



**12th Conference
on Disabilities and
Special Needs**



**Why Aren't You Using It?
It's More Than You Think!!**

Saturday September 19, 2009

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

**The Citadel
Mark Clark Hall
171 Moultrie St.
Charleston, SC**

Directions to The Citadel

- From Interstate 26 Eastbound:
- * Take the Rutledge Avenue exit (219-A).
 - * Follow Rutledge Avenue 1.2 miles, then turn right on Moultrie Street.
 - * Follow Moultrie Street until it ends at Lesesne Gate, the main entrance to The Citadel.
- From US 17 Southbound:
- * After crossing the Cooper River Bridge, continue 1.4 miles, then turn right onto Hagood Avenue.
 - * Follow Hagood Avenue past the football stadium and enter The Citadel through the Hagood Gate. If Hagood Gate is closed, turn right onto Huger Street, turn left after one block onto Elmwood Street, then turn left after one block and enter The Citadel through Lesesne Gate.
- From US 17 Northbound:
- * Immediately after passing the round Holiday Inn and crossing the Ashley River Bridge, exit US 17 toward the right, but stay in the exit ramp's left-hand lane until you reach the traffic light.
 - * Turn left onto Lockwood Drive, continue .5 miles, and turn right onto Fishburne Street just before the baseball park.
 - * Go .3 miles, then turn left at the stop sign onto Hagood Avenue.
 - * Follow Hagood Avenue past the football stadium and enter The Citadel through the Hagood Gate . . . or if the Hagood Gate is closed, turn right onto Huger Street, turn left after one block onto Elmwood Street, then turn left after one block and enter The Citadel through Lesesne Gate.

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“Assistive Technology” - 12th Conference on Disabilities and Special Needs

Advance registration is recommended to guarantee lunch. Please return this registration to: **PTRC, 1575 Savannah Hwy, Ste 6, Charleston, SC 29407** Conference fee of \$ 10 includes a catered lunch. More Info: **843-266-1318**

Name: (Please Print) _____

Address: _____ ZIP _____

Phone (Day) _____ Please add my name to your mailing list: ___yes___ no I am (all that apply):

___An individual with a disability___ Parent ___Family Member___ Professional ___Educator___ Service Provider

___Other___ Agency Represented: _____

___# of Registrants___ Please enclose \$10/per person. If registration pays for persons other than yourself, please list names: _____ **Make checks payable to: FRC**

___Please consider my request for hardship waiver If special accommodations are needed to attend the conference please contact 266-1318 as soon as possible.

Why Should You Be Interested In Assistive Technology?

More than ever before, technology makes it possible for children and adults with disabilities to lead independent and fulfilling lives.

The world of Assistive Technology is constantly changing. New tools are invented and old tools are upgraded. It can be difficult to stay current with the latest in Assistive Technology (AT) and determine which tools are best.

The term "assistive technology" comes from several laws that address the needs of people with disabilities. Assistive technology includes both the *devices* and the *services* needed to use the devices effectively. AT *services* might include assessing the need for AT and any necessary training for the individual or the support staff (including school personnel).

Assistive Technology can be many things from very low-tech items such as pencil grips, picture symbols, or canes. It also includes very high tech items such as voice recognition software, talking reading machines, and eye-controlled communication devices.

AND...many things in between

Regardless of the device, Assistive Technology improves independence. It is useful for children and adults - AND IT IS MORE THAN YOU THINK!!

Education



Mobility



Employment



Areas in which AT Can Help Your Child



Socialization



Communication



Leisure & Recreation

Join Us at the Conference to Learn How Assistive Technology Can Help You, Your Child, or Your Family.

Join us at The Citadel on Sept. 19th and take part in this day of fun and learning. Presenters will talk about how AT can improve your life or the life of your child.

Topics will include:

- Assistive Tech 101
- Assistive Tech & the IEP
- Low to High Tech: AT from A to Z
- How to Proceed if you Need AT
- Assistive Tech: Show & Tell

There will be a room devoted to Resources and you will be able to see some devices and how they work. Vendors will be on site.

Come fill Your Mind with Great Ideas... Your Tummy with a Great Lunch... Your Heart with a Moving Awards Ceremony... Your Need for Retail Therapy with our Silent Auction. Conference Fee is \$10. Reservations are encouraged to guarantee lunch. We regret we are unable to provide childcare. A limited number of scholarships will be available. For more information contact the FRC at 843-266-1318.