



The Whole Person

People with Disabilities Leading Independent Lives

*Connecting people
with disabilities to
the resources they need.*

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, call:*

816-561-0304

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.

Who We Serve

- People of all ages with developmental/cognitive, mental health, sensory, and physical disabilities
Examples of disabilities:
Amputation, Arthritis, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, Blindness/Low Vision, Brain/Head Injury, Cancer, Cerebral Palsy, Diabetes, Dyslexia, Environmental Sensitivity, Epilepsy, Fibromyalgia, Hearing/Speech Disability, HIV/AIDS, Learning Disability, Lupus, Multiple Chemical Sensitivity, Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis, Polio, Renal Conditions, Spina Bifida, Spinal Cord Injury, Stroke
- The parents, spouses, siblings and significant others of people with disabilities
- **We serve the following counties.**
Missouri: Cass, Clay, Jackson and Platte.
Kansas: Johnson, Leavenworth and Wyandotte.

Programs Include:

- Independent Living Skills Training
- Personal Assistant Services
- Employment Services
- Information & Referral
- Individual and Systems Advocacy
- Deaf / Hard of Hearing Services
- Transition Services (*youth to adulthood and nursing home patients to their own home*)
- Blind Low Vision Experience
- In-Home Care and Home Health Care

Peer 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. Information about each of these groups, meeting dates, locations and contact information for each facilitator is found on our website.

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.

Accessibility

The Whole Person is committed to providing accessible information about our programs and services. We offer large print and Braille versions of our materials upon request. Additionally, accessible PDF files are available on our website, which can be used with screen-reading programs. Our website features an assistive toolbar with various accessibility tools, including a screen reader, styling options, reading aids, and translation support. If you require any assistance or have specific accessibility needs, please contact us.

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