Comments from our Program Participants

“EmpowerTech has shown me what assistive technology for the blind and visually-impaired can do. They have inspired me.”
- Laurence

“EmpowerTech keeps us connected with our families, friends, and other information.”
- Zainab

“Please, please continue the wonderful Open Access time. I’m learning so much. The help is marvelous!”
- Leigh

“Something has changed in my life. For the first time I’ve done something like this.”
- Jenny

“I learn something new every day.”
- Nela

“I really love EmpowerTech. I could never imagine leaving this place.”
- Vernon

OUR MISSION

The mission of EMPOWERTECH is to provide children and adults with physical and developmental disabilities with education and training to lead independent and productive lives utilizing Assistive Technology.
Technology can be a path to greater independence for people with disabilities. But learning how to use that technology was once difficult and often impossible for many.

Not any longer. EmpowerTech can open up the world of computers to people with physical and developmental disabilities using the latest in assistive technology.

At our center in Los Angeles as well as at several offsite locations, EmpowerTech offers a variety of special programs tailored to the needs of people with disabilities.

**Low Vision/Blind Services Program**

With the skills gained in this program, people can go back to school, re-enter the work force or gain a new measure of independence. This training includes screen reading software, talking scanner systems, speech recognition software and CCTVs. The program is vendedored by the California Department of Rehabilitation.

**Children’s Programs**

We offer programs designed to help children improve their school performance. EmpowerTech offers training in computer skills for children enrolled in pre-school classes in Santa Monica. We also have contracts with schools to provide Assistive Technology Assessments to children in grades K-12 who have special needs and learning disabilities. These assessments determine the hardware and software that will benefit each child.

**Explorations**

Individuals with disabilities and their families collaborate with EmpowerTech Assistive Technology Specialists to explore hardware and software options. The first visit is free of charge.

**Assistive Technology Assessments**

The goal of these assessments is to evaluate what technology options will best help the client achieve their own individual goals. This is a fee-based service and clients may be referred from Regional Center, the Department of Rehabilitation or school districts. The result is a written report of recommendations on the technology and training that offers the best path for the client.

**Open Access Lab**

Once a week, free of charge, EmpowerTech hosts people of all ages with all types of disabilities to learn, practice and just have fun. Come and use the Internet, search for a job, do homework, practice computer skills, send and receive emails or play computer games.

The world of computers is filled with all sorts of opportunities. EmpowerTech is pleased to open the door to those opportunities for people with disabilities.

For more information please call EmpowerTech or visit our website.

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**T.R.A.D.E.**

The Technology Related Accommodation Development & Empowerment class is geared toward teaching students office skills that lead to employment. An alternative program is also available to students who would like to reach their own personal computer-related goals. The program is vendedored by the Regional Center. Both classes teach students at their own pace.