



VISION

Universal access to technology for learning for all students in Ventura County

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The mission of the Adaptive Technology Assessment Center is to provide leadership for increasing the awareness, understanding and implementation of assistive technology to meet the needs of all students in Ventura County Schools.

PURPOSE

The Adaptive Technology Assessment Center (ATAC) was initiated by the Office of Special Education of Ventura County Superintendent of Schools in 1990. The Center is now funded by the Ventura County Special Education Local Plan Area to provide services to all school districts within this SELPA. The main purpose of ATAC is to provide direct assessment services to students, resulting in recommendations for meeting the needs of these students for picture symbol communication systems, electronic communication devices, and/or adaptive technology which might include computer access, specialized software, or other assistive equipment. The Center serves students with varying levels of learning, communication, cognitive and motor abilities in both special day class and general education environments. ATAC is dedicated to increasing access to the curriculum for these students.

SERVICES PROVIDED

ATAC team members are available to provide assistive technology or augmentative communication consultations or assessments. The ATAC team provides thorough reports reflecting appropriate technology

recommendations for the students receiving ATAC assessment services.

Additional services include providing one-on-one assistance to educational staff and students, as well training on equipment and software, loaning of equipment when possible, and troubleshooting technology problems. ATAC personnel provide in-service education on a regular basis to the educational staff and parents in the Ventura County SELPA. Scheduled training programs and workshops are provided throughout the school year.

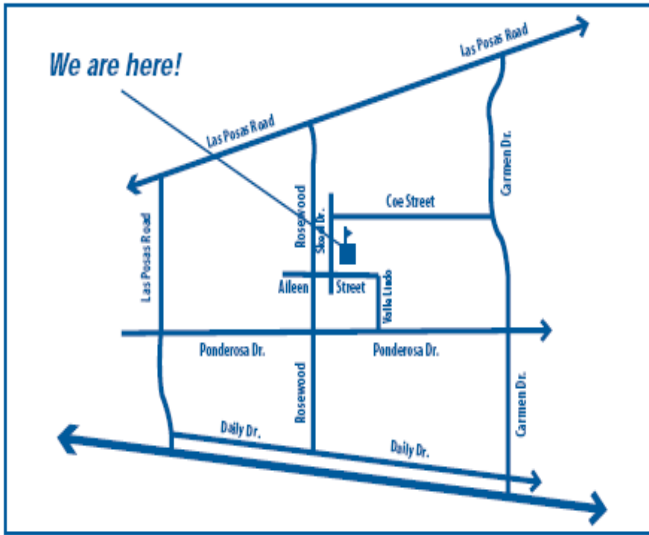
AT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The ATAC team is committed to staff development and has designed and implemented a 5-day training program for educators to increase their knowledge and expertise in the field of assistive technology. This staff development program provides the participants with training in the legal requirements of IDEA and assistive technology, as well as providing them with hands-on computer experience and exposure to the software and resources that support alternate access to the curriculum for students with disabilities. The goal of the AT Leadership Program is to improve support for students needing this assistance at both the school district and school site level.

REFERRAL PROCEDURES

Teacher or specialist calls Center to discuss needs with ATAC personnel and schedule an appointment for student evaluation.

Teacher or specialist fills out request for assistance or visitation (Request for Specialist Service form) signed by principal or administrator.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Messages may be left on ATAC's answering machine 24 hours a day. A team member will return phone messages as soon as possible.

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LOCATION

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