



Assistive Technology

North Carolina Infant-Toddler Program

Key Points for Providers

- Assistive Technology (AT) is an Infant-Toddler Program (ITP) service.
- Decisions about AT needs are made by the IFSP team and through the IFSP process.
- Contact the Early Intervention Service Coordinator (EISC) if potential AT needs are identified.
- A community provider or a CDSA staff member knowledgeable about the types of assistive technology (see below) will be an IFSP team member or provide consultation to the team.

Approved AT Categories for Early Intervention

Aids for Self Help

Adapted Toys and Switches

Assistive Listening

Augmentative Communication

Positioning and Mobility



- AT must be needed to achieve an IFSP outcome that is functional and participation based:
 - Functional, participation based outcomes are related to a child learning within the context of everyday opportunities and in natural environments.
- Options for Accessing AT
 - Loan (Primary Method)
 - ◆ NC ITP contracts with a loan administrator to manage the statewide inventory of AT that is available for loan.
 - ◆ All loan requests must be made to the loan administrator by the child's EISC.
 - ◆ AT loans can be made to a CDSA provider for trial and assessment with a child and family if identified as an activity for an IFSP outcome.
 - Purchase (Only for AT listed as "Exceptions to loan" in NC ITP Policy)
 - ◆ NC ITP is payer of last resort. Other funding sources such as public or private insurance must be used if available and with written parental consent.
 - ◆ NC ITP Sliding Fee Scale applies to the family's share of the cost.

The complete NC ITP Policy regarding Assistive Technology is located at www.bearly.nc.gov