Assistive Technology

- 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**

- 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](http://www.bearly.nc.gov)