



Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh



At The Computer ...

... with the Access Technology Center

Meet one of our highly qualified ATC staff. In this and the next two issues, we will feature our instructors.

Spero Pipakis is the coordinator of our center. He began working as an instructor in November 1992. However, he was introduced to technology six years prior while working at another agency.

"When I first used a computer equipped with speech, I saw the potential," Spero says. "Then, when I actually heard that an agency had a center devoted to screen access technology, I practically begged to work there."

Since joining the staff at Blind and Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh, Spero has participated in many projects related to access technology. He has served on the Special Student Services Advisory Board for Community College of Allegheny County, an advisory committee for the University of Pittsburgh School of Rehabilitation Counseling, and is currently serving on an advisory board for the UPMC Disabilities Resource Center.



Whether he is providing technical support, analyzing website accessibility or planning new services, Spero's primary focus is on solving problems. "I have a curiosity and desire to find solutions and I like to share that curiosity with the rest of the staff and our clients," he says. "It is the desire of the ATC instructors to help and to solve problems. For me, finding the answers for our clients is the best part of my job."

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