

## **IATP**

### **Connecting People with Disabilities to Technology to Enhance Independence and Participation in all Aspects of Life.**

Community Living. Education. Employment.

- Demonstration Center
- Device Loan
- Reuse
- Makers
- Smart Home
- Tech Kitchen

#### **Demonstration Center**

Visit us to explore assistive technology options that might best meet your needs. Device demonstrations with an expert in assistive technology provide an opportunity to discuss your needs, learn about possible AT solutions, and compare and contrast different AT devices, their features, and potential benefits.

Demonstration areas with hands-on exploration include:

- Accessible kitchen, bedroom, living space, bathroom and laundry room with Smart Home technology
- Adaptive toys and sensory displays
- Aids for daily living
- Vision
- Hearing
- Communication
- Learning and Cognition
- Computer access
- Recreation items

Direct access to device loan program to trial devices in your chosen environment. Information on manufacturer and vendor sources provided.

If you are unable to visit the demonstration center, arrangements can be made to have devices brought to you or video conferencing appointments are available.

Please contact us to make appointments for large groups or for weekend or evening demonstrations.

## **Device Loan**

Need to determine what will work for you?

IATP provides FREE short-term device loans for:

- those looking to make informed decisions before making a purchase.
- those who need back up equipment while theirs is under repair.
- those wanting to ensure compatibility between device and user.
- therapists who are conducting evaluations.

Devices are loaned for a period of up to 6 weeks.

We have over 1,000 devices to choose from including:

- Adaptive toys
- Augmentative communication
- Computer access
- Hearing devices
- Switch access
- Vision devices

Devices can be picked up, or we can ship devices at no cost to the borrower. The only cost the borrower will incur is the return shipment.

Visit [iltech.org](http://iltech.org) to view our device inventory and to fill out a loan application.

Borrowers must agree to treat the device with care and return it within the loan period.

## **Reuse**

The Reuse program provides gently used and new assistive technology and durable medical equipment to people of all ages with disabilities and/or health conditions who may not be able to afford to purchase new.

All equipment is checked for safety, cleaned, and sanitized.

Recipients can keep the device for as long as needed. When it is no longer being used, we ask that the device is returned to IATP.

Equipment available:

- Mobility, seating, and positioning
- Vision devices
- Hearing devices
- Communication devices
- Computers access
- Home Adaptations
- Recreation, sports, and leisure devices

The need for items greatly outweighs the available inventory. For those who are able, please consider donating items you no longer need. Donation letters will be provided upon request.

For more information or to check availability of items, please call and ask for the Reuse program.

### **IATP Makers**

IATP Makers provides customized solutions for your specific AT needs through design, prototyping, and fabrication primarily using 3D printing, pressure forming and laser cutting.

Contact the Maker team to discuss our user centered process of development.

## **Smart Home**

The five-room interactive **Smart Home** display highlights automation and provides hands on experience.

This technology allows a user to monitor and control numerous items throughout the home including security, climate, lighting, appliances, entertainment systems, selfcare options, and more.

## **Tech Kitchen**

The **Tech Kitchen** features a home style kitchen classroom with a variety of tools that make cooking possible, easier, and safer.

Staff includes a professional chef and licensed Occupational Therapy staff trained to use assistive technology and techniques to address your specific disability needs.

FREE CLASSES based on a participant's needs are offered to anyone in Illinois with a disability, aged 14 and up.

## **Other Programs**

### **AAC Training**

Experienced Speech-Language Pathologists (SLP's) provide Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) trainings to families and school personnel regarding AAC devices and AAC implementation.

### **Illinois CARE Connections (ICC)**

Provides support aimed at enabling social connectedness; maintaining health, safety, and well-being; and promoting independence and community living. Items available include technology, durable medical equipment (DME), activities of daily living devices (ADL), and Smart Home devices. Referrals must be made through an IDoA Community Care Program, an Area Agency on Aging (AAA), or Adult Day Service (ADS).

### **Information and Assistance**

Contact IATP to learn about programs, AT devices, services, and vendor information.

## **ISBE Evaluation Services**

SLP's conduct Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and Assistive Technology (AT) evaluations for students ages 3-22 for school districts throughout the state.

## **Information Communication Technology (ICT) Accessibility**

IATP provides training on the importance, development, application, and integration of accessibility for information and communication technologies.

## **Training Workshops**

IATP staff present at conferences and other events on topics including Aging and AT, Funding for AT, and more.

## **Vocational and Home Services Evaluations**

Assistive Technology Specialists provide eligible IDHS consumers with AT services to help them meet their vocational or independent living goals. Services include AT and home evaluations, AT implementation, individualized AT training and follow-up services. Vocational AT equipment is provided through **Fast Track** program to eliminate waiting times.



## **Work Incentives Planning and Assistance**

WIPA helps individuals receiving SSI/SSDI make informed choices about how employment affects their benefits.

### **Hours of Operation**

Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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