

Service & Support Administration

Assistive Technology

Assistive technology (AT) is any equipment that can help you increase or maintain your independence, skills, and involvement in the home and/or community.

AT examples include low tech tools such as pencil grips and communication boards, as well as medium to high tech options that include specialty computers, speech generating devices, and smart appliances.

How Can You Obtain Assistive Technology?

Many AT products are relatively inexpensive and can be purchased at Amazon, Walmart, or Target. Other ways include:

- Private health insurance or Medicaid may pay for certain AT devices.
- Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers may cover the cost of AT if it addresses the needs and outcomes identified within an Individual Service Plan (ISP).
- Rehabilitation and job training programs, whether funded by government or private agencies, may pay for AT and training to help people get jobs.
- Employers may pay for AT that is a reasonable accommodation to enable an employee to perform essential job tasks.
- Grant opportunities may be available through Deepwood Foundation, Family Support Services at the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood (LCBDD), or other community agencies.

Interested in learning about how your life can be enhanced through technology? You can schedule a tour of the Larry Allen Technology Suite to learn more about assistive technology and available supports by calling 440-350-5145 or emailing TechSuite@LakeBDD.org.

The Tech Suite is located at the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities' campus, 8121 Deepwood Boulevard in Mentor, Ohio.



Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood

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