



Community Living  
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**CLASS To Serve As New Pennsylvania's Initiative On Assistive Technology Provider**  
Organization will hold Open House on November 24<sup>th</sup> to Demonstrate New Services

Pittsburgh, PA –Community Living and Support Services (CLASS) has been awarded a grant from the Temple University Institute on Disabilities to offer services under the Pennsylvania's Initiative On Assistive Technology. PIAT is a program of the Institute on Disabilities at Temple University, Pennsylvania's UCEDD—University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities. The mission of PIAT is to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities, older Pennsylvanians, and their families by helping them to acquire and access assistive technology devices and services.

As of October 1, 2015, Christina Chamberlain, RESNA ATP, will serve as the Assistive Technology Resource Coordinator for the program at CLASS. CLASS will serve as the liaison for PIAT in Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Indiana, Lawrence, and Westmoreland counties, offering the following services:

- Device Demonstrations – Allows individuals to explore and learn about different assistive technology devices
- Lending Library – Short term equipment loans for individuals to evaluate at home or in the community
- Reused and Exchanged Equipment Partnership (REEP) – Classifieds to buy, sell, or donate previously owned assistive technology devices and equipment
- Telecommunication Device Distribution Program (TDDP) – Provides free specialized telephone equipment for individuals who may have difficulties using a regular telephone

“CLASS is excited for this new opportunity to offer the services of PIAT in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Programs offered through this collaboration will enhance CLASS’s role in empowering men, women, and children with disabilities by connecting them to assistive technologies to address their needs in order to live as independently in the communities of their choice,” stated Al Condeluci, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of CLASS.

To learn more about these programs, CLASS is holding an open house at the CLASS located at 1400 South Braddock Avenue on November 24, 2015 from 3 pm – 7 pm. This public event and will feature\*\*\*\*\*.

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### *About CLASS*

CLASS, is a 501c3 not for profit organization founded in 1951 with the mission of working toward a community where each belongs. CLASS continually seeks innovative approaches that foster the independence of adults and children with disabilities and promote their full participation in communities and activities of their choice. For more information, visit [www.classcommunity.org](http://www.classcommunity.org).