

## **Nevada Department of Health and Human Services**

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### **Office of Disability Services Autism Supports**

The State's Assistive Technology and Independent Living program is primarily focused on serving people with physical disabilities by making their homes and vehicles more accessible. However, the program also serves individuals with Autism, in two different ways:

For those families who wish to undertake a home-based, intensive behavioral intervention program, the AT/IL program will fund the cost of a professional trainer to direct the program and train family and friends as intervention specialists. The program does not fund the day-to-day costs of the intervention.

For those individuals who have limited speech and can benefit from a communication device, the IL/AT program will provide a professional communication assessment and an appropriate device.

In all cases, the IL/AT program is a resource of last resort. Thus, it assists applicants in getting help from school districts, Medicaid, Vocational Rehabilitation, and private insurance whenever possible.