

Bureau of Rehabilitation Services /CT Tech Act Project Description of Assistive Technology, (AT), Services

1. AT Evaluation: A full AT evaluation will include a review of records; interviews; an evaluation of a BRS consumer at the organization's center or in the community (which may include the consumer's home, BRS office or other location); an assessment and a final written report with findings and recommendations of AT device(s) and services; a list of potential vendors who may supply recommended AT device(s) and/or software and price quotes; and recommendations for amount of training, if appropriate. The report will be completed and submitted to the BRS Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor within 30 business days after the conclusion of the evaluation.
2. AT Workplace Evaluation: A Workplace Evaluation will include an evaluator traveling to a BRS consumer's work setting(s) to observe, interview and assess the consumer's functioning in the work environment. A final written report with findings and recommendations of AT device(s) and services; a list of potential vendors who may supply recommended AT device(s) and/or software and price quotes will be completed; and recommendations for amount of training, if appropriate. The report will be completed and submitted to the BRS Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor within 30 business days after the conclusion of the evaluation.
3. Home to Work Evaluation: A Home to Work Evaluation will include an evaluator traveling to a BRS consumer's home to observe, interview and assess the consumer's functioning as the consumer performs his or her daily routine and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living, (IADL). The goal is to assist the consumer in preparing for the day and exiting the home with minimum fatigue/effort to allow him or her to participate in work-related activities. This evaluation may lead to recommendations for Assistive Technology devices, Personal Care Assistant services, home modification, etc. A final written report with findings and recommendations of AT device(s) and services; a list of potential vendors who may supply recommended AT device(s) and/or software and price quotes will be completed; and recommendations for amount of training, if appropriate. The report will be completed and submitted to the BRS Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor within 30 business days after the conclusion of the evaluation.
4. Augmentative, Alternative Communication (AAC) Evaluation: Consumer's degree of functional speech, level of intelligibility, effectiveness of a current augmentative communication system (if current system is in), and receptive language skills will be evaluated to determine if an AAC device would be appropriate for the consumer. A final written report with findings and recommendations of an appropriate AAC device(s) along with a list of potential vendor(s) who may supply recommended AT device(s) and/or software and

price quotes will be completed; and recommendations for amount of training, if appropriate. The report will be completed and submitted to the BRS Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor within 30 business days after the conclusion of the evaluation.

5. AT Training: AT Training will include individualized training for the BRS consumer(s) on the utilization of recommended AT device(s) and/or software. Training will take place in the environment where the AT device(s) and/or software will be primarily utilized, and as determined by the BRS Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. Training hours will be recommended in the written reports and approved and authorized, in advance, by the BRS Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. Upon completion of the training hours, the evaluator will provide a brief final report summarizing the results of the training and any further recommendations.
6. AT Evaluation specific for individuals that are Deaf-Blind: A full AT evaluation with concentration on devices that are specific to those that are Deaf-Blind to increase their access to telecommunication services, internet access, and advanced communications. These evaluations will include recommendations of AT device(s) and/or software and recommendations for amount of training, if appropriate. Individuals may not be a consumer of BRS. AT Evaluations may be conducted at the consumers' home, an evaluator's office, or other location.
7. AT Training specific to individuals that are Deaf-Blind: AT Training for this group will require experience in training deaf-blind individuals on how to use the equipment, knowledge of how to set up this equipment, and experience in ensuring that the individual can effectively use the equipment. The equipment may need to be configured to meet the specific needs of the individual. An understanding of the deaf-blind culture and the various means of communication will also be necessary. Trainers will need to be proficient in one or a combination of the following: Braille, tactile sign language, and other communication styles.