### Nevada Assistive Technology Collaborative (NATC).

The **NATC** provides for a variety of Assistive Technology (AT) services to support people to live more independently and within their communities. Supported through the Administration for Community Living (ACL) grants under the Assistive Technology Act of 1998 as amended. The NATC is made up of community partners that provide the end services.

The NATC strives to support all the State Level Activities under the AT Act. It is our intent that by contacting the NATC and community partners you will be able be able to make more informed decisions on the AT that you need as well as the resources and options available to you to obtain the AT.

# The general descriptions of the NATC Services and Programs in Nevada are as follows:

Information and Assistance, Device
Demonstrations, Device Loans, Training
Activities, Technical Assistance, Reuse of
AT Devices, Financial loans for
purchasing AT, and an Independent
Living program that can provide AT for
essential daily living activities. The Act
also created the Protection and Advocacy
for Assistive Technology (PAAT) provided
through the Nevada Disability Advocacy
and Law Center (NDALC).

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### Nevada Assistive Technology (AT) Council





#### **Purpose of the Council**

To advise the State regarding the Assistive Technology.

## Primary Responsibilities of the Advisory Council

To provide consumer-responsive, consumer-driven advice for the planning, implementation and evaluation of assistive technology programs. To promote assistive technology and its many uses for people with disabilities in order to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities. To promote the development and expansion of assistive technology programs and concepts on a statewide basis. To provide guidance to State agencies and local planning and nonprofit entities that are providing assistive technology services.

#### Who are Council Members

Individuals with disabilities that use assistive technology must represent a majority of the Council, Representative of Vocational Rehabilitation and the State agency for individuals who are blind (if such agency is separate), Representative of the Center for Independent Living, Representative of State Workforce Investment, Representative of the State Education Agency, and Representatives of other state agencies or organizations as applicable. (All other representatives cannot count towards the majority)

#### **Frequency of Meetings**

The Council shall meet at least once annually, or at such other time as may be determined by the Aging and Disability Services Division, for the purpose of electing officers and transacting other business. The Council shall meet on a regular basis, with an objective of four (4) meetings per year, on such dates as shall be determined by the Council. The annual meeting of the Council may be counted as a regular meeting.

#### **Terms**

The officers of the Council shall be elected by a majority of the Members and must be selected from among the Members. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be elected for two (2) year terms, or until the election of a successor, beginning as of the date elected.

#### **How to Become a Council Member?**

Please complete the AT Program Advisory Council Membership Request Form provided through the link below. The completed form will be submitted electronically to the Director of the AT Council and considered by Council Members. You may be asked to fill out an application or possibly meet with one of the AT Council members.

https://dhhs.nv.gov/About/GovBoards/Application/

## Meeting Agendas, Handouts and Minutes by Year

Below find links to the AT Council Advisory Board monthly meetings agendas, handouts, and minutes for the last year.

https://adsd.nv.gov/Boards/ATCouncil/2021/Home/

### Why Consider Becoming a Member of the Nevada AT Council?

We are all different when it comes to our disabilities. We each face and try to overcome our own barriers each day. No two individuals are alike and no one can truly understand what another individual is going or has gone through. But, we do share one thing in common. We have all experienced and worked with the same state funded services, programs and or nonprofit organizations located throughout the State of Nevada.

That is why considering becoming a member of the Nevada AT Council is so important. Your personal experiences, your story, and or the journey you took, in working with the state services, programs or nonprofit organizations, can provide the Nevada AT Council with much needed feedback and information.