

Our Mission Statement

As people with disabilities and their advocates, Disability Resource Center strives for equality and empowerment of persons with disabilities in the Will and Grundy County areas.

We inform persons with disabilities of their rights, educate them about their responsibilities, provide support services, promote advocacy, and raise community awareness about disability issues.

Disability Resource Center is a cross-disability, community-based non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that operates solely on grants and contributions. We welcome and appreciate ongoing support from businesses, foundations, individuals and organizations.



A Center for Independent Living

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Monday—Friday

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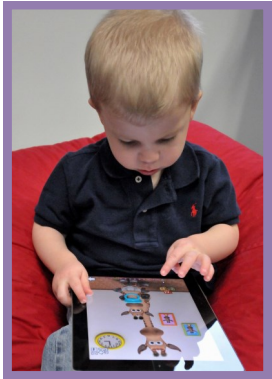
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**Assistive
Technology
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*Empowering, enhancing &
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Assistive Technology for Children



Disability Resource Center will purchase an assistive technology device for children with disabilities, up to \$500. Note: funds are

limited and assistance depends upon their availability. Only one device per family.

Guidelines:

- * The program is for children with disabilities up to age 23
- * A letter on letterhead is required from a medical physician, or a physical, occupational or speech therapist that explains how the device will benefit the child
- * The child's parent or guardian needs to volunteer for five hours OR make a donation of \$50. The volunteer time or donation need to be completed before the device is ordered.

ITAC Free Amplified Phones

Disability Resource Center is a Selection Center for the Illinois



Communication Access Corporation (ITAC), providing free amplified

telephones to qualified residents who have hearing loss. ITAC provides equipment through a Voucher Program and a Loan Program.

Voucher Program includes amplified phones; test and choose the equipment that works best for you and you own the equipment you select. You are eligible to select a new piece of equipment every 3 years.

Loan Program equipment includes a TTY/LVD, captioned telephone and a Braille phone. All loan equipment belongs to ITAC, and routine maintenance is included.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

- * Legal resident of Illinois
- * Standard phone service in your residence (i.e., "landline")
- * Application signed by medical professional certifying that applicant is deaf, hard-of-hearing, speech disabled, or deaf/blind and **unable to use a standard phone**

Low Vision Loan Program

A "try before you buy" option for assistive technology equipment and household devices.

Will and Grundy County residents who could benefit from products specially designed for the visually impaired are welcome to visit our office during regular business hours and try out a large selection of products.



Examples include: magnifiers, needle threaders, easy-to-use cooking utensils, alarm clocks,



watches and more. Some items are available to borrow on a short-term basis.

Our staff can demonstrate devices and refer consumers to catalogs and other resources for purchasing these items. (Unfortunately, the Center is not able to purchase the items for the consumer.)

