



# 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, contact:***

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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
- 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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