

Welcome!

Pathways to Success: Assistive Technology, Remote Monitoring and Telehealth

Thank you for joining us today.

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National Disability Institute (NDI)

We envision a society in which people with disabilities have the same opportunities to achieve financial stability and independence as people without disabilities.

Our mission is to collaborate and innovate to build a better financial future for people with disabilities and their families.

NDI's Assistive Technology (AT) Loan Program

Our services include outreach and promotional webinars, financial education and guidance on spending plan development, referrals to financial counseling or programs that can help people get assistive technology.

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Orientation Welcome

Today we welcome Sheena Jaffer, Vicki Spraul and Aaron Milligan from Gray Matters Alliance as they demonstrate successful pathways to using assistive technology, remote monitoring and tele-health technologies and how they are improving learning, caregiving, and creating improved safety and independence for people.

[This recording along with our Assistive Technology spotlight webinars are recorded and posted to our site for future viewing.](#)



GRAY MATTERS ALLIANCE PRESENTS:

Pathways To Success:
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AGENDA

- Welcome
- Our Mission
- What is Assistive Technology
- Where Can Assistive Technology Be Utilized
- Advantages of Assistive Technology
- Contact Information
- Live Demonstration

Gray Matters Alliance's Mission and Vision

Provide a full spectrum of health, safety and technology services for those individuals with intellectual and/or physical limitations, aging population, families, and professional staff.

GMA is dedicated to helping individuals live more independently and safely, improve their quality of life, help reach milestones and goals, allow individuals to be more engaged in their own communities all through assistive technology and remote supports.

What is Assistive Technology

Assistive technology products, equipment, and systems that enhance learning, working, and daily living for persons with disabilities.

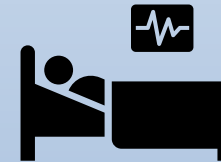
It can be any item, piece of equipment, software program, or product system that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of persons with disabilities.

Assistive Technology can be low tech or high tech and can include things such as:

- Mobility devices like wheelchairs and walkers, braces, prosthetics
- Mounting systems, switches, keyboards, communication boards, screen readers, eye tracking
- Electronic devices/ADLs assists
- Specialized learning materials and curriculum aids
- Much more.....

Where Can Assistive Technology Be Utilized?

- ISL/Group Homes
- Communities (IL, SNF AL, Memory)
- Hospice/Palliative Care
- Hospital to Home- Chronic Conditions
- Individual Homes
- Rural Settings
- Hospitals/Clinics
- Home Health Agencies
- Respite



A well-rounded AT System can be used throughout a person's continuum of care

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVANTAGE (SLIDE 1 OF 2)

- Medication Adherence & Management
- Promotes self-management of chronic diseases/lifestyle
- Remote HIPAA Compliant Video-Chat at Point of Care
- Cost-effective & Scalable
- Reduces family questions/concerns
- Provides Family Peace of Mind

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVANTAGE (SLIDE 2 OF 2)

- Provides Independence and Safety
- Your Eyes & Ears in the Home
- Patient/Caregiver Accountability
- Avoid 30-day readmissions
- Proactive vs Reactive
- Improve Staff Efficiencies
- Save Money and Resources

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Live Demonstration Begins

Remote Monitoring, Telehealth
&
Assistive Technology

How to Save and Afford AT

Social Security Administration provides work supports for SSI and SSDI beneficiaries who work.

The Impairment Related Work Expense (IRWE) or the Blind Work Expenses may allow a person to purchase AT while retaining benefits longer or at an increased level.

SSI and many types of Medicaid have resource limits of \$2,000 for an individual, \$3,000 for a couple; may be more, for larger households.

However, there are protected savings opportunities available that allow SSI and Medicaid beneficiaries to save more and continue to receive SSI benefits and Medicaid:

- **Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS)** to save income towards education that leads to employment goal expenses and
- **Achieving a Better Life Experience: (ABLE Act)**

[SSA information on protected savings](#)

ABLE Act

A person who has a disability since before age 26, may open an ABLE savings / investment account at any age.

New Jersey and New York offer ABLE savings accounts; other ABLE plans are available to choose from too.

- Savings up to \$100,000 does not count towards the **SSI resource limit of \$2,000**.
- Any amount of ABLE savings does not impact any type of **Medicaid** eligibility.

An ABLE account owner, friends and family, Special Needs or Pooled Trust or a 529 college savings plan may **contribute** up to \$17,000 into ABLE annually.

An ABLE account owner who works and does not have contributions deposited into a retirement account may contribute up to an additional \$13,590 from their employment **earnings** into their ABLE account. \$16,990 for residents of Alaska and \$15,630 for residents of Hawaii.

ABLE contributions can total **\$30,590 for 2023!**

[The ABLE National Resource Center Provides Free Information](#)

NDI's AT Loan Program

- NDI partners a bank and credit union to issue and service pre-qualified AT loans up to \$45,000 for residents of New Jersey and New York.
- NDI buys down the interest rate to 4% interest.
- NDI has deposited funds with these institutions to guarantee defaults, allowing for more favorable lending terms.

Our services include outreach and promotional webinars, financial education and guidance on spending plan development, referrals to financial counseling or other programs that can help people purchase an item at no cost and explore AT resources available in NJ and NY.

[Our site spotlights new AT equipment and products](#)

NDI AT Resource Guides

- The NDI AT Resource Guides list grants, lending programs and other service providers who can help you select the best and most cost-effective AT to meet your needs.
- There are AT Demonstration programs listed where you can try out or borrow AT, sometimes *indefinitely*.
- There are AT assessment services that can help you evaluate AT to meet your needs, abilities and activity levels and environment.

[Assistive Technology Guide for **New York**](#)

[Assistive Technology Guide for **New Jersey**](#)



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**Online Resource Center for
People with Disabilities and
Chronic Health Conditions**

[Financial Resilience Center](#)



Next Webinar:

Seeing Eye Dogs and Therapy Dogs

Thursday, August 17, noon-1:00 p.m. ET

Questions?

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Post webinar survey:

- What information was most helpful?
- Do you need help finding a job?
- What type of AT would you like to know more about?
- Do you want to schedule an NDI AT Loan presentation for your agency or community organization?