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TELECOMMUNICATION ACCESS PROGRAM FOR INTERNET (TAP-I)



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TELECOMMUNICATION ACCESS PROGRAM FOR INTERNET

Every day an increasing number of people are using the internet and e-mail to make purchases, search for jobs, use public services and to communicate effectively at a local, state, national and even international level. Some Missourians are not able to use traditional computer equipment to access the internet and e-mail.

The Telecommunication Access Program for Internet (TAP-I) provides to Missourians, who cannot use traditional computer equipment, the adaptive computer equipment necessary for access to the internet and e-mail.

Adaptive computer equipment modifies how we use a computer. If you have a partial loss of vision, TAP-I can provide screen enlargement software which magnifies what is on the computer screen. If you have a total loss of vision the program can provide a screen reader which will read what is on the computer screen.



Blanche uses her screen magnification software, Zoom-ware, Zoom-Text, to access the internet to learn about government services, to take on-line classes and to learn more about Brahms, her favorite musician. She also uses it with her e-mail to keep in contact with family and friends.

If you are unable to use a standard keyboard or mouse, the program can provide adapted keyboards or alternative pointing devices such as trackballs or rollerballs.



William received an adaptive keyboard (Intellikeys) and an adaptive pointing device (Roller Joystick with a sponge handle) through TAP-I.

With this equipment, William is accessing educational programs and developing computer skills that will last a lifetime.

The program will NOT provide computers or adaptive equipment not needed for basic internet access such as Braille embossers, electronic notetakers or personal communication devices.

QUALIFICATIONS:

To qualify an applicant must:

- ⇒ Be unable to use traditional computer equipment;
- ⇒ Be a Missouri resident;
- ⇒ Meet financial income standards; (Generally, the applicants adjusted gross income must not exceed \$60,000 for a two person household);
- ⇒ Have a computer; and,
- ⇒ Have internet service.

CONSUMER SUPPORT PROVIDERS:

A network of consumer support providers is available throughout the state to assist applicants in determining the adaptive equipment that is available and appropriate to meet their needs and to provide training for consumers on how to use the adaptive equipment to access the internet and e-mail.

To request a Telecommunication Access Program for Internet (TAP-I) application contact Missouri Assistive Technology.