## **Assistive Technology**

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Assistive Technology enables people with disabilities to accomplish a task that would otherwise not be possible. AT may be a device or a service.

#### **AT Devices:**

- Aids for daily living, such as a pill reminder
- Communication aids like a speaking device
- Educational aids such as a Braille textbook
- Mobility aids like a walker or wheelchair
- Prosthetics and orthotics
- Sensory aids such as a weighted vest

## **Purchasing AT**

P&A advocates for individuals with disabilities to access needed AT from appropriate funding sources. Funding for AT varies for each person, and may include Medicaid, Medicare, Vocational Rehabilitation, Veterans Administration, Special Education Services, private charities, or other sources.

## **Assistive Technology Financial Loan Program**

The Assistive Technology Financial Loan (ATFL) program helps North Dakotans with disabilities obtain needed AT through fixed interest loans up to \$50,000. The program is administered by ND Assistive and offers flexible repayment terms. For more information on the ATFL contact ND Assistive at 1-800-895-4728 or www.ndassistive.org.



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#### **ATFL Can Be Used To Purchase**

- Adapted vehicles
- Communication devices
- Computers
- Home modifications & smart home devices.
- Wheelchairs & scooters
- And more

#### **AT Lemon Law**

North Dakota has an AT Lemon Law that protects consumers when a covered device is defective or doesn't work right. A variety of devices are covered including wheelchairs, communication devices, computers, and more.



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