



## Assistive Technology and Home Modification in Illinois

**Illinois Assistive Technology Program:** Among other programs, IATP runs two distinct loan programs.

1) *Low Interest Loan Program* – People with disabilities can borrow money at a low-interest rate, with extended terms, and flexible approval criteria that support getting assistive technology devices, services, and home and vehicle modifications.

2) *Device Loans* – The device loan program allows potential AT users to “try-out” devices prior to purchase, have access to a backup system when their device is in for repairs, and/or have access to a device while waiting for their device to be delivered. There are over 1,000 devices in the loan inventory.

→ Application materials and lists of devices available for loan are at [iltech.org](http://iltech.org).

**Division of Rehabilitation Services – Home Services Program:** This program provides services to individuals with severe disabilities under 60 who need help with daily living activities so they can remain in their homes and be as independent as possible. Many of these people are at risk of moving into a nursing home or other facility. Services include:

→ *Personal Assistant (PA):* Assistance with household tasks, personal care, and some health care procedures.

→ *Maintenance Home Health:* Services provided through a treatment plan prescribed by a physician. Can include nursing care and physical, occupational, and speech therapy.

→ *Home Delivered Meals:* Provided to individuals who can feed themselves but are unable to prepare food.

→ *Adult Day Care:* Direct care and supervision of customers in a community-based setting to promote social, physical, and emotional well-being.

→ *Assistive Equipment:* Devices or equipment either purchased or rented to increase an individual’s independence and capability to perform household and personal care tasks.

→ *Environmental Modification:* Home modifications that compensate for loss of ability, strength, mobility, or sensation; increase safety in the home; and decrease dependence on direct assistance from others.

→ *Respite Services:* Temporary care for adults and children with disabilities aimed at relieving stress to families. Services may include personal assistant, homemaker, or home health.

→ Fill out the referral form online: [www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=29738](http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=29738)

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**Centers for Independent Living:** Non-residential, community based organizations directed and managed by persons with disabilities dedicated to ensuring that all people with disabilities have the

right to make choices to control the direction of their lives and participate fully and equally in their communities. Services include Peer Counseling Individual and Systemic Advocacy, Independent Living Skills Training, Equipment Repair, and Home Modifications.

→ For more information visit [incil.org](http://incil.org) or call 217-525-1308.

→ For center locations see [incil.org/locate/](http://incil.org/locate/).