

Organizations

These disability-focused organizations operate nationwide and are available to share resources and, at times, provide assistive technology funding for people with the type of disability their organization represents. National and local organizations and some services clubs may have assistance programs that will fund assistive technology or take on a “fundraising project” on a case-by-case situation.

ALS Association

National organization that has local chapters who provide AT equipment loans, respite programs and referral sources for AT funding for folks who have Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) (aka Lou Gehrig’s disease)

Website: www.alsa.org

Email: alsinfo@alsa-national.org

Phone: 1-800-782-4747

American Council of the Blind

National organization whose goal is to improve the well being of all blind and visually-impaired people

Website: acb.org

Email: info@acb.org

Phone: 1-800-424-8666

American Foundation of the Blind

Not-for-profit organization whose mission is to enable people who are blind or visually impaired by providing services and resources to individuals with vision loss and family members as well as employers, professionals or businesses who provide services to blind or visually-impaired people

Website: www.afb.org

Phone: 1-800-232-5463

Association of Blind Citizens Assistive Technology Fund (ATF)

The ATF can provide funds to cover 50% of the retail price of adaptive devices or software to families with income less than \$50,00 per year. Applicants must be legally blind and a resident of the United States.

Website: www.blindcitizens.org/assistive_tech.htm

Email: atf@blindcitizens.org

AT3 Center

Provides technical support and resources to all of the statewide Assistive Technology (AT) projects and Alternative Financing Programs (ATF)

Website: www.at3center.net

For a list of statewide programs by state: www.at3center.net/stateprogram

Contact: www.at3center.net/contact

Bookshare

Provides free accessible books to anyone in the United States who has a qualifying disability

Website: www.bookshare.org/cms

Phone: 1-650-352-0198

Christopher Reeve Foundation

National organization that focuses on research and services, such as grants information and advocacy, for people with spinal cord injuries

Website: www.christopherreeve.org

Email: prc@ChristopherReeve.org

Phone: 1-800-225-0292

Easterseals

Varied services for people with disabilities, including services, education, outreach and advocacy

Website: www.easterseals.com

To find your local Easterseals: www.easterseals.com/connect-locally/

Phone: 1-800-221-6827

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Kiwanis

A national organization of volunteers with a focus of serving children in need through local Kiwanis chapters

Website: www.kiwanis.org/kiwanis

Phone: 1-877-883-5974

Knights of Columbus

Under the national organization there are local Lion's Clubs and faith-based organizations that often organize fundraisers or contribute funds for individuals who live in their area.

Website: www.kofc.org

Phone: 1-800-380-9995

Les Turner ALS Foundation

Provides a variety of funding resources for assistive technology for folks with ALS

Website: www.lesturnerals.org

Email: info@lesturnerals.org

Phone: 1-847-679-3311

Lion's Club

National organization that provides vision screenings and eyeglasses to low-income adults

Website: www.lionsclubs.org

To find a local Lion's Club: directory.lionsclubs.org

Phone: 1-630-571-5466

Lion's Speech and Hearing

Provides loaner hearing aids to children of needy families and low-cost hearing aids for adults who qualify

Website: www.indylionsspeechhearing.org

Email: indianalionsh@gmail.com

To find your local Indiana Speech & Hearing: www.indylionsspeechhearing.org/Contact.html

March of Dimes

National organization that focuses on helping moms "have full-term pregnancies and healthy babies." They offer support services "when something goes wrong."

Website: www.marchofdimes.org

To find March of Dimes chapters: www.marchofdimes.org/contact-us.aspx

Phone: 1-914-997-4488

Muscular Dystrophy Association

They provide services for those with MD, ALS and other neuromuscular diseases. Their services include research, advocacy, fundraising and local engagement support services.

Website: mdausa.org

Email: mda@mdausa.org

Phone: 1-800-572-1717

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

National organization that provides services and resources to people with MS

Website: www.mda.org

Phone: 1-800-344-4867

Sertoma

National organization that has local chapters throughout the United States whose mission is to improve the quality of life for those at risk or impacted by hearing loss

Website: www.sertoma.org

Email: infosertoma@sertomahq.org

Phone: 1-816-333-8300

The National Association for Hearing and Speech Action (NAHSA)

A national association that assists people with communication problems

Website: www.asha.org/NAHSA

Email: www.asha.org/Forms/Contact-ASHA

Phone: 1-800-489-8225

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The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research

Offers several grants and other funding opportunities to provide services to people with disabilities and their families

Website: www2.ed.gov/fund/landing.jhtml

Contact: www2.ed.gov/about/contacts/gen/index.html?src=ft

Phone: 1-800-872-5327

The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

Provides lists of agencies that provide neurology-related services

Website: www.ninds.nih.gov

Contact: www.ninds.nih.gov/Contact_Us

Phone: 1-800-352-9424

National Instructional Materials Access Center (NIMAC)

Federally-funded national electronic file repository that makes the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard files available to blind, visually-impaired or print-disabled students in elementary or secondary school, making textbooks available for free in several formats such as braille, audio or digital text

Website: www.nimac.us

Email: nimac@aph.org

Phone: 1-877-526-4622

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)

Provides disability services for those who have cerebral palsy

Website: ucp.org/

Phone: 1-800-872-5827

UCP Bellows Fund

National program that provides funding to individuals with disabilities for the purchase of assistive technology equipment. You must apply through your UCP local affiliate.

Website: ucp.org/resource-guide

To find a local affiliate: ucp.org/find-us

Phone: 1-860-236-6201

UCP of Greater Indiana

107 N. Pennsylvania Street

Indianapolis, IN 46205

Website: www.ucpaindy.org

Email: info@ucpaindy.org

Phone: 1-317-871-4032

United Way

National support organization that has 1,800 community-based United Ways throughout many countries, providing services and financial assistance to those in need

Website: www.unitedway.org/

To find a local United Way: www.unitedway.org

Phone: 1-703-836-7112

Insurance Funding Options for Assistive Technology

Government programs (whether Social Security, Veteran's benefits or state Medicaid agencies) pay for certain assistive technology, if prescribed by a doctor as a necessary medical device.

Medicare

National social insurance program for adults over the age of 65 and for younger people with disabilities. May pay for AT under certain circumstances.

Website: www.medicare.gov

Phone: 1-800-633-4227

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Medicaid

Federally-funded insurance program for low-income adults, their children and people with disabilities. They can pay for assistive technology if it is deemed medically necessary.

Website: www.medicaid.gov

Indiana Medicaid: member.indianamedicaid.com

To find local office: www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/ebt-hoosier-works-card/find-my-local-dfr-office

Phone: 1-317-202-6400

Medicare Waiver

Waiver services under Medicaid that provide long-term care services to allow people to continue to live in the community who might otherwise need to live in a nursing home or hospital

Website: www.in.gov/fssa/ompp/health-coverage/medicaid-hcbs-programs

Phone: 1-800-403-0834

Social Security-Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Supplemental income benefits to people with limited income who are age 65 or older, disabled or blind. SSI program offers the Plan to Achieve Self-Support (PASS) program, which helps people with disabilities pay for items or services related to employment goals.

Website: www.ssa.gov

Phone: 1-800-772-1213

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

Monthly income for individuals who become disabled before retirement age. Only individuals who have worked and paid Social Security taxes for many years are insured by the SSDI program.

Website: www.ssa.gov

Phone: 1-800-772-1213

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

If you are a veteran, check with your local Veterans Administration to determine what types of assistive technology may be covered under your benefits.

Website: www.va.gov

Phone: 1-800-827-1000

VA Automobile and Special Adaptive Equipment Grants

Help pay for veterans with certain service-connected disabilities to buy or adapt a vehicle to meet their needs or pay for adaptive equipment

Website: www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/serviceconnected/Auto.pdf

Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs

Website: www.in.gov/dva

Contact: faqs.in.gov/hc/en-us/requests/new

Phone: 317-232-3910

To find a regional benefit office outside of the state of Indiana

www.va.gov/directory/guide/division_flash.asp?dnum=3

Private Insurance

Many private party health insurances will pay for medically-necessary assistive technology prescribed by a physician. Coverage varies from carrier to carrier. Call your insurance company to determine what type of assistive technology they will cover.

Federal and State Programs

Indiana First Steps

Services for children with developmental delays. Indiana First Steps serves children from birth to three years old.

Website: www.in.gov/fssa/firststeps/parents/how-to-get-help/

Email: FirstStepsWeb@fssa.in.gov

Phone: 1-800-545-7763

State Assistive Technology Projects

Each state has an assistive technology project whose goals are to increase the awareness and access to assistive technology. As part of these services, they also have low-interest bank loan programs to assist people in purchasing assistive technology.

Website: www.at3center.net/stateprogram

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Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Each state has a federally-funded agency that provides vocational, supported employment, independent living and transition services to people with disabilities.

Indiana Website: www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/rehabilitation-employment/vocational-rehabilitation-employment

Phone: 1-800-457-8283

Contact: faqs.in.gov/hc/en-us/requests/new

To find state Vocational Rehabilitation offices: askjan.org/concerns/State-Vocational-Rehabilitation-Agencies.cfm

Department of Rehabilitative Services

They will often pay for assistive technology if it assists someone in preparing for, keeping or getting a job.

Website: www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/rehabilitation-employment/vocational-rehabilitation-employment/

Phone: 1-800-545-7763

Public Schools and Special Education

AbleData

Funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR), part of the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services of the U.S. Department of Education that provides impartial information on assistive technology products, including information about assistive technology options and programs that are available

Website: www.abledata.com/

Email: abledata@neweditions.net

Phone: 1-800-227-0216

Special Education and Public Schools-U.S. Department of Education

The public school's special education system can be a primary funding source for children up to the age of 21. The child's needs and services provided must be identified in a written individualized education program (IEP). The Individuals and Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) makes the rules that govern special education.

Website: idea.ed.gov/

Phone: 1-202-884-8215

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (OSERS)

This federal agency establishes policies on federal financial aid for education.

Website: www2.ed.gov

Contact: www2.ed.gov/about/contacts/gen/index.html?src=ft

Phone: 1-800-872-5327

Disability.gov

Federal government information and referral website that provides information about disability-related programs, services, policies, laws and regulations.

Website: www.disability.gov

Phone: 2-1-1 hotline (Dial 2-1-1, and enter the name of the state you are in) will connect you to programs and services in your area.

Employer

Employers may pay for assistive technology determined to be a reasonable accommodation so an employee can perform essential job tasks.

Vehicle Modification Funding

Local Alternative Finance Programs (AFP)

Offer low-interest bank loan programs to assist in paying for vehicle modifications.

Website: www.at3center.net/stateprogram

Major car manufacturers provide reimbursement toward the cost of adaptive equipment for their vehicles:

Ford Mobility Motoring

The Ford Mobility Motoring Program provides up to \$1,200 of reimbursement toward the cost of installed adaptive equipment on any new Ford, Lincoln or Mercury vehicle

Website: www.mobilitymotoringprogram.com/mainpage.mob

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GM Mobility Program

Offers up to \$1,000 reimbursement for eligible adaptive mobility equipment

Website: www.gmmobility.com

Honda Customer Mobility Assistance

Honda will provide a reimbursement of up to \$1,000 to each eligible customer

Website: automobiles.honda.com/information/mobility-assistance.aspx

Hyundai Mobility Program

Offers \$1,000 toward the cost of installing adaptive equipment in a new Hyundai

Website: www.hyundaiusa.com/financial-tools/mobility-program.aspx

Lexus Mobility Program

Reimburses the vehicle owner up to \$1,000 cash for after-market adaptive equipment for drivers and/or passengers when installed on any eligible Lexus vehicle purchased or leased

Website: www.lexus.com/models/LS/accessories/mobility_program

Toyota Mobility Program

Reimburses up to \$1,000 to each eligible customer.

Website: www.toyota.com/html/mobility

Scholarships

Assistive technology scholarships for students with disabilities who are pursuing a post-secondary education

Anne Ford and Allegra Ford Thomas Scholarships

Offer financial assistance to two graduating seniors with documented learning disabilities who are pursuing post-secondary education

Website: www.nclld.org/scholarships-and-awards/

AG Bell College Scholarship

Merit-based scholarship for full-time students who have pre-lingual bilateral hearing loss in the moderately-severe to profound range, use listening and spoken language and are pursuing a bachelor's degree or higher with an accredited college

Website: www.listeningandspokenlanguage.org/ScholarshipProgram/

College Funding for Students with Disabilities

Website: www.washington.edu/doiit/college-funding-students-disabilities

List of Disability Scholarships

Website: www.disabled-world.com/disability/education/scholarships

National Federation of the Blind Scholarship

Annual scholarship opportunities. Merit-based scholarships between \$3,000- \$12,000 for blind scholars.

Website: nfb.org/scholarships

Assistive Technology Device Loan Programs

League for the Blind and Disabled

Maintains an inventory of independent living aids and adaptive technology in Fort Wayne, Ind., for individuals who are blind or disabled

Website: www.the-league.org

Email: the-league@the-league.org

Phone: 1-260-441-0551

Statewide Assistive Technology Programs

Each state operates an equipment loan program.

Indiana Website: www.eastersealstech.com/our-services/equipment-lending-library

To find an equipment loan program in other states: www.at3center.net/stateprogram

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PATINS Project (through Department of Education)

Assistive technology services for students kindergarten to 12th grade. Services provided: Indiana Center for Accessible Materials, Assistive Technology Lending Library, Refurbished Computers, Technical Training Videos and Tutorials

Website: patinsproject.com/

Phone: 1-812-435-8384

Other Resources (For Those in the State of Indiana)

CICOA Aging and In-Home Solutions

Advocacy and support services for older adults, people with disabilities and family caregivers. Services include meal vouchers, transportation, in-home services, caregiver support and transportation.

Website: cicoa.org/

Phone: 1-800-489-9550

Connect2Help (211)

Call-in service agency (dialing code 2-1-1) that provides 24/7 outreach services from a live specialist to provide people in need with local and statewide human agency resources/contacts

Website: www.211.org

Phone: Dial 211

Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities

Independent state agency that promotes public policy for the inclusion of people with disabilities

Website: www.in.gov/gpcpd/index.htm

Email: GPCPD@gpcpd.org

Phone: 1-317-232-7770

Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging

Home and community-based services for older adults and people with disabilities of any age and their caregivers

Website: www.iaaaa.org/

Phone: 1-800-986-3505

Indiana Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, Blind & Visually Impaired Services

Provides services to blind or visually-impaired people living in the state of Indiana

Website: www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/rehabilitation-employment/blind-and-visually-impaired

Email: BVIS@fssa.in.gov

Phone: 1-877-241-8144

Indiana Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services

Provides services to deaf and hard of hearing people living in the state of Indiana

Website: www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/rehabilitation-employment/deaf-and-hard-of-hearing

Email: DHSHHelp@fssa.IN.gov

Phone: 1-800-457-8283

Indiana Council on Independent Living

Provides services to promote and maintain independent living for people in the state of Indiana

Website: www.icoil.org

Phone: 1-800-986-3505

Indiana Institute on Disability and Community (IIDC)

Provides people in the state of Indiana with disability-related information and services

Website: www.iidc.indiana.edu

Email: iidc@indiana.edu

Phone: 1-812-855-6508

Indiana Protection and Advocacy

Varied services to help people with disabilities by providing information, technical assistance and advocating for their rights

Website: www.in.gov/ipas

Phone: 1-800-838-1131

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Indiana Mayor's Advisory Council on Disability

Provides services to promote the inclusion of people with disabilities in Indianapolis and advise the Mayor and city administration about issues that impact people with disabilities

Website: www.indy.gov/activity/office-of-disability-affairs

Phone: 1-317-327-3798

Indiana Legal Services

Nonprofit law firm that offers legal assistance to low-income people in the state of Indiana

Website: www.indianalegalservices.org

To find local offices throughout the state of Indiana: www.indianalegalservices.org/OfficeLocations

Indiana Independent Living Centers

Community-based organizations that provide services and advocacy to people with disabilities to live as independently as possible. They may be able to help pay for AT devices or refer you to programs that can.

accessABILITY Center for Independent Living, Inc.

5302 E. Washington Street

Indianapolis, IN 46218

Website: www.abilityindiana.org

Email: info@abilityindiana.org

Phone: 1-317-926-1660

ATTIC

Patricia Stewart, Executive Director

1721 Washington Avenue

Vincennes, IN 47591

Website: atticin.org/resources.html

Email: inattic1@aol.com

Office: 1-812-886-0575

Toll Free: 1-877-962-8842

Community Options for Independent Living (also known as Future Choices)

Beth Quarles, Executive Director

309 N. High Street

Muncie, IN 47305

Website: www.futurechoices.org

Email: bquarles@futurechoices.org

Office: 1-765-741-8332

Everybody Counts Center for Independent Living (ECCIL)

Teresa Torres, Executive Director

9111 Broadway Suite A

Broadfield Center

Merrillville, IN 46410

Website: www.everybodycounts.org

Email: ecounts@netnitco.net

Office: 1-219-769-5055

TTY: 1-219-756-3323

Toll Free: 1-888-769-3636

Independent Living Center of Eastern Indiana (ILCEIN)

Jim McCormick, Executive Director

1818 W. Main Street

Richmond, IN 47374

Website: ilcein.org

Email: jimm@ilcein.org

Office: 1-765-939-9226

TTY: 1-765-935-2215

Toll Free: 1-877-939-9226

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League for the Blind & Disabled (The League)

David Nelson, Executive Director
5821 South Anthony Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46816
Website: www.the-league.org
Email: The.League@verizon.net
Office/TTY: 1-260-441-0551
Toll Free: 1-800-889-3443

Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living (SICIL)

Al Tolbert, Executive Director
1494 West Main Street
Mitchell, IN 47446
Website: www.sicilindiana.org
Email: sicildir@msn.com
Office/TTY: 1-812-277-9626
Toll Free: 1-800-845-6914

Wabash Independent Living & Learning Center

Peter Ciancone, Executive Director
One Dreiser Square
Terre Haute, IN 47807
Website: www.thewillcenter.org
Email: peteinc@thewillcenter.org
Office: 1-812-298-9455