (SGDs), tablets, 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 with difficulty handwriting (alternative keyboards and mouse options) unable to use traditional methods (paper/pencil, handwriting)
- Customized integration of technologies and mounting of AT devices for ease of access.

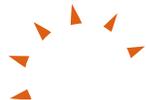
About Sunny Hill

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.

How To Contact Us

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*Promoting Better Health for Children with Disabilities
through Clinical Services, Education and Research*



Who Does The Assistive Technology (AT) Team Serve?

The AT Team at Sunny Hill provides consultation for children 0 to 19 years old throughout British Columbia. Children who are seen by the team include:

- Children who are not talking because of delays in physical development and/or delays in thinking and learning
- Children who may benefit from an augmentative communication system because although they are able to talk, they are extremely difficult for people to understand
- Children who have a disability that affects their ability to explore toys with their hands
- Children who are having difficulty with written output or with accessing the computer for play and development
- Children who have power mobility needs

Who Is On The AT Team?

The AT Team includes:

- Occupational Therapists (OT)
- Speech-Language Pathologists (SLP)
- Rehabilitation Engineers
- Educators



How To Initiate A Referral to the AT Team

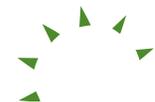
Send a doctor's referral to the Sunny Hill Health Centre Health Records Department describing the service you require.

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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
- Participates in AT research
- Provides support and AT education
- Provides resources and information to support the implementation of AT recommendation



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
- Videoconferencing
- Information sent by email
- In-person appointments with the child, parents/caregivers and relevant community team members at a site deemed most appropriate (including home, school, preschool, Child Development Centres, or Sunny Hill)
- In-services
- Workshops

