



National Assistive Technology Act Data System
State Plan - Full Report
Wisconsin 2024

General Information

Statewide AT Program (Information to be listed in national State AT Program Directory)

State AT Program Title	WisTech Program
State AT Program URL	https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wistech/index.htm
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City	Madison
State	Wisconsin
Zip Code	53703
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Lead Agency

Agency Name	Wisconsin Department of Health Services - Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources
Mailing Address	1 W. Wilson St., Room 551, PO Box 2659
City	Madison
State	Wisconsin
Zip Code	53703
Program URL	https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/dph/badr.htm

Implementing Entity

Does your Lead Agency contract with an Implementing Entity to carry out the Statewide AT Program on its behalf? N/A	
Name of Implementing Agency	
Mailing Address	

City	
State	
Zip Code	
Program URL	

General Information (Continued...)

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Module A: Change in Lead Agency or Implementing Entity

- Does your Lead Agency contract with an Implementing Entity to carry out the Statewide AT Program on its behalf (From General Information)? No
2. Is the Lead Agency named in this State Plan a new or different Lead Agency from the one designated by the Governor in your previous State Plan? No
3. Is the Implementing Entity named in this State Plan a new or different Implementing Entity from the one designated by the Governor in the previous State Plan? No

Module B: Advisory Council

1. How many representatives of the designated State agency for Vocational Rehabilitation are members of the advisory council? 1
2. How many representatives of the designated State agency for Vocational Rehabilitation for individuals who are blind are members of the advisory council (when there is such a separate VR agency for individuals who are blind)? 1
3. How many representatives of a state Center for Independent Living are members of the advisory council?. 1
4. How many representatives of the State workforce development board established under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act are members of the advisory council? 0
- 4.1 Please provide the reason(s) the Advisory Council does not have this required agency representative member and describe the actions that will be taken to become in compliance for Question 4.
Requests have been made for a representative of the Workforce Development but we have not been successful. WisTech will continue to follow up to fill this position.
5. How many representatives of the State educational agency are members of the advisory council? 1
6. Do you have an alternative financing program (AFP) for assistive technology in your state/territory that is separate from the State AT Program and is operated by a non-profit entity? Yes
- 6.1. If yes, how many representatives of an alternative financing program (AFP) are members of the advisory council? 1
7. How many representatives of the following agencies and/or organizations are members of the advisory council? 2
(At least one is required by the AT Act.)
- | | |
|---|---|
| Medicaid state agency | 1 |
| State agency administering Developmental Disabilities Act | 0 |
| State agency administering or organization funded under Older Americans Act | 0 |
| Organization representing veterans | 0 |
| University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) | 1 |
| State Protection and Advocacy System | 0 |
| State Council on Developmental Disabilities | 0 |
8. How many additional representatives of other agencies and/or organizations are members of the advisory council? 0
- | | |
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| Early Intervention/Child Services state agency | 0 |
| State Deaf/Hard of Hearing Commission/Office | 0 |
| State Insurance agency | 0 |
| State Library/Secretary of State/Talking Books agency | 0 |
| State ADA Office/Disability Commission/Advocacy Office | 0 |
| State Legislators | 0 |
| State Parent Training Information Center (IDEA funded) | 0 |
| Other (description required in text box below) | 0 |
| Describe Other Agency | |
9. How many individuals with disabilities who use assistive technology or their family members or guardians are members of the advisory council? 9

Advisory Council Calculation

Description	Number
Individuals with disabilities that use AT or their family members or guardians on the advisory council	9
Total number of individuals on the advisory council	16
Percentage	56.25%

10. In accordance with section 4(c)(2) of the AT Act of 1998, as amended our state has a consumer-majority advisory council that provides consumer-responsive, consumer-driven advice to the state for planning of, implementation of, and evaluation of the activities carried out through the grant, including setting measurable goals. This advisory council is geographically 9 Yes

representative of the State and reflects the diversity of the State with respect to race, ethnicity, and types of disabilities across the age span, and users of types of services that an individual with a disability may receive.

11. Procedures are in place to ensure that the Advisory Council members are geographically representative of the State and reflects the diversity of the State with respect to race, ethnicity, age, and types of disabilities, and users of types of services that an individual with a disability may receive, including home and community-based services (as defined in section 9817 (a)(2) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (42 U.S.C. 1396d not)), vocational rehabilitation services (as defined in section 7 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 705)) and services through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.)

Yes

Module C: Actual Expenditures and Budgeted Allocations

1. Actual Expenditures Carryover Year Close-out

In the following table provide the actual expenditure data for the closed-out carryover fiscal year AT grant award (liquidated the previous December 31). Please note, this data is for a specific year AT Act grant award amount, NOT any specific 12 month period of time as funds from a grant award can be obligated over more than that initial 12 month period.

For the State Plan submitted in 2024, you will report the closed-out grant award for FY21. The grant began 10/1/2020 with the first year ending on 9/30/2021, the first carryover year ended on 9/30/2022 and the second carryover year ended on 9/30/2023 with the 3 month liquidation period ending 12/31/2023.

Actual Expenditures for Closed-out Carryover Year Award	Final Expenditures	Percentage	Requirements
a. All State Level Activities	\$314,638.20	60.00%	The AT Act required state level expenditures to be at least 60% of grant award. If flexibility is claimed, at least 70% is required.
b. All State Leadership Activities	\$209,758.80	40.00%	
c. Total Expenditures	\$524,397.00		
d. Total Award	\$524,397.00		
e. Lapsed Amount	\$0.00	0.00%	
f. Transition Training & Technical Assistance Set Aside	\$10,488.00	5.00%	The AT Act requires at least 5% of state leadership expenditures to be spent on transition activities.

Module C: Actual Expenditures and Budgeted Allocations (Continued...)

2. Actual YTD Expenditures and Budgeted Allocations for Preceding Year Award

In the following table provide year-to-date (YTD) obligated and liquidated expenditure data for the preceding fiscal year AT grant award along with planned budget allocations for the unobligated remainder of that award. Please note, this data is for a specific year AT Act grant award amount, NOT any specific 12 month period of time as funds from a grant award can be obligated over a 24 month period.

For the State Plan submitted in 2024, you will report year to date FY22 grant award expenditures. This grant began 10/1/2021 with the initial award year ending on 9/30/2022 and the carryover year ended on 9/30/2023. Many programs received a no cost extension which extended the obligation date to 9/30/2024

The total grant award for was **\$541,693.00**

Actual & Planned Immediate Preceding Year Award Expenditures	YTD Obligated not Liquidated Expenditures	YTD Liquidated Expenditures	Planned not yet Obligated Expenditures	Total
All State Level Activities	\$0.00	\$325,015.80	\$0.00	\$325,015.80
All State Leadership Activities	\$0.00	\$216,677.20	\$0.00	\$216,677.20
Total	\$0.00	\$541,693.00	\$0.00	\$541,693.00
Transition Training & Technical Assistance	\$0.00	\$10,833.00	\$0.00	\$10,833.00

Module D: State Level Activity Summary

1. Which State Financing Activities do you conduct?

- Financial Loan
- Other State Financing that directly provides AT (telecommunications programs, etc.)

2. Which Reutilization Activities do you conduct?

- Device Exchange
- Device Reassignment or Open Ended Loan

3. Do you conduct Short-term Device Loans?

Yes

4. Do you conduct Device Demonstrations?

Yes

Module E: Financial Loan

1. Select the **one option** that best describes who conducts this activity.

Other entities e.g. contractors (Others)

2. Select the **one option** that best describes from where this activity is conducted.

A combination of a central location and regional sites (Combination)

3. Do you charge a fee for this activity? (This fee is separate from and addition to the financial loan made.)

No

4. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Provide financial support to this entity

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

Module E: Financial Loan (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)

Private Entities (select any/all)

Other (select any/all)

5. This activity offers the following types of assistance. (select all that apply – at least one is required)
Identify all types of loans the Statewide AT Program offers, regardless of whether any loans of that type are currently outstanding.

- Loan guarantees

6. The lowest interest percentage for loans as established by the policies of the activity. 4.0000%

7. The highest interest percentage for loans as established by the policies of the activity. 4.0000%

8. The lowest loan amount (in dollars) provided as established by the policies of the activity. \$500.00

9. The highest loan amount (in dollars) provided as established by the policies of the activity. \$80000.00

10. Describe the activity.

Wisconsin administers two alternative financing programs, known as WisLoan and Telework. Both alternative finance programs are managed by Independence First, one of Wisconsin's eight (8) Independent Living Centers (ILCs). Independence First works with each of the ILCs to promote and distribute information and applications for the WisLoan and Telework programs. To qualify for these programs applicants must be a Wisconsin resident with a disability, or be parents, relatives, related caregivers, or legal guardians of a person with a disability. In addition, applicants must use the funds to purchase assistive technology, make home modifications, purchase an accessible vehicle, or purchase equipment to start a business or for self-employment. Loan amounts range from \$500 to \$80,000; applicants are encouraged to apply for the amount they need but actual loan amounts will depend on the item(s) purchased and ability to repay the loan. ILCs work with the applicants and submit WisLoan and Telework applications to the WisLoan Board. The WisLoan Board meets monthly to approve or deny loans. Approved loans are submitted to the Milwaukee Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) for servicing, whereas Independence First guarantees the loans.

11. The online page for this specific activity can be found at: <https://www.independencefirst.org/IndependenceFirs>

Module F: Other State Financing Activities that Directly Provides AT

1. Which of the following activity/activities are conducted? (select all that apply)

Identify all types of other state financing programs that directly provide AT that are conducted.

- Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (EDP)-State
- Deaf/Blind Telecommunications EDP-Federal
- Other (Describe)

Provide a description of the other activity/activities conducted.

OBVI Blind and Low-Vision Equipment Distribution and the Telecommunications Assistance Program (TAP)

2. Select the one option that best describes who conducts this activity/activities.

Other entities e.g. contractors (Others)

3. Select the one option that best describes from where this activity/activities is conducted.

A combination of a central location and regional sites (Combination)

4. Do you charge a fee for this activity/activities? (select one)

No

5. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity/activities.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Provide financial support to this entity

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

Module F: Other State Financing Activities that Directly Provides AT (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)
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Private Entities (select any/all)
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Other (select any/all)

6. Describe the activity/activities.

Wisconsin’s Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR) administers the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP), known as iCanConnect (iCC). BADR subcontracts with the Center for Deaf-Blind Persons (CDBP) for assistance administering the program. CDBP is responsible for processing program applications, conducting AT assessments, providing specialized training, and working directly with consumers. CDBP contracts with the Wisconsin Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project (WDBTAP) to provide similar services to applicants under 18 years of age and their families. Wisconsin has two additional programs assisting with the acquisition of specialized telecommunications equipment: the Telecommunications Equipment Purchase Program (TEPP), administered by Wisconsin Public Service Commission, and the Telecommunications Assistance Program (TAP) administered by the Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing at DHS. WisTech is a collaborative partner with both programs and occasionally provides technical assistance on specialized telecommunications equipment requests by consumers, when applicable, and provides information on specialized telecommunications equipment when requested. The Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired (OBVI) located within BADR at DHS supports individuals who are blind or visually impaired. OBVI provides assistive technology devices and training, in addition to other rehabilitation services, to individuals who are blind or visually impaired at no cost. WisTech works with OBVI to collect data on the cost savings benefits of this program to consumers.

7. The online page for this specific activity can be found at:

<https://www.icanconnect.org/how-toapply/wisconsin/> <https://tepp.solixcs.com/>
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/odhh/tap.htm>
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/obvi/index.htm>

Module H: Device Exchange

1. Select the one option that best describes who conducts this activity.

Other entities e.g. contractors (Others)

2. Select the one option that best describes from where this activity is conducted.

Regional sites (Regional)

3. Do you charge a fee for this activity?

No

4. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Provide financial support to this entity

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

Module H: Device Exchange (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)

Private Entities (select any/all)

Other (select any/all)

5. Select the option that best describes what happens when a device is exchanged. (select all that apply)

- The transaction is direct consumer-to-consumer

6. Describe the activity.

Assistive technology device exchange in Wisconsin, occurs at the local level and is directly arranged between consumers. WisTech makes the WisconsinAT4All website publicly available so individuals can list used assistive technology device(s) available. Device exchange also occurs locally at Independent Living Centers (ILCs) where available items are listed on respective ILC websites or shared by staff members who are familiar with devices available. ILC staff are available to assist with matching a donated piece of equipment directly from one consumer to another. The WisTech Program and DHS staff assist with device exchange by referring individuals to local or community resources.

7. The online page for this specific activity can be found at: www.wisconsinat4all.com

Module I: Device Refurbish and Reassignment and/or Open-ended Loan

1. Select the one option that best describes who conducts this activity.

Other entities e.g. contractors (Others)

2. Select the one option that best describes from where this activity is conducted.

Regional sites (Regional)

3. Do you charge a fee for this activity?

No

4. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Provide financial support to this entity

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

- Provide financial support to this entity

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

Module I: Device Refurbish and Reassignment and/or Open-ended Loan (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)

Private Entities (select any/all)

Other (select any/all)

5. Select the option(s) that describe how a reutilized device is provided to a recipient. (select all that apply)

- Device ownership is transferred to the recipient
- Device is loaned for as long as the recipient needs it with no ownership transfer

6. Describe the activity.

WisTech subcontracts with Wisconsin's eight (8) Independent Living Centers (ILCs) to conduct local and statewide reuse activities. This activity is a combination of open-ended loans and device donation to individuals with disabilities. Open-ended loans occur when the ILC provides a device for an extended, or open-ended period of time, and accepts the device back into their inventory when no longer needed. Device donations begin with the ILCs collecting used equipment through various means, including drop-off donations and equipment collection drives. Equipment is assessed for function and then refurbished, cleaned, and redistributed to individuals in their service area at no cost. Refurbishment depends on whether or not the ILC can do it. Two ILCs have expanded their device reuse programs to address a growing demand. These programs have a dedicated, online inventory available to the public to learn and obtain used assistive technology devices. WisTech collaborates with the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Association of Wisconsin and the Good News Project, to support device reuse through collections, donations, and by supporting shipping or transport costs of devices. Wisconsin also provides a hearing aid reutilization program called WISHES. The Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR) contracts with the University of Wisconsin, Madison to operate a hearing aid reuse program for youth, ages 0-18, who do not qualify for Medicaid or who do not otherwise have access to hearing aid coverage.

7. The online page for this specific activity can be found at:

<https://wisconsinat4all.com/>

[https://csd.wisc.edu/wishes/#:~:text=Exchange%20Service%20\(WISHES\),Wisconsin%20Infant%20and%](https://csd.wisc.edu/wishes/#:~:text=Exchange%20Service%20(WISHES),Wisconsin%20Infant%20and%20)

Module J: Device Loan

1. Select the one option that best describes who conducts this activity.

Both the Statewide AT Program and other entities/contractors (Both)

2. Select the one option that best describes from where this activity is conducted.

A combination of a central location and regional sites (Combination)

3. Do you charge a fee for this activity?

No

4. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Provide financial support to this entity

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

Module J: Device Loan (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)

Private Entities (select any/all)

Other (select any/all)

5. Select the option that describes how the majority of devices loaned are delivered to and returned from a borrower. (select one)

The majority of devices are delivered or picked up in-person

6. Describe the activity.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR) contracts with Wisconsin's eight (8) Independent Living Centers (ILCs) to provide short-term device loans. Each ILC maintains an online inventory of standard AT related equipment for loaning purposes. Each agency, as well as staff from DHS, provide alternative access to the online information upon request. Device loans are intended to allow someone to try out and determine if a piece of assistive technology will meet their needs. Device loans are provided as a short-term accommodation if a device is not otherwise available, being repaired, or if an individual is in the process of securing funding for a needed device. Skills training for individuals who are borrowing assistive technology is also a service delivered by the WisTech program. WisTech operates a mobile device loan program through DHS. There are 19 iPads and one iPhone (with service) available for short-term loan, along with a comprehensive app library to meet consumers' needs. One iPad is also equipped with cellular data for consumers who do not have internet access. The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) #2 includes devices in its AT Lending Center on the WisconsinAT4All website for short-term loans. This inventory consists of high-end augmentative communication devices and the loan program is specifically available for schools and educators. Several Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) operate short-term device loan programs at their local agencies.

7. The online page for this specific activity can be found at: www.wiscnsinat4all.com

Module K: Device Demonstration

1. Select the one option that best describes who conducts this activity.

Both the Statewide AT Program and other entities/contractors (Both)

2. Select the one option that best describes from where this activity is conducted.

A combination of a central location and regional sites (Combination)

3. Do you charge a fee for this activity?

No

4. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Provide financial support to this entity

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

Module K: Device Demonstration (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)

Private Entities (select any/all)

Other (select any/all)

5. Describe the activity.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR) contracts with Wisconsin's eight (8) Independent Living Centers (ILCs) to operate device demonstration programs. Staff at the ILCs are trained and have a basic understanding of assistive technology (AT) and how it can assist in meeting consumers' needs. Each ILC maintains a standard inventory of AT related equipment for loaning purposes. Inventory is listed online at www.wisconsinat4all.com. Each agency, as well as staff from DHS provide alternative access to the online information upon request. Skills training for individuals who are learning about assistive technology is a service delivered by the WisTech program. Individuals can request assistive technology devices or equipment from another ILC service area, and the WisTech program will assist with the cost of getting that device for demonstration or loan to the individual on an as needed basis. Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) in Wisconsin have been provided Assistive Technology Kits, which can be utilized for device demonstrations, as needed. Individuals can request assistive technology devices or equipment from another ILC service areas, and the WisTech program will assist with the cost of getting that device for demonstration or loan on an as needed basis. Aging and Disability Resource Centers in Wisconsin have been provided Assistive Technology Kits, which can be utilized for device demonstrations, as needed.

6. The online page for this specific activity can be found at: www.wisconsinat4all.com

Module L: Training/Educational Activities

1. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Provide financial support to this entity

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

State Units on Aging (select any/all)

Area Agencies on Aging (select any/all)

State Departments of Education (select any/all)

Local School Districts (select any/all)

Institutions of Higher Education (select any/all)

Hospitals and Health Care Systems (select any/all)

Early Intervention Programs (select any/all)

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

Module L: Training (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)

Private Entities (select any/all)

Other (select any/all)

2. Provide a short description of at least one and no more than three planned training activities. One of the activities described must be planned Information and Communication Technology (ICT) accessibility training that will provide the required ICT Training performance measures. If the Statewide AT Program is meeting the transition requirements of the AT Act through training, please describe that planned activity. If the Statewide AT Program sponsors or co-sponsors a statewide conference please include that event as one you describe.

Planned ICT Accessibility Training (required)

WisTech DHS staff provide training, including on ICT related topics, to staff within the Department of Health Services at least four times a year. All DHS staff can participate in these trainings. These trainings provide an increased awareness of document accessibility, skill development for content creators, and adherence to accessible procurement or contracting processes.

Planned Transition Training or Other Training Activity (optional)

Planned Statewide Conference or Other Training Activity (optional)

WisTech provides up to five web-based, statewide trainings related to assistive technology devices or services annually. These trainings are available at no-cost and are available statewide (and nationally). Training topics are gathered through a statewide survey and in response to current needs and service delivery trends. Subject matter experts are engaged as content creators and presenters. Trainings are fully accessible with sign language interpretation, captioning, and accessible meeting practices. All trainings are recorded and archived on a YouTube channel.

3. The online page for this specific activity can be found at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wistech/wistech-assistive-technology-trainings.htm>

Module M: Technical Assistance

1. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Provide financial support to this entity

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

State Agency on Aging (select any/all)

Area Agencies on Aging (select any/all)

State Departments of Education (select any/all)

Local School Districts (select any/all)

Hospitals and/or Health Systems (select any/all)

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

Module M: Technical Assistance (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)
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Private Entities (select any/all)
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Other (select any/all)

2. Provide a short description of at least one and no more than two planned technical assistance activities. If the Statewide AT Program is meeting the transition requirements of the AT Act through technical assistance, please describe that planned activity.

Planned Transition Technical Assistance or Other Technical Assistance Activity (required)

DHS WisTech staff are collaborating with staff from the Division of Medicaid Services related to long-term care services and the provision of assistive technology and home modification assessments and related services. WisTech staff will provide technical assistance to ensure that program participants receive high-quality, timely, comprehensive, and consumer-focused assessments and services to ensure access to the community and independent living needs are met. er-focused assessments and services to ensure independent living and community access.

Planned Other Technical Assistance Activity (optional)

DHS WisTech staff will provide technical assistance to the Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care on assistive technology and durable medical equipment that may be needed or utilized by Wisconsin residents in the event of an emergency. Specifically, what devices this office should have on hand, and how to plan for or proactively meet the needs of AT users in emergency evacuations and sheltering.

Module N: Public Awareness

1. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Provide financial support to this entity

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

Entities in the statewide and local workforce development systems (select any/all)

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies (select any/all)

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (select any/all)

Elementary and Secondary schools (select any/all)

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

Module N: Public Awareness (Continued...)

Local/Community Entities (select any/all)
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Private Entities (select any/all)
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Other (select any/all)

2. Provide a short description of at least one and no more than two planned major public awareness activities. If the Statewide AT Program conducts a major ongoing public awareness activity such as an annual AT awareness day with a Governor’s Proclamation, please include that activity.

Major Annual Planned or Other Public Awareness Activity (required)

The WisTech program participates annually in Farm Technology Days, the largest agriculture event in Wisconsin. Farm Technology Days brings in approximately 30,000 individuals for a three-day event that includes product vendors, community services, and agricultural demonstrations. WisTech partners with the AgrAbility program from Wisconsin to co-locate and educate attendees about assistive technology devices, services, and alternative funding programs. This event rotates to a different location in the state each year and provides the opportunity to reach Wisconsin residents whom our program may not reach on a regular basis. WisTech partners other programs at Farm Technology Days to ensure comprehensive assistive technology and disability service information is readily available to event participants.

Planned Other Public Awareness Activity (optional)

Module O: Information and Assistance

1. Identify the types of collaborations you have in place to conduct this activity.

Banks/Financial Institution (select any/all)

Independent Living Center (select any/all)

- Have written agreement with this entity
- Provide financial support to this entity

Easter Seals (select any/all)

Disability/Assistive Technology Organizations (select any/all)

State Agency on Aging (select any/all)

Area Agencies on Aging (select any/all)

State Aging and Disability Resource Center/No Wrong Door System (select any/all)

State Public Health Department (select any/all)

State Departments of Education (select any/all)

Elementary and Secondary School Systems (select any/all)

Institutions of Higher Education(select any/all)

Early Intervention Programs (select any/all)

Hospitals and/or Health Systems (select any/all)

Federal Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

State Entities/Agencies (select any/all)

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Local/Community Entities (select any/all)

Private Entities (select any/all)

Other (select any/all)

2. Describe the activity

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR) contracts with Wisconsin's eight (8) Independent Living Centers (ILCs) to provide information and assistance related to assistive technology devices, services, and funding. This information is tracked using a database. WisTech and DHS staff also respond to requests for information and assistance related to assistive technology devices, services, and funding. This information is tracked through the AT4ALL website. The Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) respond to requests about assistive technology devices, services, and funding. This information is captured in their database. Consumers can connect with WisTech, DHS staff, ADRCs, and ILCs in-person, by mail, through email, phone, or through Zoom or other virtual platforms. Consumers learn about AT services from websites, social media, mailings, trainings, events, display booths, referrals from other agencies, by word of mouth, or through working with ILCs or WisTech staff.

Assurances and Measurable Goals

Section 4(d) of the AT Act prescribes the duties of the Lead Agency receiving a grant under section 4 of the AT Act and requires the State to provide a number of assurances in its application for funds. 34 CFR part 76 also requires that any State Plan include certain assurances. The Statewide AT Program certifying representative will attest to these assurances and other requirements below and by submitting the State Plan, will affirm that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief all information provided in the State Plan is true and correct and the State Plan fully discloses all known weaknesses concerning the accuracy, reliability, and completeness of the information.

Assurances

As the Certifying Representative of the Lead Agency for the State of , I hereby assure the following:

1. The Lead Agency prepared and submitted this State Plan on behalf of the State of Wisconsin.
2. The Lead Agency submitting this plan is the State agency that is eligible to submit this plan and if an Implementing Entity is identified it is designated to implement the required AT Act activities.
3. The State agency has authority under State law to perform the functions of the State under this program.
4. The State legally may carry out each provision of this plan.
5. All provisions of this plan are consistent with State law.
6. A State officer, specified by title in this certification, has authority under State law to receive, hold, and disburse Federal funds made available under the plan.
7. The State officer who submits this plan, specified by title in this certification, has authority to submit this plan.
8. The agency that submits this plan has adopted or otherwise formally approved this plan.
9. The plan is the basis for State operation and administration of the program.
10. The Lead Agency will maintain and evaluate the program under this State Plan.
11. The State will annually collect data related to the required activities implemented by the State under this section in order to prepare the progress reports required under subsection 4(f) of the Act.
12. The Lead Agency will submit the annual progress report on behalf of the State.
13. The State will prepare reports to the Secretary in such form and containing such information as the Secretary may require to carry out the Secretary's functions under this Act and keep such records and allow access to such records as the Secretary may require to ensure the correctness and verification of information provided to the Secretary.
14. The Lead Agency will control and administer the funds received through the grant.
15. The Lead Agency will make programmatic and resource allocation decisions necessary to implement the State Plan.
16. Funds received through the grant will be expended in accordance with Section 4 of the Act, and will be used to supplement, and not supplant, funds available from other sources for technology-related assistance, including the provision of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services.
17. The Lead Agency will ensure conformance with all applicable Federal and State accounting requirements.
18. The State will adopt such fiscal control and accounting procedures as may be necessary to ensure proper disbursement of and accounting for the funds received through the grant.
19. Funds made available through a grant to a State under this Act will not be used for direct payment for an assistive technology device for an individual with a disability.
20. A public agency or an individual with a disability holds title to any property purchased with funds received under the grant and administers that property.
21. The physical facility of the Lead Agency and Implementing Entity, if any, meets the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) regarding accessibility for individuals with disabilities. Section 4(d)(6)(E)
22. Activities carried out in the State that are authorized under this Act, and supported by Federal funds received under this Act, will comply with the standards established by the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (20 U.S.C. 794d). Section 4(d)(6)(G)
23. The Lead Agency will coordinate the activities of the State Plan among public and private entities, including coordinating efforts related to entering into interagency agreements.
24. The Lead Agency will coordinate efforts related to the active, timely, and meaningful participation by individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives, and other appropriate individuals, with respect to activities carried out through the grant.
25. The Lead Agency or Implementing Entity will conduct outreach to and as appropriate, collaborate with other State agencies that receive Federal funding for assistive technology including –
 - a. The State educational agency receiving assistance under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C.1400 et seq.);
 - b. The State vocational rehabilitation agency receiving assistance under title I of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 720 et seq.);
 - c. The agency responsible for administering the State Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.); The State agency receiving assistance under the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.); and
 - d. Any other agency in a State that funds assistive technology.