

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Department of Human Services Office of Rehabilitation Services

Adaptive Telephone Equipment Loan (ATEL) Program

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<u>Technology and Communication Strategies</u> for Persons with Hearing Loss

Next Meeting – March 21, 2012, 3rd Wednesday in March

(And then continued on the 2nd Wednesday of each month)



This demonstration is presented at TechACCESS of RI by Denise Corson, ATEL Program Coordinator, and James Litvack, PARI Independent Living Center Representative

GUEST SPEAKER FOR MARCH DEMONSTRATION

Lisa Labitt, Assistive Technology Coordinator for Children & Youth Resource Center

For students with a disability such as hearing loss, transition means going from school to the adult world. It's important to plan early for this transition for a successful and rewarding future.

If you are concerned with issues such as "How will I wake up in the morning for class or a job if I can't hear my alarm clock?", then this presentation is for you. We will focus on the technologies and strategies available to those who are moving out into their own apartments or dorms, as well as:

- Learning about supportive organizations where people with all degrees of hearing loss come together to share and learn and where it's okay not to hear well.
- Learn about advocacy and the laws that protect you, and find out about local resources.
- Learn about the latest technology hearing aids, amplified phones, CapTel phones, cochlear implants, captioning, hearing assistive technology, and more.
- See how a hearing-friendly environment works to help you with your hearing loss.

All attendees can loan out equipment, on a first come first service basis, to see if the equipment is appropriate for their needs. Also, qualified attendees can apply for a **FREE** telephone thru the ATEL Program.

Location: TechACCESS

110 Jefferson Boulevard, Suite I, Warwick, Rhode Island

Time: 5:00 to 6:00 PM - view and demonstrate ATEL telephone equipment only.

6:00 to 8:00 PM- <u>Technology and Communication Strategies for Persons with Hearing Loss</u>

These workshops are free, no registration is required. Cart Services will be provided; however, if you need any other special accommodations, please call 3 weeks in advance.

Inclement Weather Policy

Please note that if the local news reports that there is either business or school closing in Warwick due to weather, then the demonstration is cancelled and will reconvene the following month.

For more information, call 401-463-0202 (V/TDD), in state 800-916-8324