

WHAT IS ATEL?

The Rhode Island Adaptive Telephone Equipment Loan (ATEL) provides demonstrations, training, and long term loan and device reutilization services of specialized landline telephone equipment and wireless communication devices to qualified individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, have a speech disability, or have neuromuscular damage or disease, which hinders them from using a standard telephone.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

For answers about the program, applications or for more information about the phones we have available, please visit our website at www.atel.ri.gov or email Denise Corson at denise.corson@ors.ri.gov. Also, you may contact us at the following:

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DO YOU QUALIFY?

To receive equipment the person
Must have the following:

- Be a resident of Rhode Island.
- Be Hard of Hearing, Deaf, or have either a speech disability or neuromuscular damage or disease that hinders you from using a standard telephone.
- Meet income criteria.

HOW DOES A PERSON APPLY?

To apply, the person must fill out the either a landline or wireless application form. In addition, an authorized professional must complete a certificate of disability.

The Certificate of Disability statement should be completed by one of the following:

1. A doctor.
2. A rehabilitation councilor of the Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS).
3. A speech pathologist.
4. An audiologist.
5. A teaching staff member of the RI School for the Deaf (only if the applicant attends, or has attended the school).



THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
Department of Human Services



IF YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY
COMMUNICATING ON YOUR
TELEPHONE?

WE CAN HELP!

Now offering wireless devices

IN COLLABORATION WITH:

assistive technology access partnership

The ATAP logo consists of a blue outline of the state of Rhode Island to the left of the letters "ATAP" in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Below the logo is the text "assistive technology access partnership" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

TYPES OF EQUIPMENT

CAPTEL RELAY TELEPHONES

Ideal for people with some degree of hearing loss, the Captioned Telephone, or CapTel, works like any other telephone with one important addition: It displays every word the caller says throughout the conversation. CapTel phone users can listen to the caller, and can also read the written captions in the CapTel's bright display window. There are four different CapTel phones: **The 840, 840i, 880i and 2400i.**

CapTel 840

This CapTel is for people who do not have high speed Internet service. And works with standard analog telephone line(s) or DSL with filter. Disadvantage is that individuals need to call a special 800# for captions to appear on incoming calls, outgoing calls automatically caption.



CapTel 840i, 880i and 2400i

These CapTels are for people with telephone service and high speed internet, and can be positioned anywhere within your wireless network range or it can be connected to your Internet with an Ethernet cable; **Wi-Fi compatible.** Advantage is that captions automatically appear on incoming calls and outgoing calls, with no special numbers to dial. The **880i** is for people with low vision, who have difficulty viewing standard size captions. The **2400i** is for people who prefer touchscreen technology.



VOLUME CONTROL TELEPHONES

These corded big button and cordless telephones provide an increase in decibel level (louder sound) of the incoming voice of up to 55 decibels.



Also, we have phones for clients with low speech, which provide up to 40 decibels of outgoing voice amplification.



LIMITED MOBILITY

The **FORTISSIMO HANDS FREE SPEAKERPHONE** is designed for people with limited mobility that have difficulty holding/dialing a standard telephone.



The Fortissimo™ offers multiple options for hands-free control, which can be particularly useful for those with MS, CP, Traumatic Brain Injury and spinal cord injury.

EMERGENCY DEVICES

The **Freedom Alert** is the world's first 2-way emergency pendant communicator. Family, friends and 911 are just a click away. There are no contracts, no activation fees and no monthly fees.



SPECIALTY SPEECH TELEPHONES

The **Telitalk** phone allows an individual with a Laryngectomy to speak on the phone using a built in artificial larynx.

The **Telephone Fluency System** provides auditory feedback (DAF and FAF), which when utilized with the assistance of a speech therapist, helps reduce stuttering.

WIRELESS DEVICES

The ATEL program provides the wireless device ONLY, the client is responsible for activation fees and monthly plans.

Jitterbugs

The **Jitterbug Flip®** is an easy to use cell phone with big buttons. The **Jitterbug Smart®** is an easy to use smart phone with large icons. Both Hearing Aid Compatibility M4/T4 Rating.



iPads and iPhones

All **iPad** devices are 32GB, Wi-Fi Only Black iPads. Applicants can select either a **full size iPad** or an **iPad Mini**. All **iPhone** devices are 32GB. If you select an iPhone, it is your responsibility to **PRESELECT** your wireless provider, and once a wireless provider has been selected, it cannot be changed. Visit www.iAccessibility.com for individuals with disabilities who use Apple iOS devices to have equal and full access to information about the device, apps and accessories.

