

ATinNH Annual Report 2016

Assistive Technology in New Hampshire was highlighted in over 25 different TV news stories and 286 newspapers throughout the United States this year. We were recognized for our work in using discarded election signs. New Hampshire holds the first in the nation presidential primary election and we received a great deal of coverage by local, state, and national news about how we create a host of assistive technology solutions using discarded election signs. Due to the coverage, we received a swarm of discarded election signs that we turned into hundreds of devices for individuals with disabilities. As a result of the media attention, we were contacted by the White House to participate in the first ever **White House Summit on Technology and Disability**. Additionally, ATinNH received a letter from President Obama thanking us for the **Obama-Lean** he received. This is a multi-use portable collapsible book holder, scan and read station, slant board, and iPad holder that was made from 2012 Obama election signs.



Exhibits at events such as the annual **Dover Mini Maker Fair** resulted in over 60 solutions provided to individuals with disabilities.

Our annual week long assistive technology Boot Camp, now called **Camp CreATe**, focused on creating, reusing, and exploring assistive technology solutions.

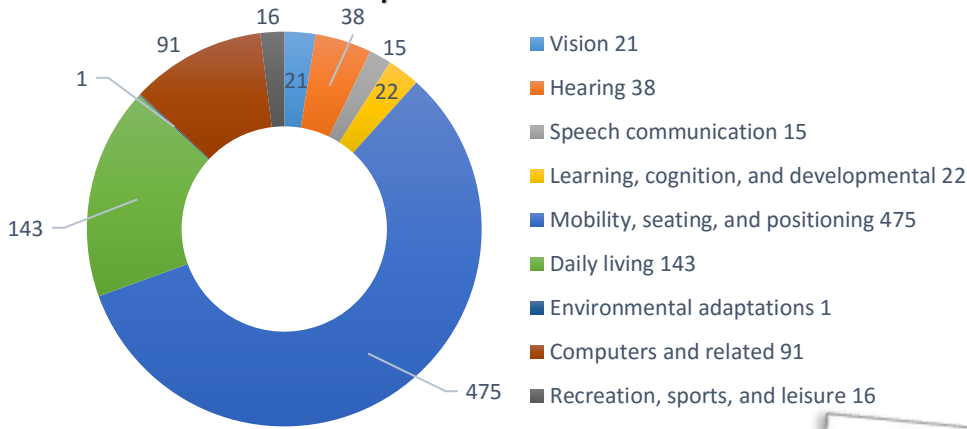
ATinNH raised \$16,060 in external funds from the sale of Assistive Technology Solutions in Minutes: Book 2, with the proceeds going toward the purchase of assistive technology solutions for our device loans and demonstrations.

TRAINING

During 92 training events, **2,072** participants developed assistive technology skills in areas such as solutions for easier living, creating solutions in minutes, and iPad accessibility. Forty percent of participants were individuals with disabilities and their family members.



822 Open Ended Loans



Open Ended Loans continue to be a priority at ATinNH. We've started creating solutions using generously donated materials from **Zoo New England** and **Velcro**. These solutions are then given to individuals with disabilities.

ATinNH participated in the **Age of Champions** event in April providing a variety of assistive technology device demos and reuse. This event, hosted at the University of New Hampshire, was a daylong event focused on the aging population.



We continue to offer **"Make and Take Workshops"** to local school districts inspiring children of all ages to create solutions for individuals with disabilities. This year we worked collaboratively with New Castle Elementary School and Newington Public School.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

More than **1,050** New Hampshire residents received information and assistance through ATinNH.

BY THE NUMBERS:

Individuals with Disabilities:	28%
Family Members:	12%
Education Reps:	21%
Employment, Health and Community Liver Reps:	33%

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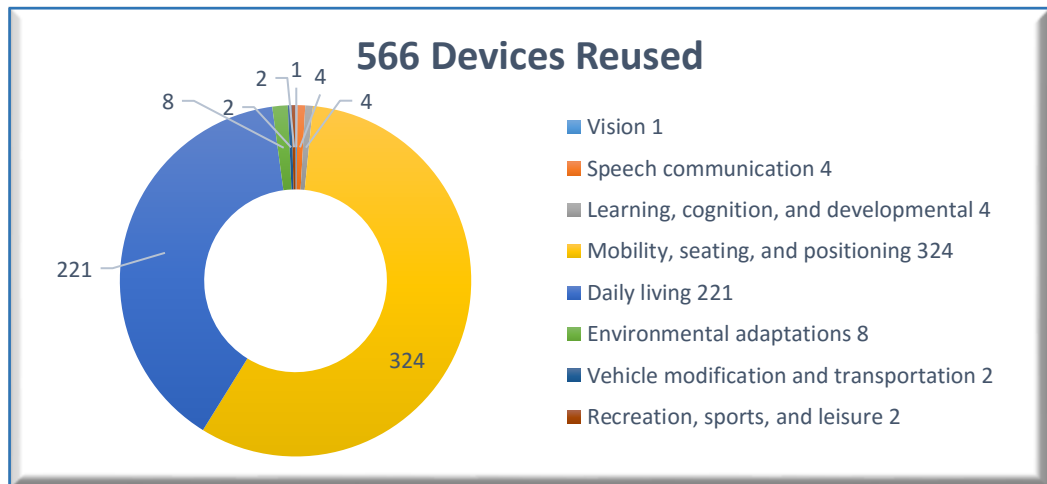
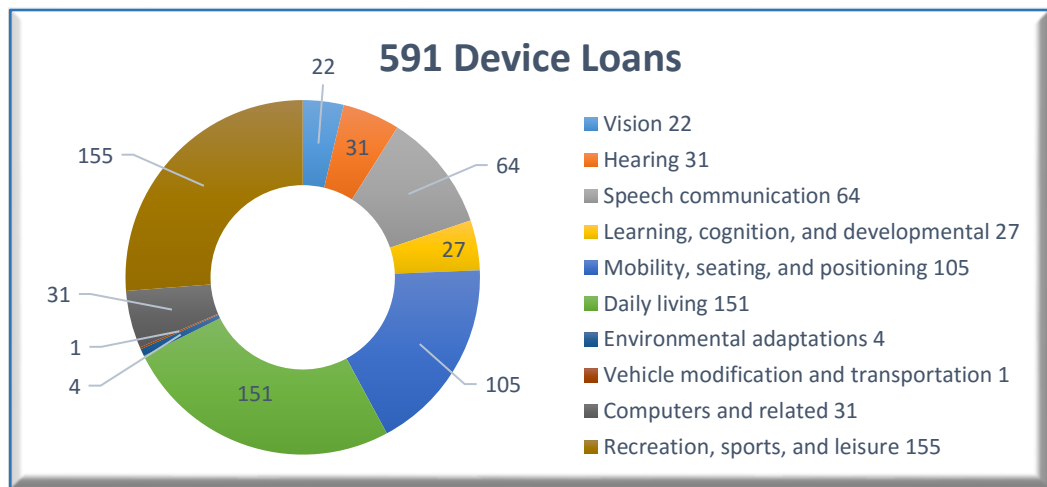
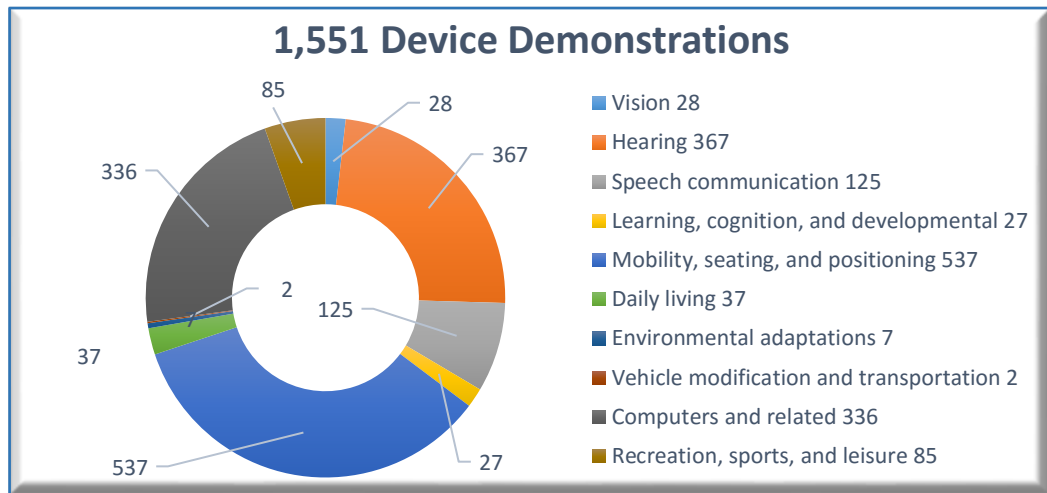


Increasing the number of device loans, demonstrations, and reuse continues to be a priority. This year, we have recognized an increase of **58% in device loans, 27% in device demonstrations, and 33% in device reuse**. We attribute this success to our increase in partnerships at the University of New Hampshire as well as the community.



Leveraging Resources

ATinNH continues to work on leveraging additional resources. Two grant proposals were submitted: one for Quality Indicators for Assistive Technology to the New Hampshire Department of Education and the second proposal to the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation. In 2017, ATinNH will submit another application to the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation called the **I CreATe for Paralysis Project**. If funded, this will capitalize on our great success in creating and deploying assistive technology solutions to individuals throughout New Hampshire. Our goals for the new fiscal year will be to increase our partners to include all of the 13 ServiceLink offices throughout New Hampshire providing device loans, demonstrations, and reuse. ATinNH secured \$500 in materials to be used at the University of New Hampshire's **"Maker Space"** for the printing of assistive technology solutions that will be provided to New Hampshire residents.



DEVICE BORROWERS

- 65%** - Individuals with Disabilities
- 12%** - Family Members
- 21%** - Education Representatives



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Engaging Students and Faculty at the University of New Hampshire

The first ever **Assistive Technology Summit** was held at the University of New Hampshire. The purpose of the summit was to engage departments on campus, state organizations, and businesses to discuss and explore mutual opportunities to advance the assistive technology service delivery needs in New Hampshire. The outcome of this event includes the development of additional pre-service and in-service courses on assistive technology and the provision of technical assistance by Velcro USA to develop assistive technology related products.

We are proud of our work engaging **University of New Hampshire** students in assistive technology activities. We currently provide Assistive Technology courses and presentations to the following departments: Communication Sciences and Disorders, Early Childhood Education, Mechanical Engineering, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Special Education, and Therapeutic Recreation.

Institute on Disability/UCED



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