

FINDING YOUR PATH IN LIFE

Monthly tips and resources for young adults, their families, and supporters who are exploring options for life after high school in Indiana.

INDATA Project: Powering Your Future with Assistive Technology

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The <u>INDATA Project</u> is a federally funded project in Indiana for anyone who needs accessibility and assistive technology information and materials. The INDATA Project's lending library has over 2500 apps, devices, and tools to fit your needs. You don't need to be connected to Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) to borrow items from INDATA.

Who can use INDATA?

- People with documented disabilities and their families
- Service providers
- Employers
- Health professionals
- Other interested parties



How will I pay for my assistive technology device?

Your individual needs and circumstances determine how to pay for materials. Use the list below to figure out what would work best for you.

- <u>Indiana Assistive Technology and INDATA</u>: assistive technology services for individuals transitioning from school to adult life.
- <u>Alternative Finance Program (AFP)</u> is a personal loan program through Star Financial. You can borrow money and must repay it within a specified time frame. You must be an Indiana resident with a documented disability requiring assistive technology.
- Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) can assist in paying for assistive technology if the device will help you
 prepare for, get, or keep a job. Learn more by reviewing the <u>Rehabilitation Administrative Manual: VR</u>
 <u>Goods & Services</u>.
- The Veterans Administration (VA) offers various programs. If you qualify, review the <u>U.S Department of</u> <u>Veterans Affairs: Services Rehabilitation and Prosthetic Services</u> website to learn more.

- Waiver services can assist if you qualify. Talk to your case manager or use the <u>AT3 Center website</u> to review resources available in Indiana.
- Local organizations within your area may also assist with scholarships or grants to fund assistive technology.

How can I learn more?

INDATA offers **device demonstrations** for those eager to learn how a device works, its uses, and benefits. Interested? Call 317-466-2013 or email <u>tech@eastersealscrossroads.org</u> to schedule a device demonstration.

Resources:

- CCLC: Working with Indiana VR
- Easterseals Crossroads: Indiana's Assistive Technology Resource
- Easterseals Crossroads: <u>INDATA Project Podcast</u>
- Easterseals Crossroads: INDATA Project YouTube Channel
- Indiana VR: Information for Students and Families on Choosing a Career and Finding a Job
- Indiana VR: Manual of Employment Services
- Indiana VR: <u>Service Locations and Offices</u>

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