

# ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP'S EDUCATION PROGRAM



*Supporting Those Who Support Students*

## ATP Education Program's Purpose

The Assistive Technology Partnership Education (ATP/Ed) Program provides statewide services to IFSP and IEP team members working with children and students with disabilities (birth to 21) who are receiving services within Nebraska school systems. Our vision is to ensure that individual children/students can be successful by creating systemic capacity that results in quality Assistive Technology (AT) services for every child/student who needs AT.

## ATP EDUCATION PROGRAM'S SERVICES

<h3>TRAINING</h3>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webinar Series focusing on AT Devices and AT Processes</li> <li>• Request training on topics related to AT Devices and AT Processes/Services including:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How to consider AT</li> <li>○ How to conduct evaluation of AT needs</li> <li>○ How to acquire and provide AT tools/systems</li> <li>○ How to implement AT effectively</li> <li>○ How to evaluate the effectiveness of AT for a child/student</li> <li>○ Training on specific categories of AT (e.g., AAC, Reading, Switches, etc.) or specific AT tools/systems</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Many other opportunities through the ATP Education Program's Academy</li> </ul>
<h3>COACHING</h3>	<p>IFSP/IEP teams may request coaching support from the ATP Education Program Team. Coaching supports are designed to help IFSP/IEP teams provide quality AT services to students receiving special education services and may include (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determining if a child/student needs AT</li> <li>• Developing a quality implementation plan for AT</li> <li>• Documenting AT effectively in the IFSP/IEP</li> <li>• Incorporating AT into transition plans</li> <li>• Teaching a child/student to effectively use AT on tasks</li> <li>• Determining if AT is working effectively for a child/student</li> <li>• Find potential AT tools/systems based on an identified set of features</li> </ul>
<h3>RESOURCES</h3>	<p>Find many resources that help IFSP/IEP Teams learn about AT tools/systems and how to provide quality AT services.</p>
	<p>The ATP Education Program offers EDUCATION.AT4ALL.COM, a service that allows education programs to borrow equipment to support children and students receiving special education services. These short-term AT equipment loans are available <b>free-of-charge</b> for any member of a child's IFSP or a student's IEP team in Nebraska employed by or those who are contracted with a school/district/program from which the child/student is receiving special education services. Teams may use the loaned equipment to try with a child/student to determine if it will meet the child's/student's needs to receive a free appropriate public education.</p>

**ALL NEBRASKA ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS**



ATP Program Name	Who Does the Program Support?	What Does the Program Do?	How Do I Contact the Program?
ATP Resource & Funding Coordination	Any Nebraska resident with a disability.	Helps to increase access to, and funding for, individuals who need assistive technology by working with different agencies, companies, and non-profits.	Email <a href="mailto:angie.ransom@nebraska.gov">angie.ransom@nebraska.gov</a> or call (402) 309-0374
ReUse Network	Individuals who may need a device to assist in one or more life functions due to a disability.	Creates a pool of donated equipment that may be reused free of charge by others who need the equipment.	Email <a href="mailto:bryan.bingham@nebraska.gov">bryan.bingham@nebraska.gov</a> or call (531) 207-2226
Short-Term Loan Program	Adults who are aging, recovering from injury or illness, or experiencing a disability.	Provides loans of AT devices to assist with determining which AT may work for a person or when personal AT is being repaired.	Email <a href="mailto:bryan.bingham@nebraska.gov">bryan.bingham@nebraska.gov</a> or call (531) 207-2226
ATP Education Program and ATP Education's Statewide Loan Program (EDUCATION.AT4ALL.COM)	IFSP and IEP Teams and other school personnel	Provide training and coaching to IEP/IFSP team members on AT tools/systems and AT processes. Provide short-term loans to IEP/IFSP Teams to try AT devices with students.	Email - <a href="mailto:atp.education@nebraska.gov">atp.education@nebraska.gov</a> Visit - <a href="http://atp.nebraska.gov/education">http://atp.nebraska.gov/education</a> and <a href="http://education.at4all.com">http://education.at4all.com</a>
ATP-Nebraska VR Partnership	Individuals working with and referred from Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation (VR).	Upon referral from Nebraska VR, assesses, makes recommendations, and provides loans of AT equipment to assist an individual with their job goal.	Email <a href="mailto:brooke.harrie@nebraska.gov">brooke.harrie@nebraska.gov</a> or call (402) 679-4271
ATP Pre-ETS Program	Students with disabilities ages 14-21 who are referred from the VR Pre-ETS Program.	Provide consultations for AT and modifications to assist qualifying students with school, training, or work.	Email <a href="mailto:brooke.harrie@nebraska.gov">brooke.harrie@nebraska.gov</a> or call (402) 679-4271
ATP-Health and Human Services Partnership – Assistive Technology/Home Modifications	Individuals who qualify for Medicaid waiver and have a physical disability that would require support equivalent to a nursing facility.	Technology Specialists work with individuals who have a disability to determine what assistive technology/home modifications are appropriate for their primary living environment.	Email <a href="mailto:may.faith@nebraska.gov">may.faith@nebraska.gov</a> or call (531) 207-9028
iCanConnect	Individuals with significant combined vision and hearing loss who meet federal income guidelines.	Provide free telecommunication equipment and training to stay connected with family and friends.	Email <a href="mailto:brooke.harrie@nebraska.gov">brooke.harrie@nebraska.gov</a> or call (402) 679-4271

