

Supportive 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 IS 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)



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



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 DOES THE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY CENTERS DO?

Services offered include but not limited to:

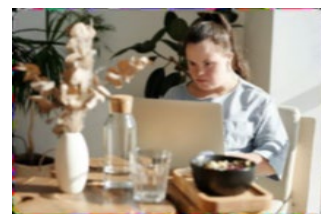
- Seating and mobility assessments and clinic
- Home safety evaluations
- Adaptive equipment modification and fabrication
- 3D printing
- Wheelchair repair and modifications
- Adaptive clothing design and creation
- Adaptive equipment design

WHERE ARE THE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY CENTERS?

Northeast Region	Southeast Region	Central West Region
450 Maple Street Danvers, MA 01937	131 Emerald Street Wrentham, MA 02093	296 Nonotuck St, Suite R Northampton, MA 01060
		324 Clark Street Worcester, MA 01606

WHAT IS REMOTE SUPPORTS & MONITORING SERVICES?

Remote Supports and Monitoring (RSM) is a new service. You use a tablet, laptop, or other device to communicate with a staff person when you want. You can get support to work towards your goals. Staff can also respond to your safety needs when needed.



This service will allow you to be more independent.

HOW DO YOU GET STARTED AND PAY FOR THESE 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 or not have to rely on someone else to do something for you.**

If you are get services from DDS now or are eligible, DDS can assist you with paying for these services. You will have a choice of providers and how you want to use the money you get based on the type of services you receive.

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