Back to School with ATI:  
Filling the Backpacks with the Right Stuff  
(by Susan McNaught, ATI Board Secretary/Treasurer)

The weather is still warm but we know the crisper weather is coming. Teachers have worked hard to get classrooms ready. Eager kids have poured into those classrooms and parents have shopped for all the stuff kids need to go back to school. The backpacks are full -- well they were full on the first day.

For families who have children with special needs, the backpack stuff includes more than crayons, glue, and notebook paper. It might include assistive technology (AT). Okay, some of the AT might not actually go into the backpack, but it could be just the ticket to make sure the school year goes smoothly for your child.

The beginning of each school year brings excitement and anxiety. Excitement that there are new opportunities to learn (and the kids are back in school!!), and anxieties that the kids may struggle with school. So let’s think about how we can reduce some of those anxieties and turn them into excitement… for the kids and for their parents.

First, let’s think about what the challenges are. You know your child. ATI knows the gizmos and gadgets. Let’s combine expertise. Technology is not the answer for all challenges, but it can help many, so let the ATI tech specialists provide assistance, and come find out what is out there! We do show and tell really well! And remember that technology does not necessarily mean more computers – some tech is pretty simple.

For kids with learning disabilities (actually learning differences!), reading and writing may take on special challenges. Words, letters, and numbers may jump around. By the time a kid gets to the end of a sentence, he or she may have forgotten what was at the first of the sentence, or be distracted by a period at the end of a sentence on the next page! No wonder some kids do not like to read. You can talk with your specialist at ATI about options, but here are some starter ideas. Try audio books so the kid can hear the story as well as see it -- more ways to understand. Try reading apps that guide the child through the sentence.
Try smart pens that can translate right onto the computer screen. I think about the kid who drew his ideas – made more sense than the English teacher’s idea of outlining! And please, where were talking calculators when I was in school!?

For kids with hearing loss, personal FM systems may help. They focus the sound and help kids catch what the teacher is saying. They also help reduce other noise that interferes. This system is also handy for kids with attention issues, because it screens out distracting noise.

Are you listening to me, Charlie? Another wonderful gadget is a clipboard with a hearing loop built in. No one needs to know the kid needs a bit of extra help, he just looks very official and smart with his clipboard!

Kids with low vision may appreciate the audio books too. And magnifiers. And computer programs that magnify text.

There are lots of speech communication devices around too. There are programs that do speech to text and text to speech. Text to speech means the program scans the reading material and then reads it out in a synthesized voice. Speech to text means that the child talks and the program translates into written text. There are iPads with pictures and words that get triggered when a button is pushed.

There are so many options available, so the trick is to get the right one -- the one that works for your child. One size does not fit all. So work with the AT Specialist to find out what is here. Take a gadget home to try it out -- what works for Charlie may not work for Charlene. And what works for Charlie when he is three may not work for him when he is ten. Try several. Talk with your speech therapist or OT or PT.

Parents all want their kids to do well. And when kids have special challenges, it is admittedly harder. But know that you are not alone. Know there is help out there. (Tech Specialists have been invited to IEP (Individualized Education Plan) meetings to help explain how assistive technology can be useful.) We are here to serve. And we have a lot of stuff to show that could be just exactly the right stuff for your student.

Schedule time to meet with one of our Specialists. They are just a phone call 503-361-1201, or a click info@accesstechnologiesinc.org away.
Canes/ Crutches

Cane- Adjustable
$17.00

Cane-Crookneck
$12.00
Standard aluminum cane with round vinyl hand grip. 300 lb. weight capacity, locking ring ensures added safety after adjustment.

Cane-EZ Rise
$33.00
Combines rising assistance with a walking cane. Second soft grip handle is positioned approx. 8" below standard offset soft grip handle.

Cane-Quad Base
$20.00 Small $22.00 Large
Quad base cane with offset padded hand grip. Large or Small base.

Cane-Storage Pouch for Folding Canes
$15.00
This storage bag/pouch has velcro enclosure, a slot for “business” card and is a great way to protect your folding cane. Can attach to belt.

Cane-Tall and Large
$22.00
This cane has 1” steel tubing, offset handle with vinyl grip and wrist strap. 500 lb. weight capacity.

Cane-Universal Strap
$7.50
Fits most wood or aluminum canes. When not in use, wear the cane on your wrist.

Crutches- Forearm
$45.00 Adult $50.00 Tall
Leg & forearm adjust independently, ergonomic contoured arm cuffs, vinyl hand grips, x-tra large tips for added stability.

Crutches- Underarm
$20.00
Crutches-Underarm

Hospital Beds

Bed Assist Rail
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Easy, quick, no tool assembly. Comes in two pieces. Safety strap wraps around mattress or box spring to ensure a secure fit. Enables user to be in a single, twin, double, queen or king size bed. Made of powder coated steel for long life and easy cleaning. Handle with multiple crossbars creates easy grip for any height use. Rail Dimensions: 11.5” (W) x 20.75” (H) x

Bed Cane w/ Organizer
$75.00
Ergonomic No-Slip Handle allows for easy transfer in and out of bed. 4 Pocket Organizer included. Fits 11” - 16” Mattress, rail height adjustable 19” - 22” Weight Capacity 300 lbs.

Table-Pivot Tilt “C” Base
$85.00
The mast of the table pivots and can be locked in one of three positions from flat on the floor to 90 degrees. The pivot feature allows the table top to be positioned closer to individuals in a bed, sitting in a wheelchair, or folded for storage. Four 2” casters (two locking) Tabletop adjustment 28” - 37”, Tabletop Surface Dimensions: 25” (W) x 28” (D)

Table-Pivot Tilt Overbed
$85.00
Walnut, wood grain low-pressure laminate top. Top can be tilted 33 degrees in either direction. Top can be raised or lowered in infinite settings between 29.5” - 46”. Swivel casters, Chrome-plated steel “H” base. Tabletop locks securely when height adjustment handle is released and can be raised with the slightest upward pressure.

Lifts/ Transfer

Car Caddie
$17.00
For those needing help from a sitting position to standing when exiting a vehicle. No-slip handle, easy installation, adaptable to fit any framed window, adjustable in height.

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A simple way to help lift your leg 36” long with hand and foot loops.

### Transfer Board
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Used to bridge the gap between two transfer points making patient transfers easy and safe. 29.5” x 7.5”, solid pine with two hand slots to assist the caregiver in the placement and removal of the board. 440 lb. wt. limit.

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#### Plate Guard - Lg
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#### Talking Watch
$75.00
One Button talking watch with alarm. Gold with white face & expansion band.

### Personal Care / Dressing

#### 4 piece Rehab Kit-Hip/Knee
$20.00 Semi $22.00 Terry
Rehab Kit, after hip/Knee replacement, includes 4 items; 1 each: Lt-Wt Reacher, long-handled bath sponge, choice of Terry cloth or semi-rigid sock aid, and plastic hvy-dry shoehorn.

#### 5 piece Rehab Kit-Hip/Knee
$25.00 Semi $27.00 Terry
Rehab Kit, after hip replacement, includes 5 items; 1 each: Lt-Wt Reacher, long-handled bath sponge, choice of Terry cloth or semi-rigid sock aid, dressing stick, and plastic hvy-dry shoehorn.

#### 6 piece Rehab Kit-Hip/Knee
$32.00 Semi $34.00 Terry
Rehab Kit, after hip replacement, includes 6 items; 1 each: Lt-Wt Reacher, long-handled bath sponge, choice of Terry cloth or semi-rigid sock aid, Leg Lifter, plastic hvy-dry shoehorn, and a pair of elastic shoe laces.

#### Cold Pak - Gel Reusable
$15.00
Effective way of applying cold therapy to localized areas. When chilled or frozen, they remain cold for approx. 30 min. Easily conforms to any body contour. Reusable, heavy duty design, 11x14.

#### Dressing Stick
$5.00
A simple way to help those needing assistance dressing. 27” wooden handle with “S” hook on one end and “U” shape on other end.

#### Easy Opener
$5.00
Provides support with minimum strength to easily open bottles, bottle caps, pull tabs & box tops.

#### Elastic Shoe Lace
$3.00
Tie shoes once and never tie again. Easy to use, reduces pressure points in shoes, for those with disabilities that prevent them from bending over. Black, Brown, Tan, or White.

#### Grabber/Reacher Claw
$10.00
Helping Hands!! Lightweight, easy to use ergonomic, locking plastic grabber claw and magnetic tip.

#### Grabber/Reacher Suction
$17.00
Helping Hands!! Lightweight, easy to use ergonomic grip, non-slip rubber grabber suction cups.

### Long handled bath sponge
$5.00
The bath sponge has a long handle to assist with washing the hard to reach areas.

### Long Reach Comfort Wipe
$10.00
Toilet tissue holder reaches when you can’t. Curved design to put pressure where you need it. Flexible head with secure grip and easy release button. No touching. No mess.

### Shoehorn, Metal
$12.00
Sturdy metal with rubber handle for those needing assistance putting on shoes.

### Shoehorn, Plastic
$5.00
Sturdy plastic shoehorn for those needing assistance putting on shoes or who have arthritis or trouble grasping.

### Sock Aid Semi-Rigid
$10.00
A simple way to help put socks on when bending is an issue. Semi-rigid plastic cord with foam handles.

### Sock Aid Terry
$12.00
A simple way to help put socks on when bending is an issue. Terry cloth with loop handles.

### Special Pill Combo Pak
$4.00
Storage compartment for each day of week, plus all in one tool for splitting, crushing, and storage. Stainless steel splitting blade, built in pill storage area. Bottom serves as a drinking cup. Compact size.

### Zipper & Button Enabler
$5.00
For those with limited mobility needing assistance with buttons or zippers. Easy to grasp, folds to fit in purse or pocket.

### Ramps

#### 1 in. Threshold Ramp (Aluminum)
$50.00
Lightweight aluminum, free-standing ramp, full-width design (34” wide); seam-free surface. For doorways, raised landings and sliding glass doors.
1.5 in. Threshold Ramp (Rubber) $90.00
Slip-resistant, from recycled tires. 36” usable width, 850 lb wt capacity.
10 ft. Advantage Trifold Ramp $156.00
Access vans, steps, and raised landings, skid resistant surface, 29.5” wide, supports up to 800 lbs.
2 in. Threshold Ramp (Aluminum) $60.00
For doorways, sliding glass doors, single steps, and raised landings, 34” wide, supports up to 600 lbs.
2.5 in. Threshold Ramp (Rubber) $120.00
Slip-resistant, from recycled tires. 48” usable width, 850 lb wt capacity.
6 ft. Advantage Trifold Ramp $263.00
Access vans, steps, and raised landings, skid resistant surface, 29.5” wide, supports up to 800 lbs.
7 ft. Advantage Trifold Ramp $303.00
Access vans, steps, and raised landings, skid resistant surface, 29.5” wide, supports up to 800 lbs.
7 ft. Signature Suitcase Ramp $280.00
Ultra-strong, single-fold, portable, non-skid tread, and self-adjusting bottom transition plate.
8 ft. Advantage Trifold Ramp $386.00
Access vans, steps, and raised landings, skid resistant surface, 29.5” wide, supports up to 800 lbs.
Top Lip Extensions $40.00
Top Lip Extensions (2 each) extends the Advantage Trifold, Suitcase Advantage, and Signature ramps. These are optional plates that increases the standard 3” ramp lip to 9”, allowing the ramp to clear the rear bumper of SUVs and vans. Simply attaches to the top lip.

**Scooter**

Scooter Carry Bag $40.00
Easily attaches to Scooters. 1 zippered pocket, 3 mesh pockets, durable, & easy to clean. Nylon/Mesh.

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**Shower/ Bath/ Commodities**

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<td>Lightweight, durable, &amp; corrosion proof. Drainage holes in bench reduce slipping. Legs are height adjustable in 1” increments, and angled with suction style tops to provide additional stability. Support collar prevents leg movement and reduces rattle. Seat Height 15.5” - 19.5” Seat Dimensions: 19.25” (W) x 11.5” (D), Weight capacity 400 Lbs.</td>
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**Bath/Shower Bench-Transfer, Plastic**

$60.00
A-frame construction provides stability. Durable blow-molded plastic bench and backrest. Height adjusts in 1/2” increments with unique (Dual Column) extension legs. Reversible to accommodate any bathroom. Weight Limit 400 Lbs.

**Commode 3-in-1 (Standard w/drop down arms)**

$74.00
Has 12 qt pail, sleeve & lid, adj legs, molded plastic arms that drop down for easy transfer. 300 lb. wt. capacity.

**Commode 3-in-1 (Standard)**

$50.00
Gray powder-coated, steel-welded construction. Durable plastic Snap-on seat with lid, removable tool-free back, Plastic arms for comfort, 12 qt bucket with metal handle, cover and splash shield. Width between arms: 18”, weight capacity 350 lbs.

**Commode Heavy Duty 3-in-1 Folding**

$98.00

**Shower Chair and Commode - Rolling**

$120.00
Aluminum construction is lightweight and durable. Padded, open front, vinyl toilet seat, 3 non-skid, rust resistant, swivel casters (rear locking), 12 qt. bucket and cover.

**Toilet Safety Rails**

$40.00
Make the bathroom safer for individuals needing assistance in raising from a sitting position. Adjustable arm width and height 25.5” - 29.5”, attaches to standard toilet, 300 lb. wt. capacity.

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Toilet Seat-Hinged Raised - Round & Elongated
$50.00 for 3.5" or $55.00 for 4"
A seat riser made of two parts hinged together. Allows the ring to be lifted in the same manner as your standard toilet seat. Elevates by 3.5" or 4". Hardware kit included. Standard or Elongated.

Toilet Seat-Locking - Elongated
$60.00
A universal design that fits most toilets. Heavy-duty molded plastic construction provides additional strength and durability. Locking device has larger, heavy-duty worm screw and locking plate to ensure a safe, secure fitting. Raises toilet seat height 4.5-inches.

Toilet Seat-Locking - Round
$65.00
A universal design that fits most toilets. Heavy-duty molded plastic construction provides additional strength and durability. Locking device has larger, heavy-duty worm screw and locking plate to ensure a safe, secure fitting. Raises toilet seat height 5-inches. With removable arms.

Walkers/Accessories

Cup Holder - Universal
$19.00
Universal Cup Holder easily attaches to most wheeled walkers, wheelchairs and rollators.

Glide Caps
$9.00
Allows walker to glide easily and smoothly over most surfaces. These replace the existing rubber tips for smoother and easier gliding. Ideal for indoor use.

Glide Covers
$9.00
The glide cover can easily be added to the walker, for use over existing rubber tips. The glide covers increase the life of the walker tips.

Glide Skis
$10.00
The glide skis can easily be added to the walker back legs to help "glide" the walker.

Glides - Bunny Slipper
$10.00
Stylish Bunny Slippers allows walker to glide easily & smoothly over most surfaces. (Blue, Pink, or Purple)

Glides - Sandals
$10.00
Stylish "Sandals" allows walker to glide easily & smoothly over most surfaces. (Blue, Pink, or Purple)

Glides - Sneakers
$10.00
Stylish tennis shoes allows walker to glide easily & smoothly over most surfaces. (Blue, Pink, or Purple)

Glides - Tennis Ball
$18.00
Provides a quiet, smooth and durable glide when used with walker.

Rollator-2-in-1, Transport (Duet) $170.00
Combines transport chair & rollator into one. Contoured, two position, padded back rest attaches to front or back, large 8" casters. Lock prevents accidental folding. Foot rest folds down when being used as a transport chair & folds out of the way as rollator.

Rollator-6.0" Casters
$130.00
Four wheel walker has padded seat & padded curved backrest. 6" casters, height of both seat and the handles adjust, 250 lb. wt. capacity. Under seat zipper bag and additional accessory pouch.

Rollator-7.0" Casters
$140.00
Four wheel walker w/seat, height adjustable arms with locking hand brakes, storage pouch, wt. 250 lb. wt. capacity, 7" casters.

Rollator-7.5" Casters
$145.00
Four wheel walker w/seat, height adjustable arms with locking hand brakes, storage pouch, 7.5" casters.

Rollator-8.0" Casters
$150.00
Four wheel walker w/seat, height adjustable arms with locking hand brakes, storage pouch, 300 lb. wt. capacity, 8" casters.

Rollator-Oversized Go-Lite
$160.00
(GoLite) Extra wide, padded seat is 18" x 13", wire basket hangs under seat or in front of walker. The handles raise to 39", 8" casters, weighs 26 lbs. 400 lb. wt. capacity.

Walker - Heavy Duty Dbl Button w/8" wheels
$70.00 w/o wheels $80.00 w/wheels
Folding, double button action. This walker is designed with a wider and deeper frame design for larger individuals up to 500 lbs.

Walker - Rear Glide Brakes
$25.00
For use on back of wheeled walkers. Nylon tip glides along surface until weight is applied to hand grip which activates the rubber tip brakes. Allows for 8 height adjustments. Comes with or without 3" wheels.

Walker - Tall Extension Legs
$25.00
Makes height adjustments from 36" to 43" on a standard adult walker.

Walker Basket
$24.00
Can be used with all 1" folding walkers. It comes with a plastic insert tray and a cup holder, ranking transporting personal items a cinch.

Walker Tray - Folding
$30.00
Durable plastic, 2 cup holders, easy to install, fits most walkers 16x12.

Walker Tray - Universal
$35.00
Fits most mfr's walkers. Easy to clean, durable plastic with a cup holder.

Walker Wheels-3" Swivel
$19.00
This heavy duty 3" swivel wheel allows walker to roll easily and smoothly in any direction and over irregular surfaces; includes rear glide caps, 8 height adjustment settings.

Walker Wheels-5" Non-Swivel
$18.00
This heavy duty 5" Non-swivel wheel allows walker to roll easily and smoothly in any direction and over irregular surfaces; includes rear glide caps, 8 height adjustment settings.

Glide Skis

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Walker Wheels-5” Swivel
$25.00
5” rubber wheels with rear glide caps allow walker to roll easily and smoothy. Converts folding walker into wheeled walker, & height adjustments, 2 idal positioning.

Walker- Clever-Lite
$126.00
The Clever-Lite Walker sets itself apart from other wheeled walkers in that it features a seat with a flexible backrest that can flip up or down, so you to rest when needed. Also, this walker has wheels that can be either set to swivel or fixed positions, giving you more control of how you want the walker to roll.

Walker- Dbl Button w/5” wheels
$50.00
Deluxe folding walker, double button folding action, with 5” wheels. Vinyl hand grips.

Walker- Dbl Button w/o wheels
$30.00
Deluxe folding walker, double button folding action. Vinyl hand grips.

Walker- Dbl Trigger w/5” wheels
$50.00
Pull up on extended dual palm trigger release levers, ideal for individuals with limited finger dexterity. Vinyl, ribbed contour handle grips, 5” front wheels, 350 lb. wt. capacity.

Walker- Dbl Trigger w/o wheels
$40.00
Pull up on extended dual palm trigger release levers, ideal for individuals with limited finger dexterity. Vinyl, ribbed contour handle grips, 5” front wheels, 350 lb. wt. capacity.

Walker- Triem
$45.00
Only 3” deep when folded; with two levels. Provides support for standing from a seated position. For one arm use, lightweight “side” walker combines support and stability. Extra hand grip for ease of folding.

Walker- JR. Dbl Trigger w/5” wheels
$50.00
Pull up on extended dual palm trigger release levers, ideal for individuals with limited finger dexterity. Vinyl, ribbed contour handle grips, 5” front wheels, 350 lb. wt. capacity.

Wheelchair - Cruiser III-18 inch
$180.00

Wheelchair - Cruiser III-20 inch
$185.00

Wheelchair - Folding Transport Chair
$115.00
Weighs only 19 lbs. with 8” composite wheels. Back folds down for storage and transport. Standard rear wheel locks. 17” or 19” wide.

Wheelchair - Cruiser III-16 inch
$170.00

Wheelchairs-manual

Wheelchair - Cruiser III Manual Wheelchair

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Combined hearing and vision loss? Learn about a FREE equipment program.

iCanConnect provides equipment and training to people with significant combined hearing and vision loss so they can stay connected to friends and family.

Sending email or chatting on the phone can be difficult without access to the right equipment. iCanConnect puts that technology into the hands of these individuals to enhance their independence.

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