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Organizations

These disability-focused organizations operate nationwide and are available to share resources and at times provide assistive technology funding for people with the type of disability their organization represents. National and local organizations and some services clubs may have assistance programs that will fund assistive technology or take on a “fundraising project” on a case-by-case situation.

ALS Association- national organization that has local chapters that provide AT equipment loans, respite programs, and referral sources for AT funding for folks who have Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) (aka Lou Gehrig’s disease).

Website: <http://www.alsa.org/>

Email: alsinfo@alsa-national.org

Phone: 1-800-782-4747

American Council of the Blind national organization whose goal is to improve the well being of all blind and visually impaired people.

Website: <http://acb.org/>

Phone: 800-424-8666

Email: info@acb.org

American Foundation of the Blind not-for-profit organization whose mission is to enable people who are blind or visually impaired by providing services and resources to individuals with vision loss, family members, as well as employers, professionals or businesses who provide services to blind or visually impaired people.

Website: <http://www.afb.org/default.aspx>

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-800-232-5463

Association of Blind Citizens Assistive Technology Fund (ATF)-The ATF can provide funds to cover 50% of the retail price of adaptive devices or software to families with income less than \$50,00 per year. Applicants must be legally blind and a resident of the United States.

Website: http://www.blindcitizens.org/assistive_tech.htm

Email: atf@blindcitizens.org

Phone: n/a

Bookshare- provides free accessible books to anyone in the United States that has a qualifying disability.

Website: <https://www.bookshare.org/cms>

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-650-352-0198

Christopher Reeve Foundation- national organization that focuses on research and services such as grants information and advocacy for people with spinal cord injuries.

Website: <http://bit.ly/1JtqQFX>
Email: prc@ChristopherReeve.org
Phone: 1-800-225-0292

Easter Seals- varied services for people with disabilities including services, education, outreach, and advocacy.

Website: <http://www.easterseals.com/>

To find your local Easter Seals:

<http://www.easterseals.com/connect-locally/>

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-800-221-6827

Kiwanis- national organization of volunteers that focuses on serving children with local chapters to service children in individual communities.

Website: <http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanis>

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-877-883-5974

Knights of Columbus- under the national organization there are local Lion's Clubs and faith-based organizations that often organize fundraisers or contribute funds for individuals who live in their area.

Website: <http://www.kofc.org/en/index.html>

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-800-380-9995

Les Turner ALS Foundation- provides a variety of funding resources for assistive technology for folks with ALS.

<http://www.lesturnerals.org/>

Email: info@lesturnerals.org

Phone: 1-847-679-3311

Lion's Club- National organization that provides vision screenings and eyeglasses to low-income adults.

Website: www.lionsclubs.org

To find a local lion's club: <https://directory.lionsclubs.org/>

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-630-571-5466

Lion's Speech and Hearing- Provides loaner hearing aids for children of needy families and low-cost hearing aids for those adults who qualify.

Website: indylionsspeechhearing.org/

Email: indianalionsh@gmail.com

To find your local Indiana Speech & Hearing:

<http://www.indylionsspeechhearing.org/Contact.html>

March of Dimes- national organization that focuses on helping moms "have full-term pregnancies and healthy babies". They offer support services "when something goes wrong".

Website: <http://www.marchofdimes.org/#>

To find March of Dimes chapters:

<http://www.marchofdimes.org/contact-us.aspx>

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-914-997-4488

Muscular Dystrophy Association-

They provide services for those with MD, ALS and other neuromuscular disease. Their services include: research, advocacy, fundraising and local engagement support services.

Website: <http://mdausa.org/>

Email: mda@mdausa.org

Phone: 1-800-572-1717

National Multiple Sclerosis Society- national organization that provides services and resources for people with MS.

Website: www.nationalmssociety.org

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-800-344-4867

RESNA- Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America– under RESNA there is:

The RESNA Catalyst Project which provides technical support and resources to all of the statewide Assistive Technology projects and Alternative Financing Programs.

Website: <http://www.resnaprojects.org/>

For a list of the statewide programs by state:

<http://www.resnaprojects.org/statewide/index.html>

Email: catalyst@resna.org

Phone: 1-703-524-6686

Sertoma- a national organization that has local chapters throughout the United States whose mission is to improve the quality of life for those at risk or impacted by hearing loss.

Website: <http://www.sertoma.org/page.aspx?pid=567>

Email: infosertoma@sertomahq.org

Phone: 1-816-333-8300

The National Association for Hearing and Speech Action (NAHSA)- A national association that assists people with communication problems.

Website: <http://www.asha.org/NAHSA/>

Email: <http://www.asha.org/Forms/Contact-ASHA/>

Phone: 1-800-489-8225

The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research- they have several grants and other funding

opportunities to provide services to people with disabilities and their families.

Website: <http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/nidrr/index.html>

Email: answers.ed.gov

Phone: 1-800-872-5327

The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke:

They provide lists of agencies that provide neurology-related services.

Website: http://www.ninds.nih.gov/find_people/professional_societies/professional_societies.htm

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-800-352-9424

National Instructional Materials Access Center (NIMAC)- federally-funded national electronic file repository that makes the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard files available to blind, visually impaired, or print-disabled students in elementary or secondary school making textbooks available for free in several formats such as braille, audio or digital text.

Website: <http://www.nimac.us/>

Email: nimac@aph.org

Phone: 1-877-526-4622

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) provides disability services for those who have cerebral palsy.

Website: <http://ucp.org/>

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-800-872-5827

UCP Bellows Fund- provides assistive technology equipment to people with disabilities who have a financial need for assistance.

Website: <http://ucphartford.org/bellows-fund/>

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-860-236-6201

United Way- national support organization that has 1,800 community-based United Ways throughout many countries. Providing services and financial assistance to those in need.

Website: <http://www.unitedway.org/>

To find a local United Way: liveunited.org

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-703-836-7112

Insurance Funding Options for Assistive Technology

Government programs (whether Social Security, Veteran's benefits, or state Medicaid agencies) pay for certain assistive technology, if prescribed by a doctor as a necessary medical device.

Medicare- a national social insurance program for adults over the age of 65 and younger people with disabilities. May pay for AT under certain circumstances

Website: <http://www.medicare.gov/index.html>

Email:

Phone: 1-800-633-4227

Medicaid- federally funded insurance program for low-income adults, their children, and people with disabilities. They can pay for assistive technology if it is deemed medically necessary

Website: <http://www.medicare.gov/index.html>

Indiana Medicaid: <http://member.indianamedicaid.com/>

To find local office: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/2999.htm>

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-317-202-6400

Medicare Waiver- waiver services under Medicaid that provides long-term care services to people to keep them living in the community who would otherwise need to live in a nursing home or hospital.

Website: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/ompp/2549.htm>

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-800-403-0834

Social Security –Supplemental Security Income (SSI)- supplemental income benefits to people with limited income who are age 65 or older, disabled or blind.

SSI program offers the Plan to Achieve Self-Support (PASS) program, which helps people with disabilities pay for items or services related to employment goals.

Website: www.ssa.gov

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-800-772-1213.

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)- is for workers who become disabled before retirement age. Only workers who have worked and paid Social Security taxes for many years are insured by the SSDI program.

Website: <http://www.ssa.gov/>

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-800-772-1213

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) - if you are a veteran check with your local Veterans Administration to determine what types of assistive technology may be covered under your benefits.

Website: <http://www.va.gov/>

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-800-827-1000

The VA has an **Automobile and Special Adaptive Equipment grants** that help pay for Veterans with certain service-connected disabilities to buy or adapt a vehicle to meet their needs or pay for adaptive equipment.

Website:

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/serviceconnected/Auto.pdf>

Email: n/a

Phone:n/a

Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs-

Website:<http://www.in.gov/dva/>

Email:

Phone: 317-232-3910

To find a regional benefit office outside of the state of Indiana:

http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/division_flsh.asp?dnum=3

Private Insurance- many private party health insurance will pay for medically necessary assistive technology that is prescribed by a physician. Coverage varies from carrier to carrier. Call your help insurance company to determine what type of assistive technology they will cover.

Federal and State Programs

Indiana First Steps- services for children with developmental delays serving children from birth to 3 years old.

Website: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2814.htm>

Phone: 1-800-545-7763
Email: FirstStepsWeb@fssa.in.gov

State Assistive Technology Projects- Each state has an assistive technology project whose goals are to increase the awareness and access to assistive technology. As part of these services they also have low-interest bank loan programs that assist people in purchasing assistive technology.

Website: <http://resnaprojects.org/allcontacts/statewidecontacts.html>

Email: n/a

Phone: n/a

Vocational Rehabilitation Services- each state has a federally funded agency that provides vocational, supported employment, independent living, and transition services to people with disabilities.

Department of Rehabilitative Services They will often pay for assistive technology if it assists someone in preparing for, keeping or getting a job.

Website: www.VRS.IN.gov

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-800-545-7763

Public Schools and Special Education

AbleData- is funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR), part of the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services of the U.S. Department of Education that provides impartial information on assistive technology products providing information about

assistive technology options and programs that are available.

Website: <http://www.abledata.com/>

Phone: 1-800-227-0216

Email: abledata@neweditions.net

Special Education and Public Schools- U.S. Department of Education

The public school's special education system can be a primary funding source for children up to the age of 21. The child's needs and services provided must be identified in a written individualized education program (IEP). The Individuals and Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) make the rules that govern special education.

Website: <http://idea.ed.gov/>

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-202-884-8215

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (OSERS)- this federal agency establishes policies on federal financial aid for education.

Website: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html>

Email: answers.ed.gov

Phone: 1-800-872-5327

Disability.gov- federal government information and referral website that provides information about disability-related programs, services, policies, laws and regulations.

Website:

[https://www.disability.gov/?s=assistive+technology+&submit=
=](https://www.disability.gov/?s=assistive+technology+&submit=)

Email: n/a

Phone: 2-1-1 hotline- (dial 2-1-1 and enter the name of the state you are in) will connect you to programs and services in your area.

Employer

Employers may pay for assistive technology that is determined to be a reasonable accommodation, so an employee can perform essential job tasks.

Vehicle Modifications-

Local Alternative Finance Programs (AFP) offer low-interest bank loan programs to assist in paying for vehicle modifications.

Statewide Assistive Technology Programs

<http://www.resnaprojects.org/allcontacts/statewidecontacts.html> and Alternative Financing Programs

Website: <http://www.resnaprojects.org/statewide/index.html>

Email: n/a

Phone: n/a

Major Car Manufacturers provide reimbursement toward the cost of adaptive equipment for their vehicles:

Ford Mobility Motoring - The Ford Mobility Motoring Program provides up to \$1,200 of reimbursement toward the cost of installed adaptive equipment on any new Ford, Lincoln or Mercury vehicle

Website: <http://www.mobilitymotoringprogram.com/mainpage.mob>

Email: n/a

Phone: n/a

GM Mobility Program - Offers up to \$1,000 reimbursement for eligible adaptive mobility equipment

Website:<http://www.gmmobility.com/>

Email: n/a

Phone: n/a

Honda Customer Mobility Assistance - Honda will provide a reimbursement of up to \$1,000 to each eligible customer

Website:<http://automobiles.honda.com/information/mobility-assistance.aspx>

Email: n/a

Phone: n/a

Hyundai Mobility Program - Offers \$1,000 toward the cost of installing adaptive equipment in a new Hyundai

Website:<https://www.hyundaiusa.com/financial-tools/mobility-program.aspx>

Email: n/a

Phone: n/a

Lexus Mobility Program - Reimburses the vehicle owner up to \$1,000 cash for after-market adaptive equipment for drivers and/or passengers when installed on any eligible Lexus vehicle purchased or leased

Website:http://www.lexus.com/models/LS/accessories/mobility_program

Email: n/a

Phone: n/a

Toyota Mobility Program- reimburses up to \$1,000 to each eligible customer.

Website:<http://www.toyota.com/html/mobility/>

Email: n/a

Phone: n/a

Scholarships

Assistive Technology scholarships for students with disabilities pursuing post-secondary education:

Anne Ford and Allegra Ford Thomas Scholarships- offer financial assistance to 2 graduating seniors with documented learning disabilities whom are pursuing post-secondary education.

Website:<http://www.nclid.org/scholarships-and-awards/>

Email: n/a

Phone: n/a

AG Bell College Scholarship- merit-based scholarship for full-time students who have pre-lingual bilateral hearing loss in the moderately-severe to profound range, use listening and spoken language and are pursuing a bachelor's degree or higher with an accredited college.

Website:<http://www.listeningandspokenlanguage.org/ScholarshipProgram/>

Email: n/a

Phone: n/a

College Funding for Students with Disabilities

Website:<http://www.washington.edu/doit/college-funding-students-disabilities>

Email: n/a

Phone: n/a

List of Disability Scholarships-

Website:<http://www.disabled-world.com/disability/education/scholarships/>

Email: n/a

Phone: n/a

National Federation of the Blind Scholarship- annual scholarship opportunities. Merit-based scholarships between \$3,000- \$12,000 for blind scholars.

Website:<https://nfb.org/scholarships>

Email: n/a

Phone: n/a

Assistive Technology Device Loan Programs

League for the Blind and Disabled: maintains an inventory of independent living aids and adaptive technology

5821 South Anthony Boulevard

Fort Wayne, IN 46816

(260) 441-0551

Website:<http://www.the-league.org>

Email:the-league@the-league.org

Phone: (260) 441-0551

Statewide Assistive Technology Programs

<http://www.resnaprojects.org/allcontacts/statewidecontacts.html> and Alternative Financing Programs

Website:<http://www.resnaprojects.org/statewide/index.html>

Email: n/a

Phone: n/a

PATINS Project- through Department of Education

Assistive Technology services for kids grade Kindergarten to 12th grade. Services provided: Indiana Center for Accessible Materials, Assistive Technology Lending Library,

Refurbished Computers, Technical Training Videos and Tutorials

Website: <http://patinsproject.com/>

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-812-435-8384

Other Resources (for those living in the state of Indiana):

CICOA Aging and In-Home Solutions- advocacy and support services for older adults, people with disabilities and family caregivers. Services include: meal vouchers, transportation, in-home services, caregiver support, and transportation.

Website: <http://cicoa.org/>

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-800-489-9550

Connect2Help (211) Call in service agency (dialing code 2-1-1) that provides 24/7 outreach services from a live specialist to provide people in need with local and statewide human agency resources/contacts.

Website: <http://www.connect2help211.org/>

This data base can also be searched online:

<http://www.referweb.net/c2h/Search.aspx>

Email: n/a

Phone: Dial 211

Governor's Council for People with Disabilities-

independent state agency that promotes public policy for the inclusion of people with disabilities.

<http://www.in.gov/gpcpd/index.htm>

Email: GPCPD@gpcpd.org

Phone: 1-317-232-7770

Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging: home and community-based services to older adults and people with disabilities of any age and their caregivers.

Website: <http://www.iaaaa.org/>

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-800-986-3505

Indiana Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, Blind & Visually Impaired Services- provides services to blind or visually impaired people living in the state of Indiana.

Website: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2638.htm>

Email: Julia.Anderson@fssa.IN.gov

Phone: 1-800-457-8283

Indiana Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services- provides services to deaf and hard of hearing people living in the state of Indiana.

Website: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2637.htm>

Email: DHSHelp@fssa.IN.gov

Phone: 1-800-457-8283

Indiana Council on Independent Living- provides services to promote and maintain independent living for people in the state of Indiana.

Website: <http://www.icoil.org/>

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-800-986-3505

Indiana Institute on Disability and Community (IIDC)- provides people in the state of Indiana with disability-related information and services.

Website: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/>

Email: iidc@indiana.edu.
Phone: 1-812-855-6508

Indiana Protection and Advocacy- provides varied services to help people with disabilities by providing information and technical assistance and advocating for their rights.

Website: <http://www.in.gov/ipas/>

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-800-838-1131

Mayor's Advisory Council on Disability- provides services to promote the inclusion of people with disabilities in Indianapolis and advise the Mayor and City Administration about issues that impact people with disabilities.

Website: <http://bit.ly/1cqJrls>

Email: n/a

Phone: 1-317-327-3798

Indiana Legal Services: nonprofit law firm that offers legal assistance to low income people in the state of Indiana.

Website: <http://www.indianajustice.org>

Email: n/a

Phone: n/a

Independent Living Centers- community-based organizations that provide services and advocacy to people with disabilities to live as independently as possible. They may be able to help pay for AT devices or refer you to programs that can.

accessABILITY Center for Independent Living, Inc.

5302 E. Washington Street

Indianapolis, IN 46218

317-926-1660

info@abilityindiana.org

<http://www.abilityindiana.org/>

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Community Options for Independent Living (or also known as Future Choices)

Beth Quarles, Executive Director

309 N. High Street

Muncie, IN 47305

765-741-8332 office

765-741-8333 fax

bquarles@futurechoices.org

Everybody Counts Center for Independent Living

(ECCIL) Teresa Torres, Executive Director

9111 Broadway Suite A

Broadfield Center

Merrillville, IN 46410

219-769-5055 office

219-769-5325 fax

219-756-3323 TTY

888-769-3636 Toll free

ecounts@netnitco.net

Independent Living Center of Eastern Indiana (ILCEIN)

Jim McCormick, Executive Director

1818 W. Main Street
Richmond, IN 47374
765-939-9226 office
765-935-2215 Fax/TTY
877-939-9226 Toll Free
jimm@ilcein.org

League for the Blind & Disabled (The League)

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5821 South Anthony Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46816
260-441-0551 office V/TTY
260-441-7760 fax
800-889-3443 (toll free)
The.League@verizon.net

Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living (SICIL)

Al Tolbert, Executive Director

1494 West Main Street
Mitchell, IN 47446
812-277-9626 office V/TTY
812-277-9628 fax
800-845-6914 Toll free
sicildir@msn.com

Wabash Independent Living & Learning Center

Peter Ciancone, Executive Director

One Dreiser Square
Terre Haute, IN 47807
812-298-9455 office
812-299-9061 fax
<http://www.thewillcenter.org/>
peteinc@thewillcenter.org

