



# MonTECH

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## Tools for Everyday Life

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# What is Assistive Technology?

**Tools that help  
with everyday  
tasks**



# How MonTECH Can Help



# Who Do We Help?

- Any Montanan with a disability or any support person
- Any Disability
- Any Age

# Free Demonstrations

- Hands on exploration
- Compare products
- Missoula, Billings, or Zoom



# Borrow Equipment for Free



- Over 2,000 items available
- Free shipping
- Large items pick-up only
- 30 to 180 days

# Financial Loan Program

- MATL (Montana Assistive Technology Loan Program)
- Loans from \$500-\$50,000 available.
- The loans can be used to purchase any assistive technology devices, from home and vehicle modifications to daily living aids.
- In addition to the loan itself, a financial wellness program is available to applicants to improve credit scores and pay down existing debt.
- <https://matl.ruraldynamics.org/>

# MATL

- Loans are made through a partnership with Rural Dynamics, a nonprofit lender offering more flexible lending than traditional banking systems.
  - Considers current situation, not just credit history
  - Offers 0% mini-loans of up to \$1,500
  - Offers 3.5% on loans up to \$50,000



# Assistive Technology Examples

Tools to Support Everyday Life



# Vision



# Hearing



# Talking

## Voice Amplifier



## Speech Generating Device



# Around the House



Safety



Medication



Car Travel



Bed



Bathroom



Looking Good!

# Smart Homes



## Lighting

Motion sensors

Voice activated



## Door Locks

Automatically Locks

Video

Key codes for caregivers



## Everything Else!

Thermostat

TV

Fan

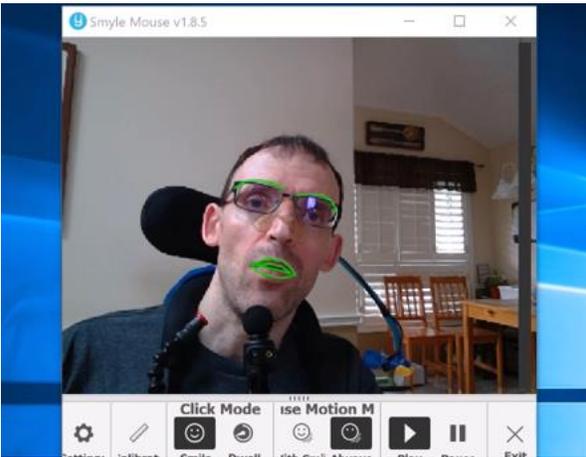
Blinds

Garage Door

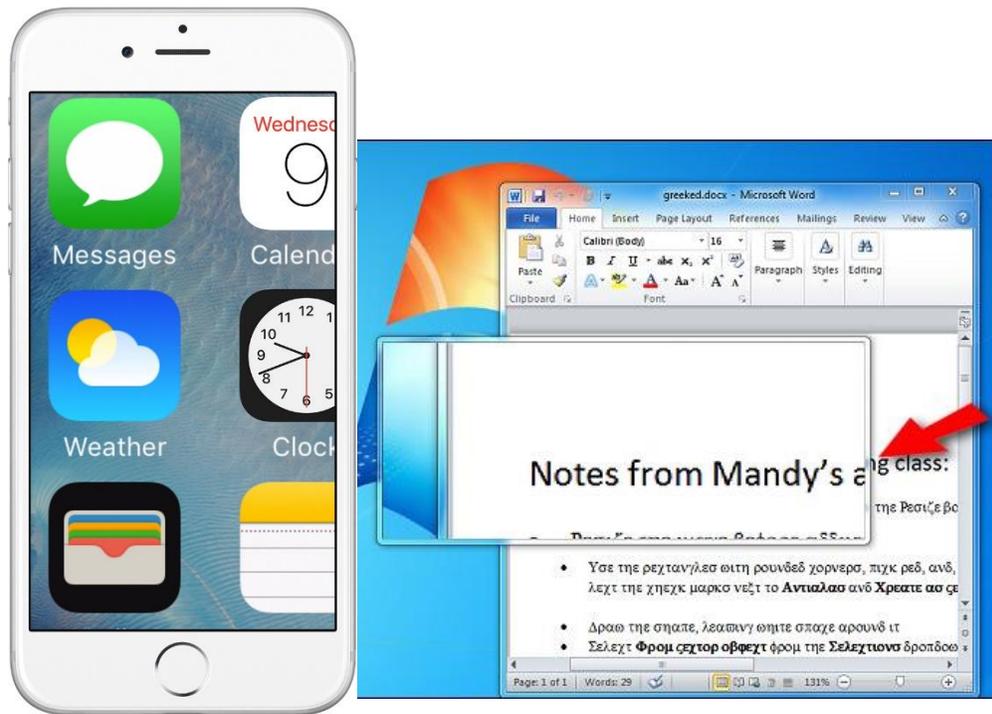
# Cooking and Eating



# Computer, Tablets and Smart Phones



# Free Assistive Technology You Already Have!



## Computers Tablets, and Smart Phones

**Go to Settings, then look for:**

- Microsoft Windows: [Ease of Access Center](#)
- Apple (iOS and Mac): [Accessibility](#)
- Android, Chrome OS and Chrome browser: [Accessibility](#)

# Learning

Reading



Writing



Note Taking

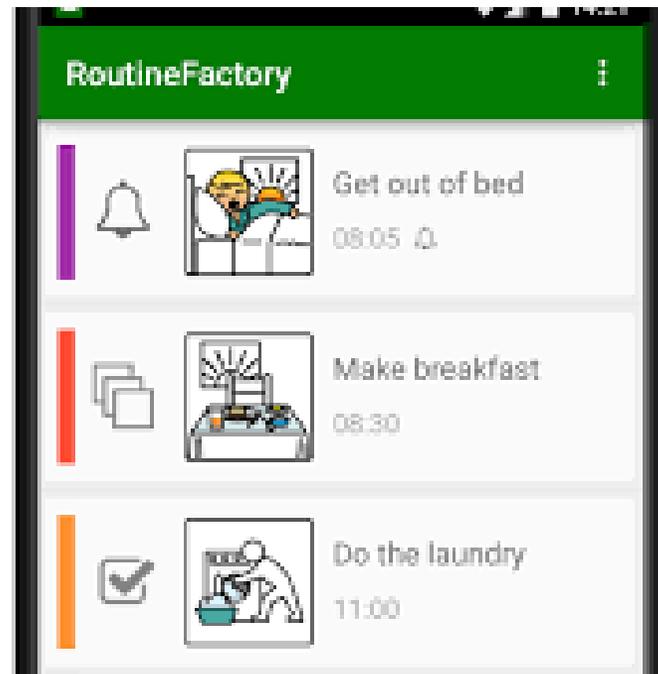


# Planning and Organization

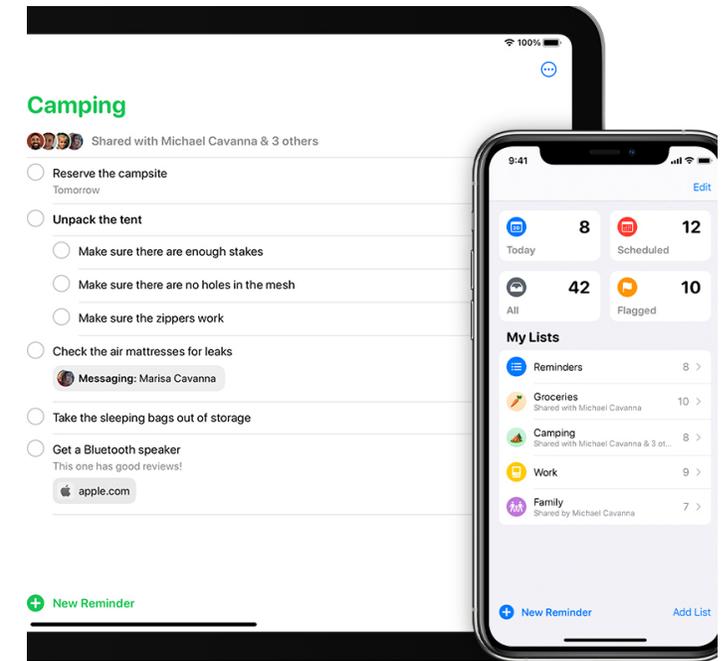
## Reminders



## Visual Schedule



## Organizing



# Moving



# Recreation



# Your State AT Program

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# What Services do State AT Programs Provide?

**Public Awareness**

**Information & Assistance**



**Device Demonstration**

**Device Loan**



**Reutilization & Financing**



# Where is My State AT Program?

[www.at3center.net/stateprogram](http://www.at3center.net/stateprogram)

# Another Resource

## AgrAbility Toolbox



# Agrability Toolbox

- The Agrability Toolbox is a database of assistive technology available for farmers and ranchers developed by the National Agrability Project in Indiana.
- <http://www.agrability.org/toolbox/?mode=browse>
- Items are organized by categories: crop & materials handling/storage, gardening, lawn care, livestock handling & housing, orchards/nurseries/vineyards, outdoor mobility, outdoor recreation, safety & health, shops & shop tools, skid-steer loaders & other self-propelled equipment, specialty enterprises, tractors & combines, trucks, utility vehicles/ATVs/other off-road vehicles, vegetable/small fruit/flower production, and woodlots/forestry.

# Agrability Toolbox Example: Running Board Lift

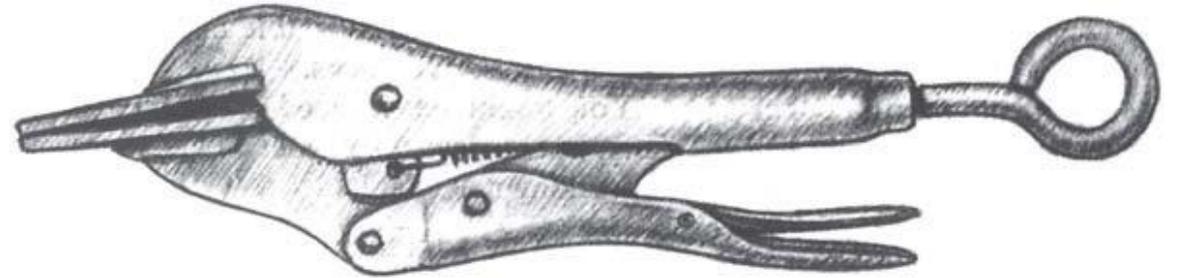
- <http://www.agrability.org/toolbox/?solution=636>
- Made to fit most trucks, SUVs, and full-size vans, the Running Board Lift is designed for ambulatory individuals who have difficulty climbing into these types of high-profile vehicles. The lift operates off the vehicle battery and is controlled by a switch mounted inside the door. The user simply stands on the running board, activates the switch, and is raised to the floor level of the vehicle. The lift can also have a seat added for access to the truck/SUV/van seat.

# Running Board Lift



# AgrAbility Toolbox Example: Pliers

- Easy-Adjust Locking Pliers
- Mason Haggard of Denton, TX, made an Easy-Adjust Locking Pliers by simply replacing the knob at the end of the pliers with an eyebolt. This makes adjustment easier if wearing bulky gloves (e.g., welding gloves) or if one has limited finger dexterity. Also with the eyebolt, the pliers can be hung on a wall hook.



# Questions?

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