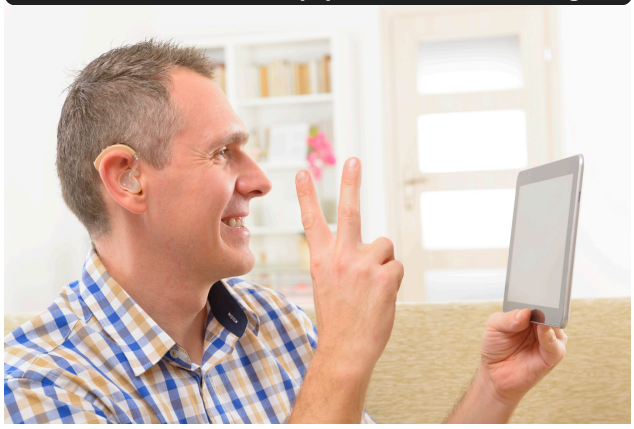
Nebraska iCanConnect

The National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program



Communication is essential for being independent at home, participating in the community, and being productive at school or work. Modern technology has expanded the way most people communicate in their day-to-day lives. For people who experience a combined vision and hearing loss, specific and specialized equipment may be necessary to make a phone call, send an email, or access the internet.

iCan Connect, the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program, operated in Nebraska by the Assistive Technology Partnership, can help qualifying consumers obtain the equipment they need to communicate. The program can provide a wide range of hardware, software, devices and applications such as:

- Braille devices (stand alone and paired devices to provide tactile access for distance communication)
- Mobile devices (cell phones, tablets)
- Computers (desktops and laptops, large screen displays)
- Phones (amplified speaker phones)
- Signalers (audible, visual, and vibrating signalers to alert the phone is ringing, new e-mail, etc.)
- Software (screen reader and screen magnification programs)

If you are a person who has a combined vision and hearing loss, and cannot afford the technology that enables you to use a telephone, send an email, access the internet, or use other communication technology please contact:

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The National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program will ensure that low-income individuals who have combined hearing and vision loss can access telephone, advanced communications and information services. This program was mandated by the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 and established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

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