

## **Assistive Technology Consideration**

With the reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in 1997, Individualized Education Program (IEP) teams are required to consider assistive technology devices and services as a special factor in the development, review, and revision of IEPs for students with disabilities. This is done during the review of accommodations in our meetings.

### **What is Assistive Technology (AT)?**

**(From the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)**

#### **Section 300.5-Assistive technology device.**

Assistive technology device means any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of a child with a disability. The term does not include a medical device that is surgically implanted, or the replacement of such device.

#### **Section 300.6- Assistive technology service.**

Assistive technology service means any service that directly assists a child with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device.

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Information on assistive technology resources can be located on the JAMP website at :

<https://www.jampsped.org/programs-services/assistive-technology/>

### **Another Resource is Infnitec:**

Infnitec stands for infinite potential through technology. They aim to advance independence and promote inclusive opportunities for children and adults through technology.

ISBE provides statewide Assistive Technology (AT) Training and Technical Assistance through Infnitec. Please call toll free 1-800-361-0270 or online at <http://www.at4il.org>

Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30

### **You can also contact the Illinois Assistive Technology Project (IATP)**

<https://www.iltech.org/>

1-800-852-5110

Email: [iatp@iltech.org](mailto:iatp@iltech.org)

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*Pursuant to IL Public Act 100-0993, this is written notification that the IEP is legally obligated under IDEA regulations to consider assistive technology during the development of an IEP.*