



IPAT – disABILITY TECHNOLOGY You Can!

Interagency Program for Assistive Technology

IPAT delivers services so people with disabilities can get the assistive technology they need for work, school, and home.

IPAT is . . .

The Interagency Program for Assistive Technology (IPAT) is North Dakota's Statewide AT Program and was established in 1993. IPAT receives federal and state dollars to conduct required activities, engages in additional services on a fee-for-service basis, and seeks other funding through contract or grant awards. IPAT has a Consumer Advisory Council (CAC) to provide guidance in activity development. The CAC is comprised of individuals and agency staff representing all ages, disabilities, and geographic regions of the state. IPAT is an affiliate of the North Dakota Association of the Disabled, Inc. (NDAD).

IPAT Delivers . . .

Assistance to Individuals. Staff is available to answer AT questions via phone, on-line, mail, videoconference, or person-to-person.

Public Awareness. Information and referral line; free, bi-monthly newsletter; accessible website; annual AT Expo; and informational talks on AT statewide.

Training. Staff is available to train on a wide range of AT topics.

Coordination & Collaboration. Staff is available to serve on various taskforces addressing AT issues statewide.

Additional Services. AT assessments and consultations; equipment set-up and use; and special contracts.

For AT service delivery, call 1.800.895.4728 or go to www.ndipat.org

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Assistive Technology is . . .

Federal Law defines assistive technology devices and services as . . .

Assistive Technology Devices

"...any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities."

A sampling of AT devices includes: adapted toys, computer access devices, seating systems, powered mobility, communication devices, special switches, magnification systems, and environmental control systems.

Assistive Technology Services

"...any service that directly assists an individual with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device."

A sampling of AT services includes, but is not limited to: evaluation, purchasing,

designing, leasing, coordinating therapies, and training for individuals, family members, and professionals.

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IPAT Technology Access Centers Insert

Bismarck
701.355.4615 or 888.540.4728

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701.365.4728 or 800.895.4728

Drop-in to explore devices on your own or make an appointment to have specific devices demonstrated.

IPAT Technology Access Centers

The centers welcome individuals with disabilities and those experiencing the effects of aging, their family members, caregivers, service providers, employers and anyone else interested in assistive technology (AT).

They are demonstration and evaluation centers serving toddlers to grandparents, showcasing a wide range of AT for exploration in an interactive setting.

The centers provide opportunities for individuals or groups living outside the metro-areas of Fargo and Bismarck to see and learn about AT equipment via video-conferencing.

They enable consumers to explore a variety of AT devices that promote independence and function at home, school and work – at no cost to them.

The centers have devices covering the areas of communication, hearing, vision, learning, memory, organization, aids for daily living, computer access and environmental control.

They serve as sites to offer trainings and assessments conducted by IPAT staff or other AT specialists.

IPAT Equipment Loan Library Insert

The Equipment Loan Library service is available to all North Dakota residents with disabilities, their family members, and the professionals that support them.

Use the Equipment Loan Library to:

Explore a variety of assistive technology (AT) devices

Try-out AT devices before you buy

Replace AT devices in for repair

1-800-895-4728

www.ndipat.org

ipatloan@ndipat.org

A Sampling of AT Equipment Available:

Health and Safety, Daily Living Aids: talking alarm clock, bed shaker, digital recorder, hands-free phone, medication dispensers

Environmental Control: voice-activated remote control, switch, latch and timer device for household appliances, infrared control for phones, TV's and electric appliances

Computer Access: keyboard alternatives; one-handed, mini, ergonomic, contoured and expanded; mouse alternatives; optical, ergonomic, trackball, trackpad, joystick, hands-free; laptop with specialized software programs loaded; magnification, voice recognition, text-to-speech

Communication Devices: from simple to complex, picture or word-based, with an array of activation options available

Switches: single, rocker, foot, leaf, breath, eye-blink, grasp, treadle

Sensory Aids: assisted listening devices, amplified telephones, closed-circuit TV's, DVD book players

Fees range between \$15 - \$45, plus SH&H

AT equipment is loaned for 6 weeks

Equipment Swap and Shop Insert

“Come and shop at the Equipment Swap and Shop”

1-800-265-4728

www.ndipat.org

Listing AT Equipment:

North Dakota residents may list used equipment through the IPAT AT Swap and Shop Program.

To list, call IPAT at 1-800-265-4728 or go to www.ndipat.org to get a used equipment listing form.

On the form, identify item and terms of sale, swap, or donation, sign and return to IPAT.

IPAT will list the used equipment on-line for six months.

Getting AT Equipment:

For a current listing of used equipment go to www.ndipat.org or call IPAT at 1-800-265-4728. Callers will be provided with information on all available used equipment listings matching their requests.

When an item of interest is identified, the person looking for the device calls the seller to organize the sale, swap, or donation of the used equipment.

Keeping the AT Equipment List Current:

Individuals listing used equipment are asked to notify IPAT when the equipment changes hands.

To alter listing information, the individual listing the equipment contacts IPAT.

FREE Shipping Available:

Contact IPAT at 1-800-265-4728 to organize free shipping through Cross Country Courier.

North Dakota Alternative Financial Loan Program Insert

Making AT affordable, through low interest financing for assistive technology.

Who is Eligible?

North Dakota residents with disabilities or their family members, as long as the loans are used to purchase assistive technology (AT). Individuals must demonstrate the ability to repay the loan.

Benefits of borrowing through the Alternative Financial Loan Program (AFP):

- Lower interest rates
- Flexible payback terms
- Individual consideration if there is a poor credit history

Loans are locally administered by Alerus Financial and the North Dakota Association for the Disabled (NDAD).

Examples of what can be purchased with an AFP loan:

Modified Vans – Computers – Scooters – Communication Devices –
Home Modifications – Environmental Control Devices –
Recreation/Leisure – Hearing Aids – Used AT Equipment

Amount of money that can be borrowed:

\$500 - \$50,000

How to apply:

For an application or more information call NDAD at 1-800-532-6323 or 1-701-775-5577

For application forms go to:

www.ndad.org
www.ndipat.org
www.ndpanda.org

The AFP is operated in cooperation with:

NDAD – IPAT – ND Protection & Advocacy Project and Alerus Financial