

DID YOU KNOW?

Learning about services – Assistive Technology (AT)



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The Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) offers Assistive Technology (AT) to eligible clients. AT helps people accomplish everyday tasks and be more independent.

What is Assistive Technology?

AT includes items that increase independence, reduce the need for in person help, or make day to day tasks easier. AT can include training too.

What are examples of AT?

- Adaptive utensils (weighted silverware or swivel spoon), plates, cups
- Automatic stove shut-off
- Magnifying glass
- Long-handled shoe horn
- Tablets with apps to assist with schedules/task completion
- Vibrating reminder watch
- Tablet and software applications
- Voice-activated systems such as an Amazon Echo and add-ons
- Personal Emergency Response System add-on services:
 - Fall detection
 - GPS
 - Medication management (reminder and/or dispenser) system.

Who can receive AT services?

Assistive technology is available for children and adults currently enrolled or receiving:

- Community First Choice
- Children's Intensive In-Home Behavior Supports Waiver
- Individual and Family Services Waiver
- Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR)
- Roads to Community Living
- Temporarily during the COVID-19 Pandemic AT is available on all waivers if needed in order to receive DDA waiver funded remote supports.

What is the eligibility criteria for AT?

- To be eligible, persons must have an assessed need identified in their person-centered service plan or PASRR assessment.
- DDA must approve AT before you get it.
- A professional recommendation may be necessary. The professional must have knowledge of a person's functional level (either through their own assessment or knowledge of needs by reviewing the DDA assessment). The recommendation must include: the item(s) being requested and why it is the most appropriate and cost-effective item

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How do I get this service?

Contact your DDA case resource manager or PASRR assessor. They will help you through the process. If you are not currently receiving a paid service you may call the DDA local office or visit www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/service-and-information-request to ask for a DDA assessment to see what you could be eligible for.

Where can I receive more information?

[Informing Families](#) has lots of helpful information on assistive technology and other services from DDA and the community

[Northwest Access Fund](#) provides AT loans for Washington residents of all ages with disabilities, including some seniors with certain needs.

[Washington Assistive Technology Act Program](#) provides people with disabilities AT device demonstrations and borrowing.

What rules or policies have more information?

[WAC 388-106-0270](#), [388-106-0273](#), [388-106-0274](#), [388-834-0040](#), [WAC 388-845-0415](#), [388-845-0420](#), [388-845-0425](#)

Interested in becoming a provider?

If you are interested in becoming an AT contractor or other contracted provider for a DDA Medicaid service, call your local DDA office and ask for the contracts team.

Visit online:

www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/counties-and-providers/developmental-disabilities-administration-counties-provider-information

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