



Independent Living Through Technology

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Who We Are

Illinois Assistive Technology Program (IATP) is a not for profit agency that promotes the availability of assistive technology (AT) services and programs for people with disabilities.

IATP serves all people with disabilities in the state of Illinois regardless of age or income, their families, service providers, state agencies, educators and other interested individuals. Call our toll free information and assistance line to learn more about our programs, device and vendor information.

Hours of operation are
8:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.
Weekend and after hour appointments
may be scheduled by calling IATP.

We are located at:

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Work Incentives Planning and Assistance



The Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program (WIPA) helps individuals receiving SSI/SSDI make informed choices about going to work and how working will affect their benefits.

A Community Work Incentives Coordinator (CWIC) can help you understand the process and explain Social Security work incentives in addition to other state and federal benefits such as Medicaid, Medicare, food stamps, worker's compensation and unemployment benefits.

If you have questions about work and benefits, please call IATP.

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Device Loan

Assistive technology (AT) allows people with disabilities to function independently in recreation, education, vocation and daily living activities. How do you determine what will or will not work for you? That's easy . . . you try it out!

The Device Loan Program provides an opportunity to borrow devices to:

- determine compatibility between user and device
- use as a backup while waiting for repair
- conduct evaluations by therapists

People who benefit from the Device Loan Program include:

- people with disabilities
- family members
- therapists
- service providers
- educators

Device loans are:

- free
- 5 weeks long
- available to anyone in IL
- shipped at no cost

Call IATP or visit www.iltech.org

Open Ended Loans



The Assistive Technology Open Ended Loan (OEL) Program enables customers of the Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services, Vocational Rehabilitation (DHS/DRS VR) Program to borrow and try assistive technology. When those devices are found to be appropriate, customers may keep them for ongoing use toward their vocational goals. To qualify to receive equipment, customers must have an open DRS case. Equipment must be requested by a DRS Counselor or Assistive Technology Specialist.

Types of equipment available through the OEL Program include:

- computers
- electronic magnifiers
- printers
- scanners
- software programs such as JAWS, Dragon Naturally Speaking, Zoomtext, Open Book, Kurzweil and Magic

To see if you qualify for this program, check with your DRS counselor or Assistive Technology Specialist.



AT Reutilization

Do you have assistive technology (AT) that you no longer use? Do you need a device that you cannot afford? Recycling can make AT much more affordable, and in many cases, items are donated and provided free of charge.

AT Reutilization:

- provides pre-owned equipment for sale and donation
- is a free service
- accepts donated equipment

Categories of equipment found through AT Reutilization include:

- vision
- daily living
- mobility, seating and positioning
- speech communication
- computer access
- hearing

To access equipment listings, visit our website at **www.iltech.org** and click on **AT Reutilization**.

Call IATP if you need assistance searching or listing items.

Training



Whether it's a conference workshop, staff development, or you're looking for a speaker at your parent or support group, IATP can design a workshop especially for you.

Here are some examples of informational programs we offer:

- Aging and Technology: Ways to Stay Independent
- Funding for Assistive Technology
- Introduction to Assistive Technology
- iPad as Assistive Technology

Information Communication Technology (ICT)

Illinois Assistive Technology Program provides training and assistance in the area of Information Communication Technology Accessibility.

Services provided:

- hands-on training
- presentations on accessibility, current laws and requirements
- basic web accessibility audits

Call IATP to discuss a session to fit your needs.



AAC & AT Assessments

Funded through a grant by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), IATP provides augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) and assistive technology (AT) assessments (for grades K-12 students) to all school districts throughout the state **free of charge**.

Highlights of the Program:

- AAC and AT assessments
- Training on:
 - communication devices and other AT software and devices
 - device funding and implementation

If you are a school district interested in scheduling an assessment, please submit a request online at www.iltech.org or call IATP.

IEP Assistance

An Individualized Education Plan (IEP) is a plan written by parents and their child's educators to help the child succeed in school.

If you would like assistance for your child's IEP, call IATP and ask to speak to the Educational Liaison.

Demonstration Center



IATP's 8 room demonstration center showcases a variety of assistive technology (AT) in areas that include an accessible bathroom, bedroom, kitchen, office, toy and sensory room. Demonstrations provide hands-on exploration of AT, resource information, low tech solutions and much more to people with disabilities, their families, service providers and others.

If you are unable to visit the center, arrangements can be made to have devices brought to you.

Device Inventory Includes:

- speech communication
- vision
- hearing
- computer access
- daily living
- learning, cognition, and developmental
- environmental adaptations
- mobility, seating and positioning
- vehicle modification and transportation
- recreation, sports and leisure

Call IATP to schedule an individual or group tour.



Evaluation & AT Training

Assistive Technology Specialists (ATS) provide professional recommendations on the most current cutting edge assistive technology for customers of the Department of Human Service, Division of Rehabilitation (DHS/DRS).

ATS Staff:

- identify assistive technology needs
- provide recommendations for home modifications
- provide training on assistive technology and disability awareness to individuals with disabilities and employers of individuals with disabilities

Services Provided:

- assistive technology evaluations
- individualized training
- follow up services

Assistive Technology Specialists:

- work with your physical/occupational therapist, speech/language pathologist
- provide on-site employment evaluations

If you have an open case and want to schedule an evaluation, please contact your DRS counselor.

Financial Loans



The price of assistive technology (AT) may be out of reach for a person with a disability. The IATP ATLOAN\$ Program can help make it affordable. Eligible borrowers can use the loans to purchase AT for daily living or limited home modifications.

AT includes, but is not limited to:

- communication devices
- vision devices
- hearing devices
- ramps, roll-in showers, stair lifts
- modified vehicles
- scooters and wheelchairs

Credit Builder Loans are available to individuals with no credit or extremely poor credit as a way to improve their credit rating while acquiring needed assistive technology.

IATP AT LOAN\$



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