

Intro to IATP

Illinois Assistive Technology Program www.iltech.org 800-852-5110 v/tty



Who is IATP?

The Illinois Assistive Technology Program (IATP) is a not-for-profit agency that promotes the availability of assistive technology (AT) devices and services for people with disabilities. IATP serves all people with disabilities in the state of Illinois, their families, service providers, state agencies, private industry, educators, and other interested individuals, regardless of age or income.



What does IATP do?



Demonstration Center Device Loans AT Assessments School Based AT/AAC Assessments AT Reuse & Reutilization Financial Loans **IEP Support** WIPA Training Website & Facebook



www.enablingdevices.com



AT Reuse & Reutilization

- Recycling AT
- AT Classifieds
- Donated equipment
- Project with DRS to make used equipment available to VR counselors for customers





Device Loan

IATP loans devices to:

- Determine compatibility between user & device
- Use as a backup while waiting for repair
- Conduct evaluations by therapists

Device loans are for 5 weeks & are available to anyone in Illinois



School Based AT/AAC Assessments

- Provided through a grant from ISBE
- Free to schools
- Suggested devices loaned to schools for trial
- Training provided on AAC & AT as requested



IEP Support

- Assist parents with IEPs & 504 plans
- Train teachers & parents on IEP process
- Work with college students on getting accommodations
- Need does not have to be AT related





AT Assessments

ATS staff provide:

- AT assessments for DHS/DRS customers, as requested, to identify AT needs
- On-site employment evaluations
- Recommendations for home modifications
- Individualized training
- Follow up services





WIPA

- Work Incentives Planning & Assistance Program for individuals receiving SSI/SSDI
- Explains Social Security work incentives and other state & federal benefits
- Open to anyone between age 14 & retirement age receiving Social Security disability benefits who wants to work



Financial Loans



IATP ATLOAN\$ are open to eligible borrowers to purchase AT for daily living and make limited home modifications.

- Credit Builder Loan amounts range from \$250 to \$1,000
- Regular loan amounts from \$1,001 to \$30,000
- Home modification loans restricted to \$5,000
- Terms are based on the life of the item





Training

- Provides general training on topics related to AT
- Sessions can be customized to fit a group's needs
- Training on AT devices is also provided to individuals through the AT Assessment Project & the School Based AT/AAC Project



Demonstration Center

- Located in Springfield
- Showcases a variety of AT
- Provides hands-on exploration of AT
- Resource information available
- Sensory room for kids
- If you can't come to us, we can bring it to you



ADL's









Vision

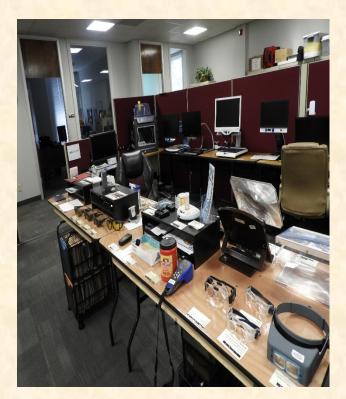






Vision







Sensory







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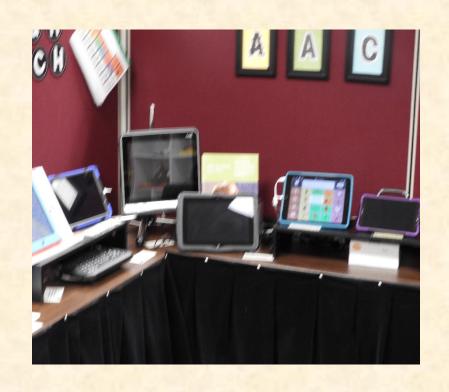
Toys and Switched







AAC Devices







Hearing









Office/Education





Bathroom



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Bedroom



Kitchen





Funding Sources

DHS DRS

Private Insurance

Public Insurance

AT Loan Programs

Disability Organizations

Service Organizations



www.hhs.gov



Funding Sources

- Department of Human Services Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)
 - DHS Helpline -- 800-843-6154 or 800-447-6404 (TTY)
 - www.dhs.state.il.us/
- Division of Developmental Disabilities
 - 888-DD-PLANS or (888) 337-5267 or 866-376-8446 (TTY)
- Healthcare & Family Services
 - 800-843-6154 or 800-447-6404 (TTY)
 - www.hfs.illinois.gov



Funding Sources continued

- Amalgamated Bank of Chicago E-Z Access Loan Program
 - 312-822-3007
 - www.aboc.com
- Digital Federal Credit Union
 - www.dcu.org/loans_visa/index.html
- Bank of America
 - www.bankofamerica.com/vehicle_and_personal_loans/index.cf m?template=access_loans
- Disabled Children's Relief Fund
 - www.dcrf.com/ordereze/default.aspx

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Funding Sources continued

- Hear Now
 - www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org/hear-now.php
- Audient Alliance Organization (reduced cost hearing aids)
 - www.audientalliance.org
- Association of Blind Citizens
 - www.blindcitizens.org
- ALS Foundation for Life
 - www.alsfoundation.org
- Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation
 - www.mdff.org
- National MS Society; Greater Illinois Chapter
 - 800-344-4867
 - www.msillinois.org
- Other Disability Specific Organizations



Where Do I Find AT

Contact the Illinois Assistive Technology Program for information on Assistive Technology



and where to find it 800-852-5110 v/tty www.iltech.org





Resources

Job Accommodation Network
askjan.org 800-526-7234 v; 877-781-9403 tty
Able Data
www.abledata.com 800-227-0216 v; 301-608-8912 tty
RESNA

Assistive Technology Industry Association www.atia.org

IL Network of Centers for Independent Living www.incil.org 800-587-1227 v/tty



Independence is happiness

-- Susan B. Anthony



