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## February 2021 State Rehabilitation Council ATP Report

### **Nancy Noha-Marketing**

The annual brain injury conference will be held virtually on March 18-19, 2021. For more information check out [www.biane.org](http://www.biane.org).

[Read our holiday message and explore ATP's goals for 2021](#) or go to [www.atp.nebraska.gov](http://www.atp.nebraska.gov)

### **Resource Coordination/Financial Programs – Angie Ransom**

ATP has begun the process to make the Service and Device Application (S&D) available with an electronic signature. Currently the application is fillable on [www.atp.nebraska.gov](http://www.atp.nebraska.gov) but requires printing to sign. With Adobe sign, the form can be emailed to consumers and completed with an electronic signature.

### **Enrichment Foundation Grant**

Consumers in Sarpy and Douglas County have been referred for the Enrichment Foundation Grant for the 2021 calendar year.

### **DHHS Program – May Faith [11/21/20 through 1/21/21]**

During the fourth quarter FY 20 and the first few weeks of the first quarter of FY 21, 59 HHS projects were authorized, utilizing \$398,030.63 in AD Waiver funding, and 0 DD projects were authorized. DD projects in the stated timeframe are ongoing as assessments were being completed and quotes were in the process of being obtained on a few projects.

These projects assisted 50 consumers with greater independence and accessibility in their homes and communities.

With winter beginning and the holiday season, referrals received from both DD and AD Waivers decreased in the month of December however, they have since increased as we near the end of January. On-going efforts are being made to get ATP staff prioritized for the COVID-19 vaccine.



### **Education – Brian Wojcik**

The ATP Education Program continues to offer technical assistance to Nebraska’s Special Education programs working with children ages 0-3 and students ages 3-21. Education professionals receive support in the form of free equipment loans from the ATP Education Statewide Loan Pool (EDUCATION.AT4ALL.COM); coaching support for each equipment loans; email, phone, and video technical assistance and support; and access to weekly and archived video webinars. The ATP Education Program has also partnered with the Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA) to provide on-demand video professional development on over 120 different topics. To date, 132 individuals have signed up for this service which has the potential to impact over 7800 children and students. The ATP Education Program continues to operate the AT Cadre Program, a program where 21 education professionals from across Nebraska receive intensive professional development and individualized coaching regarding assistive technology and assistive technology services in schools.

### **iCanConnect Program Update- Brooke Harrie**

The iCanConnect (iCC) Program is also known as the National Deaf Blind Equipment Distribution Program. This is a nationwide program that provides telecommunication equipment and training to low-income individuals with significant hearing and vision loss. The Assistive Technology Partnership is responsible for coordinating the program for the state of Nebraska. There are currently 3 active iCC cases, with 2 additional individuals in the process of submitting all necessary documents to apply for services. The Technology Specialists throughout the state working with the iCC Program continue to work remotely. The pandemic has made it difficult to deliver equipment and training to individuals who are eligible for the program as well as created shipping delays, however staff are creative and have done a great job with keeping services going despite the challenges. The iCC applications have also recently been updated to include the new federal income guidelines for 2021. The applications can be found for our state on the ATP website or at <http://www.icanconnect.org/how-to-apply/nebraska>.

### **Nebraska VR Title 1 Program Update- Brooke Harrie**

ATP Technology Specialists for the VR Title 1 Program received 15 service requests from 12/1/2020 to 1/20/2021. Of those 15 service requests, 1 was for a new VR staff member, 1 was received from the CPAP Program, 7 were Pre-ETS cases and the remaining 6 were for adult VR clients. The 15 service requests received were for the following equipment, cognitive aids (7), prosthetics (2), hearing devices (1), worksite AT (1), vehicle modifications (2), ergonomics (1), and mobility device (1).

Technology Specialists with the VR Title 1 Program continue to work remotely. They are partnering with various ESU’s throughout the state to help plan job expos for high school students in Nebraska VR’s Pre-ETS Program. The job expos will be held virtually this Spring due to COVID and include activities for students such as mock interviews, meetings with businesses, presentations on job seeking skills and information about resources in the community such as ATP that provide services to individuals with disabilities. Technology Specialists also continue to support Project SEARCH sites throughout the state as they enter their second semester with their current interns and start the process of identifying students who would be a good fit for the program for the next school year.



### **General Update -Tobias Orr**

ATP has partnered with the Nebraska Statewide Independent Living Council (NE SILC) along with numerous other agencies to create and promote a monthly online Disability Education Series happening the first Thursday of every month at 1pm (CST). In March the topic will be assistive technology. More information will be shared via social media as it comes available, so please follow us Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

