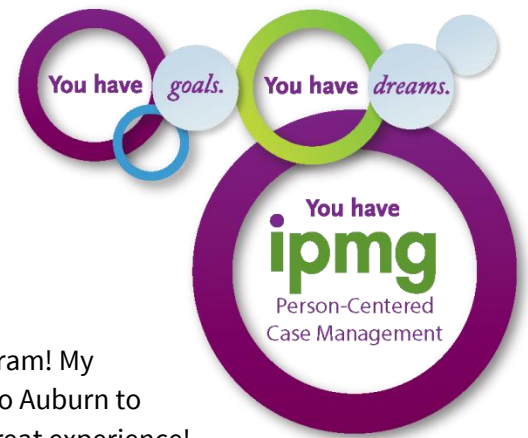


Indiana Assistive Technology Act (INDATA) Project

Question and Answer

I utilized this service for a non-verbal individual. What a wonderful program! My contact was very knowledgeable and helpful. He even offered to come to Auburn to teach the individual and family how to use the assistive technology. A great experience! Thank you!!



How would one go about donating equipment to INDATA like used computers? For the computer recycling, do you also provide tablets if they are available?

- You can give us a call at 888-466-1314. We do accept tablet devices. This program is based on donations, so our inventory is based on the donations we receive. If we are unable to use donated devices, we will recycle them (shred and dispose in a green way).

There has been recent information about adaptive flatware for assistance with dining. Are there any of those items in the 'lending' department?

- We do offer a variety of adaptive utensils, flatware, etc.

Will the PowerPoint be sent out to webinar participants or is it available as a resource somewhere?

- Yes, we will send an email with the link to the recording, slides, and Q&A within 2 business days. Recordings are also always available on IPMG's website under Resources -> Podcasts.

Do families need to contact VR first, or ESC first for home modifications assistance?

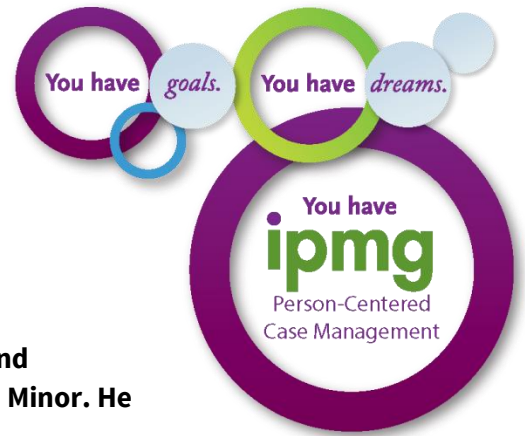
- They can contact us anytime and we will find out more about the situation and what may be an appropriate funding source.

Is there a cap for how many devices people can get during their lifetimes? Is it a onetime thing or can they come back as needed?

- There is no cap for the number of equipment loans a person can receive from our library and there is no cap for the number of AFP loans a person can apply for.

What is the most popular item that is loaned out?

- The most popular items that we loan out are video magnifiers, which are used by individuals with low vision. We also send out many personal listening systems for individuals who are hard of hearing. We also do lots with augmentative communication devices.



Any good apps for Spanish Translation?

- Here are a few apps that I've found helpful with translations. iTranslate, Talking Translator, Google Translate, TextGrabber

I have an Individual on my caseload who is diagnosed with Autism and requesting an iPad for development of communication skills. He is a Minor. He wants to use iPad in home environment. How can I help him?

- Because it's communication related, an augmentative communication specialist may need to do an evaluation. Please give us a call for more information. There are many types of iPad apps available, such as Verbally, Pro Lo Quo 2 Go, Pro Lo Quo for Text, Touch Chat HD.

Can the loans be used for alternative school tuition?

- The AFP program has to be tied to a device of some sort, or equipment. Most likely the answer is no, but if the asker would like to provide more information, we can try to help.

When you borrow a computer, laptop or tablet can you load software on it to test to see if this is a workable solution?

- All of the laptops we have can be loaded with software. We will load a lot of software on them, such as scan and read system, screen readers, voice to text, etc. If there is another program you would like to use, just let us know, and often we can work with you to get that installed and allow you to borrow it.

Don't schools usually provide the adaptive equipment needed for kids for both home and school use?

- Typically, when equipment is purchased through the school, it is for use at school and usually is not allowed to go home with the student. Many times, INDATA is able to provide items through the lending library that can be used at home.

To access information on the technology loan through the bank, is that located on the eastersealstech.com?

- Yes. You can either give us a call or go to our website (eastersealstech.com) under Services -> AT Funding

How long is lending period?

- Loans are typically for 30 days. This can be extended as long as no one else is in need of the device and there is no waiting list.

Can a parent take out a loan for their child or does it have to be the individual with a disability taking out the loan?



- Anyone within the family can take out the alternative financing loan, including the parent, the person themselves, or a family member. For the equipment lending library, anybody can check out the device, including individuals, family members, service providers, and case managers.

Are there typically waiting lists for the free technology?

- The waiting lists are not that long. There may be 1-2 individuals in front of you, but for many items there is no waiting list

Does Medicaid Prior Approval cover Assistive Technology?

- If the item has been deemed medically necessary, this is possible, but for items that are not medically necessary, such as for computer access, then maybe not.

What are the funding sources for assistive technology?

- Typically, the funding source that we are able to tap into is VR. They typically get involved in the junior year of high school. Pre-employment transition services are starting before the junior year now. We do occasionally find funding through insurance and Medicaid, but this is rare. Sometimes the evaluation part is difficult to find funding for. It depends on the type of equipment and what it will be specifically for. In the K-12 environment, there is funding available through the school systems. This can be looked at through the IEP process. Workman's comp can sometimes help. Sometimes third party organizations can help as well. Feel free to give us a call and we can talk about what might be the best options for you.

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