

Assistive Technology Services



Through the Technology Forward Initiative, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) will promote the use of Supportive Technology.

People with disabilities will have an opportunity to use Supportive Technology to live more inclusive and independent lives.

Supportive Technology services offers individuals the opportunity to use Assistive Technology (AT) exclusively or in combination with Remote Supports & Monitoring (RSM) to maximize their potential.

What are Assistive Technology (AT) Services?

Assistive technology consultation/evaluation is a review of your wants and needs. This is done to identify what AT you could use. The evaluation will be completed by one or all of the following professionals:

- A licensed professional including OT, PT, SLP
- A certified AT Professional (ATP)

They will meet you in your home, workplace, or wherever you will use the AT.

- Assistive technology devices are the equipment or devices recommended through the AT evaluation. DDS covers the cost if you cannot afford, or if the item is not insurance billable.
- Assistive technology support is the set-up of AT equipment, education, and training to help you use assistive technology

What is Assistive Technology (AT)

Any piece of equipment or device used to improve the capabilities of people with disabilities.



Who is eligible? If you are eligible for DDS adult service you can access AT Services:

- ***If you are 22+ or 18 and no longer in school***
- ***If you are less than 22 and have funding available through family support or the DESE/DDS partnership program, the family can choose to use such flexible funding to pay for assistive technology services***

How do I request to receive AT or RSM services?

- **TALK WITH YOUR SERVICE COORDINATOR.** Ask about how Assistive Technology (AT) and Remote Supports and Monitoring (RSM) can help you to live more independently.
- If you are get services from DDS now or are eligible, DDS can assist you with paying for these services.
- Email: SupportiveTech@mass.gov
- Web: www.mass.gov/supportive-technology