

The Nevada Assistive Technology Collaborative (NATC)

The **Nevada Assistive Technology Collaborative** and **Aging and Disability Services Division** provide for a variety of assistive technology (AT) services to support people to live more independently and within their communities. Supported through Grant Number NOA 90AG0008-01-00 from the Administration for Community Living (ACL).

REQUIRED PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

State Level Activities must consist of at least 60 percent of the funds received by each state AT program unless the state claims flexibility and comparability for the services. Nevada must support the following activities:

- State finance systems (includes alternative finance)
- Device reutilization program
- Device loan programs
- Device demonstration programs

State Leadership Activities can utilize a maximum of 40 percent of the State's federal allocation for the following required activities:

- Training and technical assistance
- General awareness
- Skills-development training
- Use and application training
- Assessment and implementation training
- Technical integrating training
- Transition assistance to individuals with disabilities— a minimum of 5 percent of the 40 percent must be directed to this area.
- Public awareness
- Communication between providers and users
- Dissemination of information to targeted individuals
- Statewide information and referral system
- Coordination and collaboration (coordination with entities responsible for policies, procedures, or funding for AT devices and services)

The general description of the State Level and State Leadership activities throughout Nevada are as follows:

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State Financing Activities

First Nevada offers a statewide financial loan program, the CARE Loan Fund Program, to help people with disabilities purchase AT devices. The loan program is a partnership between NATC, CARE Chest and two banking institutions. The loans are offered at lower interest rates and often for more years than a typical bank loan, thus making the loans more affordable. CARE Chest is also capable of making micro loans directly for lower cost AT. Second, Nevada offers a statewide AT purchasing program the Assistive Technology for Independent Living program (AT/IL). With state funding resources the program can provide AT to support a person's choice to live in a community setting. AT/IL provides AT devices, durable medical equipment, home, and vehicle modifications needed in support of community living and where services are not available through other funding sources, i.e., personal resources, Medicaid/Medicare, insurance, Vocational Rehabilitation or education.

CARE Loan Fund Program

<http://carechest.org/site/programs-2/>

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Assistive Technology for Independent Living Program

<http://adsd.nv.gov/Programs/Physical/ATforIL/ATforIL/>

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Assistive Technology Recycling and Reuse

NATC is a community partner with an extensive equipment-recycling program with CARE Chest of Sierra Nevada. NATC is working with Easter Seals Nevada in the Clark County area to create a program in southern Nevada as well. Primarily durable medical equipment, which is driven by community need. Donated equipment is tested, repaired and sanitized before being offered for use. NATC also supports the Nevada Assistive Technology Exchange (NATE) to offer a resource to list AT statewide including devices for reutilization. The AT/IL program sites maintain small reutilization closets for devices donated to the program.

CARE Chest Medical Equipment Program

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Assistive Technology Device Loans

NATC community partners Easter Seals Nevada (ESN) in Las Vegas and University of Nevada- Reno's NCED AT Resource Center in Reno offer short-term device loans. A variety of AT is available from aids for daily living and visual aids to technology for communicating better. Devices loans are typically two weeks in duration. The AT is loaned at no charge. Individuals with disabilities, family members and service providers can borrow AT.

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Assistive Technology Device Demonstrations

NATC community partners Easter Seals Nevada (ESN) in Las Vegas and University of Nevada Reno's NCED AT Resource Center in Reno offer device demonstration. Through community partners NATC provides an opportunity for individuals to compare the features and benefits of a particular AT device or devices, hands-on, with knowledgeable AT specialists. Individuals with disabilities, family members and service providers can visit the sites, or make arrangements for off-site demonstrations. The State Financed AT/IL programs coordinate demonstrations for AT when available through vendors and/or Reutilized AT.

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State Leadership Activities

NATC community partners with the University of Nevada-Reno's NCED AT Resource Center and Easter Seals Nevada (ESN) to provide services to increase individual awareness of and access to Assistive Technology through state leadership activities. NATC provides technical assistance statewide to ensure that AT resources are available and maximized.

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