

What is Assistive Technology?

Assistive Technology (AT) devices or services are things that help people with disabilities live, work, or learn.

An **“AT Device”** is any item or equipment that helps people with disabilities in their daily life activities. Examples include:

- ▶ Magnifiers
- ▶ Wheelchairs
- ▶ Audio amplifiers
- ▶ Screen reading software
- ▶ Ramps
- ▶ Communication Boards
- ▶ Alerting Devices

An **“AT Service”** is any service that directly helps an individual with disabilities choose, get, or use an AT device. Examples include:

- ▶ Evaluations to determine the need for an AT device
- ▶ Getting AT devices
- ▶ Repairing or replacing AT devices
- ▶ Coordinating necessary therapies with AT devices
- ▶ Training on AT devices

Where Can I Get Services?

Statewide Toll-Free Number

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Protection &

Advocacy for

Assistive

Technology

(PAAT)

We Protect
Promote and
Advance
Disability Rights

ABOUT US

Disability Rights Idaho (DRI) is the Protection and Advocacy System for the state of Idaho.

DRI assists people with disabilities to protect, promote, and advance their legal and human rights, through quality legal, individual, and system advocacy, to:

- ▶ Meaningful personal choice and self-determination.
- ▶ Independence, self-sufficiency, and full membership in communities.
- ▶ Inclusive, adapted, and accessible services, residences, education, and employment.
- ▶ Safe and humane practices and environments which are free from abuse and neglect, and which recognize their individuality and dignity.

DRI is part of the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN).

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We Can Help With:

Education and Outreach

- ▶ P&A staff provide self-advocacy training, education, and outreach in the community.

Information and Referral

- ▶ Provide information that will help people with disabilities successfully advocate for themselves about AT devices or services.
- ▶ Provide referral to other places in the community that help people with disabilities find or pay for AT.

Systems Advocacy

- ▶ Work with groups supporting AT rights for people with disabilities.
- ▶ Provide education about AT in the disability community.

Case Representation

- ▶ Help people with disabilities who need AT to live in their own homes, or move from an institution or facility to the homes of their choice.
- ▶ Help students with disabilities in public schools who have been denied or need AT evaluations, devices, or supportive services.
- ▶ Help people with disabilities that need AT to perform in post-secondary school or employment setting.

What is Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology (PAAT)?

The PAAT program allows DRI to assist Idahoans with disabilities in getting, using, and maintaining assistive technology devices and services through case management, legal representation, and self-advocacy training.

PAAT funding does not allow DRI to pay for assistive technology or services for our clients.

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people in Idaho
with any type
of disability