

Funding Assistive Technology

- ◆ Funding is available from a variety of public and private sources.
- ◆ The individual must meet eligibility criteria for the specific program and provide sufficient documentation of the need for assistive technology.

Public Programs

- ◆ Early Intervention Programs
- ◆ Head Start
- ◆ Schools (IDEA, Part B)
- ◆ State Operated and Supported Schools (Chapter 1)
- ◆ Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- ◆ State Programs for Children with Special Health Care Needs
- ◆ School-to-Work Transition Programs
- ◆ Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- ◆ Plan to Achieve Self-Support (PASS)
- ◆ Impairment-Related Work Expense (IRWE)
- ◆ Medicaid
- ◆ Medicare
- ◆ Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act of 1988

Private Programs

- ◆ Private Insurance
- ◆ Loans
- ◆ Non-Profit Disability Associations
- ◆ Foundations
- ◆ Programs Providing Assistive Technology
- ◆ Civic Organizations
- ◆ Charities and Fund-Raisers

Other Options

- ◆ Leasing
 - ◆ Many manufacturers of assistive technology devices have equipment which is available for rent or lease.
 - ◆ Many times payments may be applied toward the purchase
- ◆ Equipment Loan Programs

