

Senior Assistive Technology Safety Program IPAT Final Summary Report

September 1, 2003 – December 30, 2005

February 20, 2006

The Interagency Program for Assistive Technology (IPAT) administered the Senior Assistive Technology Safety Program (SATS), which was funded through the North Dakota Aging Services Division, Department of Human Services. The purpose of the program was to provide assistive technology safety services and devices specific to in-home safety for older individuals. Services started September 1, 2003 and were completed December 30, 2005.

NUMBER OF CLIENTS SERVED IN EACH COUNTY

People in all 52 counties of North Dakota received services under the SATS program (see attached map for distribution).

TYPES AND NUMBER OF SAFETY DEVICES DISTRIBUTED

A total of 5,718 pieces of equipment were distributed under the SATS program, representing 67 different types of equipment.

There were 588 medication dispensers distributed representing 32 types of devices. The North Dakota Pharmacy Association also provided medication devices to be distributed by the SATS program. The costs of those devices are not reflected in the equipment costs, however the service costs related to their distribution is reflected in the administrative costs.

FISCAL REPORT

Equipment costs were tracked by IPAT and totaled \$221,902.77 for the statewide services of which \$168,587.41 was expended for medically underserved counties.

IPAT was a program of Vocational Rehabilitation for 1.5 years while administering SATS. During that time period, the administration costs were tracked by Vocational Rehabilitation and those costs are not known to IPAT. IPAT was a program of the North Dakota Association for the Disabled the last .5 year of the contract and the administration costs for that time period totaled \$8,916.67.

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

IPAT participated in 35 promotional activities which included trainings, exhibits, and/or conferences around the state to present information on the various components of the SATS program (see attached Promotional Activities). Two types of brochures were developed and distributed statewide through a variety of

mailing lists. One brochure provided information on the statewide SATS program and the other was specific information related to medication dispensers. In addition, articles about these programs were printed in the AT Key newsletter as well as in other appropriate newsletters.

AGENCIES TO WHOM REFERRALS WERE MADE

Referrals were made to public health, social services, senior centers, legion clubs, rehab businesses, and local community organizations.