



Illinois Department on Aging Illinois Assistive Technology Program

FY24 Illinois Care Connections Program

September 28, 2023 & October 11, 2023

To **serve and advocate** for older Illinoisans and their caregivers by administering **quality and culturally appropriate programs** that promote partnerships and encourage **independence, dignity, and quality of life.**

IDoA Mission

Illinois Care Connections

PROGRAM HISTORY

March 2020: IDoA received a \$1.7 million federal grant from the CDC and ACL. IDoA, in partnership with DHS-DD and DHS-DRS, and IATP distributed over 3,000 devices to older adults and persons with disabilities.

FY22 Program

\$2M in available funds

Aimed at combatting social isolation & loneliness

IDoA CCP population only

Technology bundles

215 participants served

FY23 Program

\$2M in available funds

Aimed at combatting social isolation & loneliness

IDoA CCP population only

Technology bundles

560 participants served

Illinois Care Connections in FY24

Funding: \$2.5M in available funds (\$2M for CCP participants and \$500k for non-CCP participants)

Program Goal: Aimed at enabling social connectedness; maintaining health, safety, and wellbeing; and promoting independence of older adults age 60+ living in the community

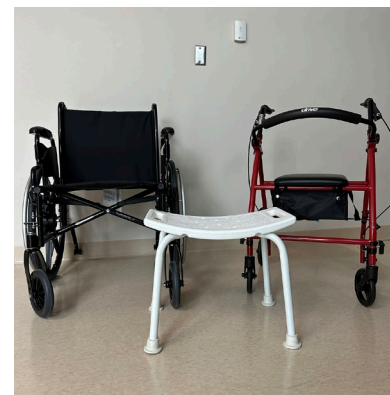
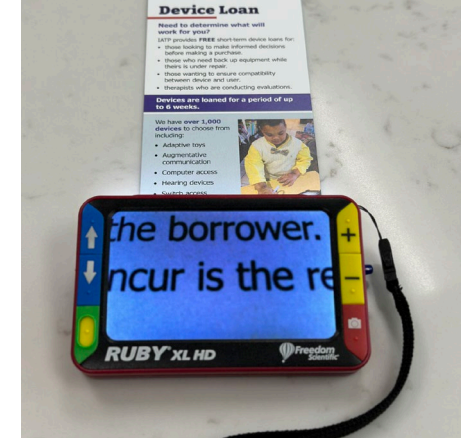
Referral Sources: AAAs, AAA-Funded Entities, CCUs, ADS

Referral Intake: IATP using online form: <https://tinyurl.com/3nznmfea>

Devices Available: Technology & assistive devices including tablets, cases, chargers, screen protectors, headphones, keyboards, mice, stylus pens, tablet stands, laptops, desktop computers, internet/Wi-Fi/hotspot access devices, speakers, soundboxes, sound amplifiers, magnifiers, animated companion stuffed animals, memory loss calendars/clocks, talking clocks, smart plugs, smart light bulbs, voice-activated home assistants, camera-enabled doorbells, 3D printed devices, and mobility devices

Training & Follow-Up: IATP provides simple written instructions and ongoing training and technical assistance in a language and format accessible by the older adult. IATP follows up with the older adult at three months.

Illinois Care Connections Device Examples



Illinois Care Connections Referrals



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Requests can only be made by an authorized agency with a valid Agency Code

* = required

Referring Agency

Referring Agency Code *:

Participant Receives services or supports through the: *

- Community Care Program
- Area Agency on Aging

Referring Agency *:

IATP online referral form: <https://tinyurl.com/3nznmfea>



Questions?



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