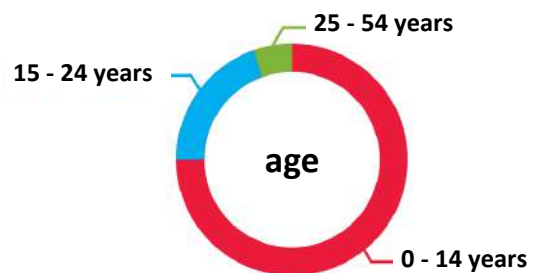


CENTER FOR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

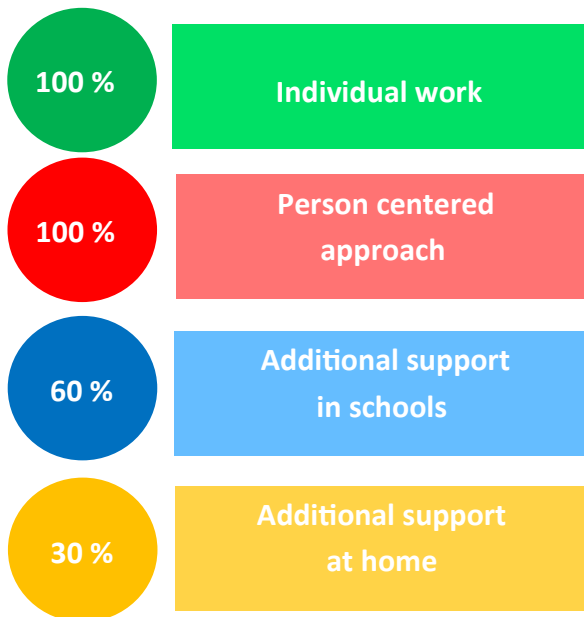
Open the Windows acts as a community-based service provider and runs the Center for Assistive Technology. The Center supports the personal development of children and adults with various disabilities by enabling access to computers, internet and assistive technology. The provided individualized support ranges from improving one’s cognitive functions, communication and/or socialization, to accommodating users’ educational or employment needs. Four special educators and an IT specialist work together in providing this unique service in the country.

Since its establishment in 2006, the Center has served more than 200 beneficiaries. The capacity of the Center is approximately 40 beneficiaries. Due to the large interest the Center has introduced a waiting list.

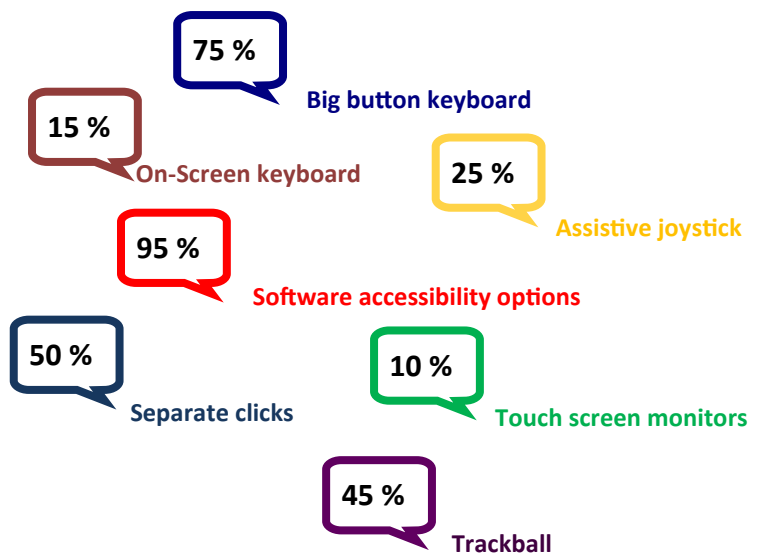
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SUPPORT



ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY (AT) USED



SERVICES

Individualized support in computer use

Individual assessment for AT needs

Advice and consultancy

INNOVATION

Accessible educational application

Adjustment of standard hardware

Manuals, guides and handbooks



TESTIMONIALS

I started using assistive technology when I was five. In fifth grade, I finally received a computer with assistive devices at school and for the first time I felt equal to my classmates. Today I have an email and I use Internet. The computer allows me to be a modern girl.

Vera Apostolovska, ninth grade student with cerebral palsy.



The assistive technology is very useful for students with limited motor skills. Thanks to the Center for assistive technology and their advisory work I can include Stefan in the mainstream instruction.

Elena Janevska Petrovska, Stefan's teacher.

I have great respect for the people who invented the assistive technology. Now I can communicate even though I have speech impairment. With the computer and assistive devices I showed everyone that I can write and read.

Veronica Ljorovska, a high school student with cerebral palsy



Thanks to the Center for assistive technology I can use internet independently. I can watch photos and videos. And of course I can search things for homework using Google.

Kristijan Stojanov, high school student with Down Syndrome

My son Matej came to the Center for assistive technology so he could learn how to use the computer. I grew desire to learn how to teach Matej at home. Now we both work to improve our computer skills, he works with Marija and I work with Radmila.

Ivana Zdraveva, mother of Matej, both with learning disabilities

