Assistive Technology services are available in the following Home and Community-Based Services Waivers:

Intermediate Care Facility Level of Care

- Family Support Waiver (FSW)
- Developmental Disabilities Adult Day (DDAD) Waiver
- Comprehensive Developmental Disabilities (CDD) Waiver

Nursing Facility Level of Care

- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver
- HCBS Waiver for Aged and Adult and Children with Disablities (AD)

Assistive technology information is found in Nebraska Administrative Code:

- Title 403 NAC Chapters 4, 5, and 6
- Title 480 NAC Chapters 5 and 6
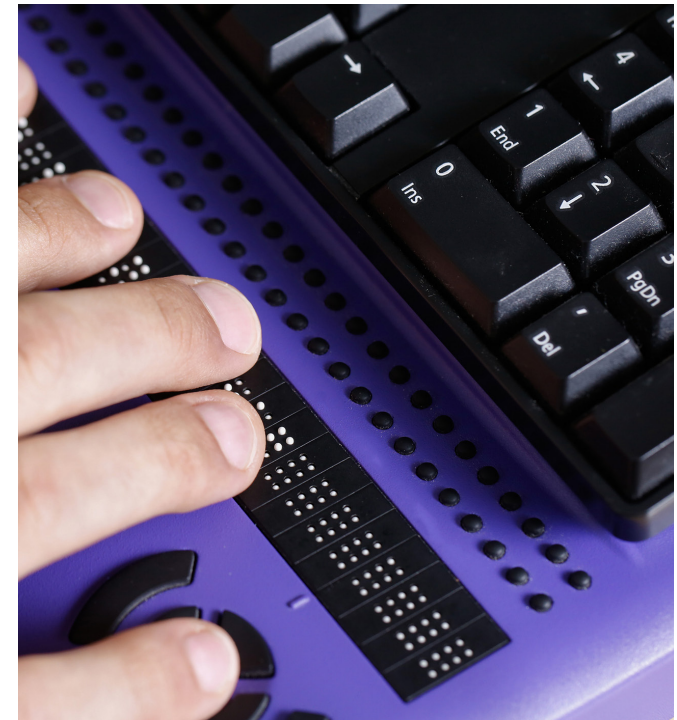
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Assistive Technology (AT)

Helping people live better lives

What is Assistive Technology (AT)?

Assistive Technology (AT) is specialized equipment and supplies that ensure a participant's health, welfare, and safety needs are met and enable a participant to increase, maintain, or improve their functional capacities.

Assistive Technology

Benefits of Assistive Technology

- Enhances independence and self-reliance.

- Improves communication and learning opportunities.

- Increase accessibility in workplaces, schools, and homes to assist with functions of mobility.

- Boosts confidence and quality of life.

Who can Benefit?

- **Individuals** with **physical, sensory, or cognitive** disabilities
- **Seniors** facing **mobility or health** challenges
- **Students** needing **learning support**

Accessing and Funding Assistive Technology

An assessment is completed and includes a review of disabling conditions, functional skills, and limitations.

- **Health care and Rehabilitation Centers:** Consult occupational, physical, or speech therapists for recommendations.

- **Schools:** Special education programs provide support for individuals ages 0-21 years old.

Types of Assistive Technology

1. **Mobility Aids**
   - Wheelchairs (Manual and Powered)
   - Walkers and Canes
   - Stairlifts

2. **Communication Aids**
   - Speech-generating devices (SGDs)
   - Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) tools
   - Text-to-speech and voice recognition software

3. **Hearing & Vision Aids**
   - Screen readers and magnification software
   - Braille displays and note-takers

4. **Learning & Cognitive Aids**
   - Text-to-speech software
   - Adaptive keyboards and voice-controlled devices

5. **Daily Living Aids**
   - Smart home automation (voice-activated lights, thermostats)
   - Adaptive kitchen tools and utensils
   - Medication reminders