What is Assistive Technology?

- Assistive technology (AT) can be defined as any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities. (29 U.S.C. Sec 2202(2)).

Assistive Technology Partnership

- Tech Act of 1998
- Partner with eight (8) State and Federal agencies
- Any Nebraskan with a disability can apply for services at:

http://www.atp.ne.gov

Partners

- Educational Service Unit #10
- Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Nebraska Department of Economic Development
- Nebraska Department of Education - Vocational Rehabilitation
- Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
- U.S. Department of Education
- Rehabilitation Services and Administration
**ATP Services**

- **At Home** – Help you safely and independently complete daily living activities
  - Bathroom modifications
  - Entrance modifications
  - Vehicle modifications

- **On the Job** – Offers solutions for all aspects of obtaining and maintaining employment
  - Workstation modifications
  - Environmental controls
  - Communication devices
  - Time management aids

**Assistive Technology Partnership/education**

**ATP/Education**

- Assistive Technology Partnership/Education (ATP/Education) provides statewide educational assistive technology services to children (birth to twenty-one) with special needs and their families, caregivers, teachers, service providers, etc.
Services

- **Training** (which may range from awareness of assistive technology to specific devices)
- **Consultations** (child specific requests/identified needs)
- **Technical support** (this may include phone support or on-site visitation)
- **Funding** (assistance with working through the funding process and information on available sources of funding, but ATP/Education is not a funding source)
- **Equipment Loan Pool** (short term loans of devices)

Education Specialists

- Leah Merkwan (Statewide Early Childhood Specialist)
- Dixie Trevarthen (ESU’s 2, 3, 4, 18, 19)
- Lenette Sprunk (ESU’s 5, 6, 7)
- Marcy Feik (ESU’s 9, 10, 11, 15)
- Phylis Graney (ESU’s 13, 16)
- Scotty Nelson (ESU’s 1, 8, 17)

Areas Served by the ATP Education Specialists
AT4ALL
A free on-line service to list and find equipment in Nebraska
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