

Iowa

Assistive Technology Resources



IOWA Assistive Technology Resources

Des Moines Area Community College: Services for Students with Disabilities

2006 South Ankeny Blvd., Building 6, room 10b

Ankeny, IA 50023

Phone: (515) 964-6850 TTY:(515) 964-6809

E-mail: sgbittner@dmacc.edu

Website: http://www.dmacc.edu/student_services/disabilities.asp

Contact Name: , Special Needs Coordinator at the Ankeny Campus

Organization Type: Assistive Technology, University-Affiliated Programs

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

DMACC is committed to providing an accessible environment that supports students with disabilities in reaching their full potential. Support services are available for students with disabilities to ensure equal access to educational opportunities. DMACC employs a special needs coordinator to work with students to develop and coordinate aids and services based on individual student need.

Iowa Able Loan Programs

307 North 13th Street, Suite 500

Centerville, IA 52544

(888)222-8943, ext 225

(641)856-3101 - Fax

(641)856-3350 - TTY

claudiahollatz@abilitiesfund.org

The Iowa Able Foundation helps Iowans with disabilities, their families, and older Iowans access adaptive devices / equipment, and home modifications through its loan programs. The Iowa Able Foundation offers an alternative financial solution by providing low interest loans with flexible terms to help individuals increase their independence. This statewide 501(c)(3) nonprofit program will loan funds for any item, piece of equipment, product, or home modification that is used to improve an individual's functional capabilities, mobility, and quality of life.

Iowa Compass

Iowa COMPASS provides information to Iowa consumers and family members about potential sources of funding for the purchase of assistive technology. www.uiowa.edu/infotech/Funding.htm

Loans for Assistive Technology and Home Modifications

In an effort to counter the lack of financial resources many individuals with disabilities and older Iowans face, Iowa Able offers low interest loans for the purchase of assistive technology and home modifications.

Assistive technology is defined as any item, piece of equipment or device that enables an individual to improve individual independence and quality of life. There must be a demonstrable connection between the end user's disability and the need for the equipment.

Allowable equipment includes but is not limited to: wheelchairs, motorized scooters, Braille equipment, voice simulation systems, scanners, assistive listening devices, telecommunications devices for the deaf, augmentative communication systems, environmental control units, computers and adaptive peripherals, building modifications for accessibility, and motor vehicles and vehicle modifications.

Iowa Center for Assistive Technology Education and Research (ICATER)

The University of Iowa College of Education
N168 [Lindquist Center](#), Iowa City, Iowa 52242-1529
Telephone: 319 335-5280 | **Fax:** 319 335-5386

Located in the College of Education, the Iowa Center for Assistive Technology Education and Research (ICATER) offers a place for the advancement and dissemination of assistive technology. The emphases of the Center are education, training and research. The center provides hands-on training in assistive technology to College of Education students and faculty. ICATER also engages in research projects to aid in examining the effectiveness of assistive technology in education, living and work.

Assistive Technology Summer Institute

The Assistive Technology Summer Institute is a unique summer learning opportunity that combines discussion of current relevant topics in AT with hands-on learning opportunities of some of the most recent and most commonly used AT software programs.

Upon completion of the AT Summer Institute, the participants should be able to:

Successfully use and be able to train others to use AT software such as Dragon Naturally Speaking Version 9, Kurzweil 3000, Read and Write Gold, WordQ and SpeakQ, IntelliTools, and Clicker 5

- Understand the basics of NIMAS and non-NIMAS and how they affect obtaining accessible materials for students with varying disabilities
- Understand how to incorporate the concept of Universal Design for Learning into a classroom setting to benefit all students
- Identify the key issues involved with AT and transitioning both between schools within a district and from a secondary to post secondary school
- Understand the legal requirements of AT in a school setting
- Be able to effectively write AT into an IEP.

The Iowa Educators Consortium, IEC

AEA 267
3712 Cedar Heights Drive
Cedar Falls, Ia 50613-6290
(319) 273-8211

(800) 542-8375
Fax: (319) 273-8282

The Iowa Educators Consortium, IEC, is an initiative of the Iowa Area Education Agencies. Iowa AEAs formed the IEC as an independent, tax-exempt, nonprofit institution supporting the mission of the Area Education Agencies. The primary function of the IEC is to provide a voluntary purchasing program for K-12 schools by bringing all statewide school purchasing programs under one legal umbrella and one fiscal management group. The IEC is overseen by an Operations Committee composed of members from AEAs across Iowa.

The IEC is self-supported by a minimal administrative fee already built into the pricing and paid by the vendors. Our clients do not pay any annual dues or extra fees to participate.

The IEC follows legal bidding procedures to acquire competitive statewide pricing based on the purchasing volume of many Iowa schools and other eligible clients. We are also a member of AEPA Inc. (Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies) which is an organization made up of 23 different states that collaborate and bid contracts on a national level.

Iowa Program for Assistive Technology (IPAT)

Center for Disabilities & Development, 100 Hawkins Drive, Room S 295
Iowa City, IA 52242-1011

Phone: 800-331-3027 ; 877-686-0032 (TTY toll free)

E-mail: jane-gay@uiowa.edu

Website: <http://www.uiowa.edu/infotech/>

Contact Name: Jane Gay , Director

Organization Type: Assistive Technology, Information Centers, State and Local Organizations, University-Affiliated Programs

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

IPAT's goals are to promote and create systems change in the state with regards to assistive technology (AT) and its use. IPAT works with consumers and family members, service providers, and state and local agencies/organizations to promote assistive technology through awareness, training, and policy work.

State Vocational Rehabilitation

Stephen A. Wooderson, Administrator
Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Department of Education

510 E. 12th Street

Des Moines, IA 50319

(515) 281-6731; (800) 532-1486

E-mail: stephen.wooderson@iowa.gov

Web: www.ivrs.iowa.gov

The mission of the Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services is to work for and with individuals who have disabilities to achieve their employment, independence and economic goals.

Disability Determination Services Bureau is responsible for determining the eligibility of Iowa residents who apply for disability benefits under the Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income programs.

Rehabilitation Services Bureau assists eligible individuals with disabilities to become employed. Persons who receive vocational rehabilitation services have a wide range of disabilities.

Vocational Rehabilitation is a State-Federal program. The Federal share is 78.7%; the State share is 21.3%. The Rehabilitation Services Bureau has 14 area offices and 32 service units across the state.

State CHIP Program

(health care for low-income uninsured children)

hawk-i Program

P.O. Box 71336

Des Moines, IA 50325-9958

(800) 257-8563

Web: www.hawk-i.org/

The hawk-i Program is Health care coverage for uninsured kids. Iowa offers *hawk-i* health care coverage for uninsured children of working families. No family pays more than \$40 a month. Some families even pay nothing at all.

Technology for Independence: A Community Based Resource Center

University of Iowa College of Law; Law, Health Policy & Disability Center; 280-1 Boyd Law Building

Iowa City, IA 52242-1113

Phone: (319) 335-8469 (319) 353-5828 (TTY)

Fax: (319) 335-9764

E-mail: david-klein@uiowa.edu

Website: <http://disability.law.uiowa.edu/cbrc/>

Contact Name: David Klein, Associate Director of Technology

Organization Type: Assistive Technology, Independent and Community Living, University-Affiliated Programs

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

The purpose of the Technology for Independence: Community-Based Resource Center (TI-CBRC) is to facilitate the development of real-world, scientifically rigorous knowledge and research on assistive technology and environmental access for persons with disabilities in partnership with disability researchers, disability advocates, community-based organizations, and other disability community members. Among other activities, the CBRC: Offers training opportunities that build capacity for community-based organizations to conduct and evaluate research; Advances participatory action research as a methodology in disability research; Disseminates research findings and resources on assistive technology; and Provides technical assistance on assistive technology and environmental access.