

# IPAT & Assistive Technology Overview

## Part I

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# IPAT-Interagency Program for Assistive Technology

- IPAT started in 1993
- Assistive Technology Act of 1988 and reauthorization in 1998 & 2004
- All 50 states and 6 territories
- Federal Funded-since 1993
- State Funded-since 2007
- July 2009-IPAT Non-Profit



# IPAT's Mission . . .

To deliver services so people with disabilities can get the assistive technology they need for work, school, and home.



# What DO we do?



# IPAT Activities

- State Financing Activity
- Device Reutilization Program
- Device Loan Program
- Device Demonstration Program
- Training, Technical Assistance
- Public Awareness Activities
- Coordination & Collaboration

# State Financing Activity: Pedaling for Possibilities



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Bringing Technology to Those in Need

- Provides funding for assistive technology to individuals of all ages in ND and Moorhead, Minnesota when they cannot obtain it from other sources.
- Last Resort Program
- Funds for this program are raised through an Annual Stationary Bike Race in Fargo.
- Contact IPAT for more info:  
1-800-895-4728 or [www.ndipat.org](http://www.ndipat.org)

# Device Reutilization Program: Swap & Shop

- Administers an online equipment bulletin board for state residents to buy, sell, swap or donate used items
- Provides a listing form, enters items, and maintains the database
- Provides information on listings to callers via toll-free number-1-800-895-4728

# Device Loan Program: IPAT Equipment Loan Library

- Runs a statewide short-term AT equipment loan program (ELL)
- Available to all state residents
- Operates on a fee-for-service basis
- Loans a wide range of AT devices for six-week periods
- 1-800-895-4728

# IPAT Equipment Loan Library



# Device Demonstration Centers: Bismarck & Fargo-Technology Access Centers

- Provides a wide range of AT devices for on-site exploration
- Available at no charge in our centers
- We can also connect via Video Conference
- Call to schedule an appointment
  - Fargo-800-895-4728
  - Bismarck 888-540-4728

# Bismarck Technology Access Center



# Fargo Technology Access Center



# Training, Technical Assistance

- Delivers training upon request to individuals with disabilities, their family members & professionals that support them
- Identifies AT options for individuals via phone, on-line, mail, video-conference or person-to-person

# Public Awareness

- Provide information and assistance via toll-free line 1-800-895-4728
- Publish a bi-monthly newsletter the AT KEY & other products
- Make available an accessible website [www.ndipat.org](http://www.ndipat.org)
- Facebook Page
- Deliver informational talks on AT statewide

# Coordination & Collaboration

- Work with an established Consumer Advisory Committee
- Serve on a number of task forces addressing AT issues statewide
- Plans a Annual AT Expo with other organizations

# Additional IPAT Services

# IPAT Consultations & Assessments



# Telephone Program-TEDP



- Over the Age of 5, and
- You Meet the Income Limits, and
- You are having difficulty using a standard telephone because of a severe hearing loss, speech impairment, or physical disability, and
- You are certified as having such by a physician , audiologist, or speech pathologist, and
- You have applied for or have phone service in your home.

1-800-895-4728



# Senior Safety Program

- Over the Age of 60
- ND Resident
- Not Living in a Nursing Facility
- Need to be on some type of Assistance
- Priority given to Seniors living in medically underserved rural areas
- Up to \$300 of assistive technology devices for in-home use, consultation and installation if needed at no cost to the consumer.



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