

TA Tidbit

Technology Assisted Residential

Technology Assisted is a residential service within the SCL waiver, which is available to a person who resides in a residence with three or fewer others and requires up to 24 hours a day of support. These services should enable the person to increase his or her independence with a reduced need for on-site staff. These services require a real-time monitoring system with a two-way method of communication linking a person to a centralized monitoring station with 24-hour availability.

Assistive Technology Resources:

- **Kentucky Assistive Technology Services (KATS) Network:**
A guide to assistive technology funding in KY.
- **Office of Vocational Rehab (OVR) Rehabilitation Technology:**
Information about assistive technology services through OVR.
- **KY Assistive Technology Loan Corporation (KATLC)**
KATLC offers low interest loans for qualified applicants with disabilities who need assistive technology.
- **Project CARAT (Coordinating & Assisting the Reuse of Assistive Technology)**
Supports the reuse of assistive technology that is no longer needed or used by its original owner and is acquired by a new owner at no cost.
- **Shared Living and Technology Assisted Residential Webinar**
A conversation with two SCL providers regarding providing Shared Living, and Technology Assisted Residential services.
- **Technology Assisted Residential Services – No Boundaries**
A video highlighting a participant receiving Technology Assisted Residential services in KY.

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The following assistive technology resources were shared by SCL Provider Southwest Center during the December 2024 Technology Assisted Residential presentation.

- **Medi-Ready:** <https://medreadyinc.net/>

Cellular and non-cellular Medication Planners. Features include optimal pill compartment size, locking function, and both AC power adapter and battery backup. Refill trays are available to help with planning.

- **Simply Home:** <https://www.simply-home.com/>

Provides door/window sensors, stove sensors, panic buttons, chair/bed pads, water sensors, and smoke detector sensors. Devices work with a hub, in-home speaker, and monitoring portal. The Simply Home portal is tailored to the self-advocate's needs, with alerts sent to designated staff members when required. Also offered is the Nucleus Tablet, that can be helpful for communication (Zoom, trainings, check-ins), emergency use, and medication documentation.

- **Senior Safety:** <https://www.seniorsafety.com/>

Mobile alert monitoring devices, including smartwatches and wearable necklaces. Both are serviced through a monitoring center with optional fall detection.

- **Ring:** <https://ring.com>

Ring doorbells, Ring Stick, and Ring Chime for added security.

- **Pioneering Tech:** <https://www.pioneeringtech.com/>

Smart burners and Smart Micro for cooking fire prevention.

- **AbleLink Smart Living Technologies:** <https://www.ablelinktech.com/>

Specializes in cognitive support technologies, including accessible apps and devices for individuals with disabilities to enhance independence.

- **AbleNet Inc:** <https://www.ablenetinc.com/>

Provides assistive devices such as communication devices, environmental controls, and other supportive technologies for people with disabilities.

- **Rest Assured:** <https://restassured.com/>

Provides HIPAA-compliant remote monitoring services designed to assist individuals living independently. Their solutions include virtual check-ins, real-time alerts, and emergency response systems to promote safety and support daily living tasks.

- Additional ideas are to use T-Mobile 5G internet as a backup when internet connection is interrupted. Also, uninterruptible power supply devices can help provide backup power to electrical systems.