

Tennessee Tech Connect

Tennessee Tech Connect (TN Tech Connect), a collaborative program between Pathfinder and the Tennessee Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD), provides resource information on assistive and enabling technology. The website portal connects individuals with disabilities to tools available to increase their capabilities.

► Multiple Ways to Access TN Tech Connect:

1. Pathfinder Homepage: Go to TNPathfinder.org to find TNTechConnect in the menu bar on the home page.
2. Pathfinder Website Topic of Interest: Technology
3. Direct Link: TNtechconnect.org

► Finding Resources: A guided journey

Begin by clicking, “**Start Your Journey**,” to make selections in 5 Steps

 **Start Your Journey**

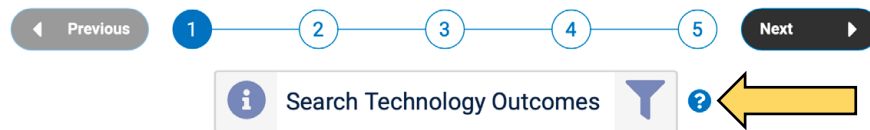
Tennessee Disability Pathfinder is a statewide program that helps people with disabilities, their family members, caregivers, and professionals who support them in finding and accessing services and resources. Pathfinder serves people of all ages, types of disability, and languages spoken. This is a joint project of the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities and Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities and is partially funded under grant contracts with the Tennessee Departments of Health, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Education, Human Services/Division of Rehabilitation Services, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, and Transportation.



► Technology Outcome and Solutions

Technology Outcomes are ways technology can support an individual with a disability that can occur from using a programmed product, service, or remote support. Select one outcome that best fits the services and technology that could help you with your unique needs.

If you don't see what you're looking for, you can search Technology Outcomes and their related solutions by clicking on "Search Technology Outcomes" keyword search bar above the icons. The question mark will help provide a definition of outcomes and solutions if you are unsure what a specific item is. Clicking the '?' help icons in each option will once again open a window with additional information to help you make your selection(s).

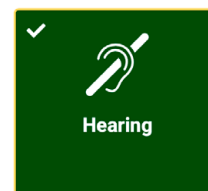


Choose an Outcome to see a list of Technology Solutions that can help you achieve that result.



► Solution(s):

Specific support needs for using technology. Select multiple solutions to determine providers that offer different types of products and services. After you select an outcome, you will be able to select specific solutions. You can select multiple solutions that align with the services and technology that may be helpful to you.



You have selected: **Hearing**

Select a Different Outcome

Select the Technology Solutions that support your needs.

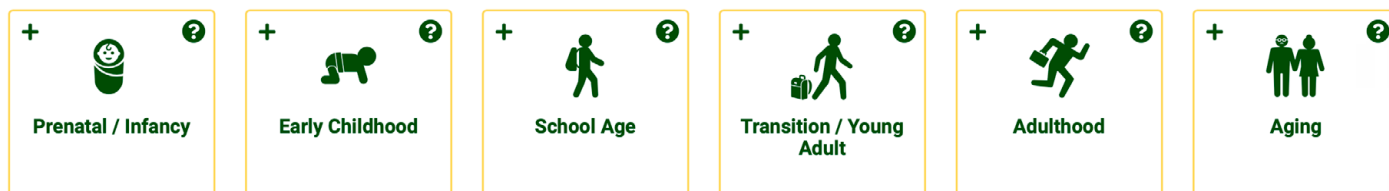
- Accessible Learning Solutions ?
- Environmental Controls ?
- Assistive Listening Solutions ?
- Voice, Speech, & Translation ?

► Stage of Life

Stages of life are developmental or educational markers and may or may not be tied to an age range.



Stages of Life



► Diagnosis

Select the type of disability that the technology user has.

- Similarly to Outcomes, click on each diagnosis card that relates to what you are looking for. The card will turn green, and a checkmark will appear in the card's upper left corner when it's selected.
- You can also enter a keyword into the search bar to narrow down the list.
- After selecting the diagnosis (or diagnoses), click 'Next.'

► Payment Options

Recommended to leave blank for the best results unless you are certain that the selection provides technology.




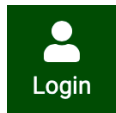
► Service Areas

Narrows the results to providers that serve the counties or region selected.





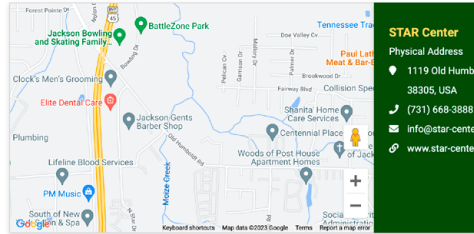
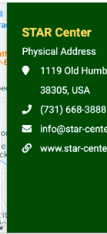
Depending on web browser settings, the website may automatically select the user's county location and surrounding counties. Users can turn off that feature when using the site or change the automatic selections.

► **Results**

Provider agencies that fit the criteria of the filters selected in the search process.

There are additional options and filters on this page:		
Language	Select another language to limit the results to providers that have bilingual staff or interpreting services.	Any Language 
Type of Listings	Results automatically include Providers (service agencies), but users can change results to Resources (website links), Events (activities on the website calendar), or All to view related information.	 Resources  Events
Random or Alphabetize	Search results automatically appear in random order, but users can alphabetize them.	<input type="radio"/> Random <input checked="" type="radio"/> Alphabetical
Account Users	When logged in to the website users can save searches or bookmark resources as an easy way to refer to the results again.	 Login

► **Provider Information**

Click on the name of the provider listing for more detailed information.		
Top Right Icons	Printer to print the page, Bookmark Ribbon to save the resource, or Question Mark to understand the types of information included on this page	  
Contact Information	In the dark green box and includes address on the Google map that zooms in and out.	STAR Center Assistive Technology  Claim Your C... Last Updated: 6/26/2023
Multiple Locations	If the agency has more than 1 office, click the Select Locations drop-down box to view them.	
Search Filter Details	Located on the right sidebar	
Provider Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission Statement • Eligibility: age, diagnosis, income, and/or other requirements • Provider Description: programs and services available through provider • Technology: description of products/devices available from provider • Request a Product Demonstration: contact information and/or website to view technology 	Mission Statement For over 35 years, The STAR Center has been dedicated to making Tennessee a place where people with disabilities can make their dreams a reality. The mission of The STAR Center is to help any person with any disability to realize their potential. We provide services for education, employment, and quality of life for all ages and needs.

► **Contact Pathfinder for Assistance: (800) 640-4636 or tnpathfinder@vumc.org**