

Telecommunications Access Program (TAP)

TWP's Telecommunications Access Program (TAP), administered by the Missouri Assistive Technology Advisory Council, is a nationwide effort to provide **free adaptive equipment** to help individuals with all types of disabilities access basic home telecommunication services.

Who is eligible?

- You must be a Missouri resident, have telephone service in your home and have a qualifying disability.
- Your annual adjusted income cannot exceed \$60,000 for an individual or an individual plus a second exemption, spouse or dependent. For each additional dependent claimed, \$5,000 can be added to the \$60,000 base amount.

What kind of equipment does the program provide?

Telephone equipment includes such devices as voice carry over phones, phones for hearing carry over, signaling devices, amplified phones and hands-free phones.

The program does not provide devices such as hearing aids and alternative communication devices.

How do I apply for and select the equipment I need?

Contact The Whole Person to see if you qualify for a phone and schedule an appointment for a demonstration.



You can reapply for new equipment every four years. If changes in your disability require different equipment, you may reapply based on your new needs.



***For more information or to
schedule a demonstration, contact:***

***Spencer Neal
Independent Living Advocate***

or

***Carlos Starnes
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Mission Statement

The Whole Person connects people with disabilities to the resources they need by supporting independent choice and advocating for positive change in the community.

Vision Statement

The Whole Person envisions a fully accessible community where opportunities and choices are not limited by disability.

Core Values

The core values will influence how we interact with each other, guide how we go about our work and fulfill our mission.

- Respect
- Integrity
- Inclusiveness
- Committed
- Collaboration

Who We Serve

- People with disabilities
- Parents, spouses, siblings and significant others of people with disabilities
- Schools
- Businesses
- Local government agencies
- Volunteer organizations
- Hospitals, health organizations and the medical community
- Civic organizations
- Churches/religious organizations
- Veterans
- Any individual or organization seeking assistance

Programs

- Independent Living Services
- Personal Assistant Services
- Employment Services
- Individual and Systems Advocacy
- The Whole Family Project
- Mental Health Services
- Transition Services
- Telecommunications Access Program (TAP)

Support Groups

Through peer groups there is a full exchange of brainstorming, problem solving, and sharing of concerns, successes, and ways to address issues. Peer groups meet 1-2 times a month.

Visit our website for more information about each of these groups, meeting dates, locations and contact information for each facilitator.

Community Outreach

The Whole Person provides education on disability etiquette, including reasonable accommodations and accepted social interaction, as well as why disability awareness is important. Visit our website to arrange a presentation for your company or organization.

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