

Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program IPAT Final Summary Report

September 1, 2003 – December 30, 2005

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The Interagency Program for Assistive Technology (IPAT) administered the Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (TEDP), which was funded from a telephone surcharge through the North Dakota Aging Services Division, Department of Human Services. The purpose of the program was to provide telecommunications services for the communications impaired. Services started September 1, 2003 and were completed December 30, 2005.

CLIENT RECORD

A total of 537 North Dakota residents received telephones and/or telephone accessories from this program. Individuals presented disabilities in the areas of hearing (308), hearing/physical (2), hearing/speech (2), hearing/vision (4), physical (30), physical/hearing/vision (1), physical/vision (1), speech (7), speech/physical (3), and vision (4). Please note the disability is only identified on those consumers who completed an application. There were a number of individuals who received a replacement phone for one received when TEDP was administered by another organization. These individuals were not required to complete another application.

TYPES AND NUMBER OF PHONES

A total of 510 telephones and 61 telephone accessories were distributed to North Dakota residents. There were 28 different types of telephones provided with the largest number being in the area of amplification. There were 27 different types of telephone accessories provided to individuals with the largest number being in the area of alert signalers. This variety of equipment reflects a commitment from IPAT to ensure individual needs were assessed and met.

COUNTIES SERVED

The individuals served resided in 47 North Dakota counties (see attached map for distribution).

FISCAL REPORT

Equipment costs were tracked by IPAT and totaled \$48,476.56 for the program. Some recycled phones were used and no cost is reflected for these items. IPAT was a program of Vocational Rehabilitation for 1.5 years while administering TEDP. 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 \$9,753.67.

