



What is P&A?

The Protection and Advocacy Project (P&A) is an independent state agency that is charged with asserting the legal rights of people with disabilities. P&A operates in a manner consistent with the belief that people with disabilities have the same legal and constitutional rights and guarantees as every other American citizen.

P&A serves people of all ages with developmental disabilities, mental illnesses, physical disabilities, traumatic brain injuries and other types of disabilities.

P&A works exclusively for the person with the disability and focuses on the expressed wishes of the client within his or her legal rights.

P&A's services, which are without cost to eligible individuals, include:

- Information & referral
- Training on self advocacy skills
- Assistance or representation by a Disabilities Advocate
- Legal Representation

P&A Offices

P&A Centralized Intake

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477-5066

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Assistive Technology

“For Americans without disabilities, technology makes things easier.

For Americans with disabilities, technology makes things possible.”

Radabaugh, 1988



North Dakota Protection & Advocacy Project

“Uniting to champion the equality and inclusion of people with disabilities where we live, learn, work and play.”

What is “AT”?

We all use technology, such as phones and computers, to help us succeed in daily life.

Assistive Technology (AT) enables people with disabilities to accomplish a task that would otherwise not be possible.



AT can be a cell phone

AT may be a device, or ... AT may be a service.

A **device** is a piece of equipment or a system that increases or maintains the ability of a person with a disability to complete various tasks or activities.

Services are the activities that help people select, acquire or use their AT devices.

Examples of AT devices include:

- Aids for daily living, such as a pill reminder or an electronic calendar
- Communication aids such as a picture wallet or a speaking device
- Educational aids such as a Braille textbook
- Mobility aids such as a walker, wheelchair or scooter
- Prosthetics and orthotics
- Sensory aids such as a weighted vest

Who Pays for “AT”?

P&A does not provide AT devices or services directly, but P&A does advocate for individuals with disabilities to access needed AT from appropriate funding sources.

Funding sources vary for each person, and may include:

- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Veterans Administration
- Special Education Services
- Private Charities

AT Lemon Law

In North Dakota, the AT “Lemon Law” protects the consumer when a covered device is defective or does not work right to meet the needs of the consumer.

Covered devices include: wheelchairs, adapted toys, magnification systems, elevators, communication devices, environmental control units, computer equipment, and software.

If you would like more information on the AT “Lemon Law”, please contact P&A.

What is the ATFL program?

The Assistive Technology Financial Loan (ATFL) program helps North Dakotans with disabilities obtain needed AT when other funding sources are not available.

Between \$500—\$50,000 may be borrowed, depending on the individual’s ability to repay and terms subject to credit qualifications. Length of the loan depends on the life expectancy of the equipment.

Examples of what an ATFL can be used to purchase *include:*

- modified vans
- computers
- scooters
- communication devices
- home modifications
- recreation/leisure equipment
- hearing aids
- used AT devices

The ATFL program is administered by ND Assistive.

For more information on the ATFL program, please call: ND Assistive: 1-800-895-4728