

## Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center

The Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center (NDALC) is a private, nonprofit organization that serves as Nevada's federally mandated protection and advocacy system for the human, legal, and service rights of individuals with disabilities.

NDALC was designated as Nevada's protection and advocacy system by the Governor in March, 1995, and is funded by Federal grants and charitable, tax deductible contributions of private citizens.



Services provided by NDALC include: information and referral, education and training, negotiation or mediation, investigation of reported or suspected abuse or neglect, legal counsel, technical assistance and litigation services, and technical assistance about policy, administration, and legislative developments.

NDALC has offices in Reno, Las Vegas and Elko, with services provided statewide.

All services are offered at no cost to eligible individuals in accordance with NDALC's available resources and service priorities.

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- **How can AT help me?**
- **Funding Options**
- **Resources in Nevada**



## WHAT is Assistive Technology (AT)?

AT is *any item or piece of equipment used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.*

### Purpose

AT provides creative solutions that enable individuals with disabilities to be more independent and productive

### How to select an AT device/service ...

- **Determine YOUR goal:**
  - What do you want to accomplish?
  - Are you willing to try a device/service to help you continue to be independent?
  - Will you need someone to assist you in using the device/service at home, at work, or within the community?
- **Complete your evaluations:**
  - Determine what evaluations are necessary.
  - A Doctor, Speech Therapist, or Occupational Therapist can be helpful to find your best solution.
- **Selecting the service or device:**

Contact your local AT program to get information on devices, adaptations, vendors, etc..

### Who Pays?:

- Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Local/National Grants and Non-Profits
- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Private Insurance
- School District
- Worker's Compensation
- State Assistive Technology Programs



## Types of Assistive Technology (AT)

### DEVICES and SERVICES

**Devices** - any item that helps a person with a disability become more independent at home, work or within the community. Examples of AT devices include...

- **Living Aids** - e.g., a shower chair, corner chair, supportive seat, standing frame, adapted cutlery and cooking utensils, dressing stick, toilet seat or frame, feeding robot, etc.
- **Mobility Aids** - e.g., wheelchairs/scooters, white cane, walking stick/frame, crutch, tricycle, etc.
- **Communication Aids** - e.g., communication boards, communication cards with text, symbols or pictures
- **Computer Hardware and Software Programs** - e.g., voice recognition software, screen readers and certain kinds of keyboards, book player, audio recorder and player, braille chess, etc.
- **Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices** - e.g., leg braces or artificial limbs.
- **Special Learning Materials and Teaching Aids** - e.g., specialized computer software programs

**Services** - any assistance that supports an individual with a disability in the selection, acquisition, use and maintenance of an assistive technology device.

- Evaluation and Assessment
- Selection, design, fitting, customization, adaption, applying for, maintaining, repairing or replacing AT devices
- Purchasing, leasing, or otherwise providing for the acquisition of AT devices
- Training (for consumers, friends/family members, and professionals in the use of an AT device)
- Coordinating and using other therapies, services or interventions with AT devices (e.g., those associated with existing education and rehabilitation

## Assistive Technology Resources in Nevada ...

### AT Device Loans, Demonstrations and State Leadership Activities:

#### - CARE Chest

Phone: 866-206-5242

Web: [www.CAREChest.org](http://www.CAREChest.org)

#### - Nevada Assistive Technology Resource Center (UNR):

Phone: 775-682-9056

E-mail: [syoungs@unr.edu](mailto:syoungs@unr.edu)

### AT for Independent Living Program (AT/IL):

#### Northern Nevada:

CARE Chest

Phone: 800-206-5242

E-mail: [bdonnelly@CAREChest.com](mailto:bdonnelly@CAREChest.com)

Web: [www.CAREChest.org](http://www.CAREChest.org)

#### Southern Nevada:

CARE Chest

Phone: 800-206-5242

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### Financial Assistance:

#### CARE Chest Loan Fund Program

Phone: 775-829-2273

#### Nevada State Assistive Technology Collaboration (NATC)

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