



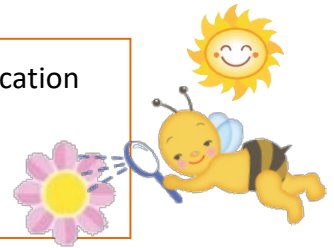
## Assistive Technology

## North Carolina Infant-Toddler Program Key Points for Providers

- Assistive Technology (AT) is an Infant-Toddler Program (ITP) service.
- Decisions about AT needs are made by the IFSP team and through the IFSP process.
- Contact the Early Intervention Service Coordinator (EISC) if potential AT needs are identified.

- Aids for Self Help
- Adapted Toys and Switches
- Assistive Listening

- Augmentative Communication
- Positioning and Mobility



- A community provider or a CDSA staff member knowledgeable about the types of assistive technology (see below) will be an IFSP team member or provide consultation to the team.

### Approved AT Categories for Early Intervention

- AT must be needed to achieve an IFSP outcome that is functional, and participation based:
  - ◆ Functional, participation-based outcomes are related to a child learning within the context of everyday opportunities and in natural environments.
- Options for Accessing AT
  - ✓ Loan (Primary Method)
    - ◆ NC ITP contracts with a loan administrator to manage the statewide inventory of AT that is available for loan.
    - ◆ All loan requests must be made to the loan administrator by the child's EISC.
    - ◆ AT loans can be made to a CDSA provider for trial and assessment with a child and family if identified as an activity for an IFSP outcome.
  - ✓ Purchase (Only for AT listed as "Exceptions to loan" in NC ITP Policy)
    - ◆ NC ITP is payer of last resort. Other funding sources such as public or private insurance must be used if available and with written parental consent.
    - ◆ NC ITP Sliding Fee Scale applies to the family's share of the cost.

**The complete NC ITP Policy regarding Assistive Technology is located at [www.bearly.nc.gov](http://www.bearly.nc.gov)**