

## Pennsylvania's Assistive Technology Foundation

UCP's Home Services program serves as a point of contact for the Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation (PATF).

PATF is a non-profit organization that provides low-interest loans to people with disabilities and older Pennsylvanians to purchase assistive technology. PATF was created to provide assistance to persons who often cannot qualify for a traditional bank loan.

Up to \$25,000 can be borrowed through the traditional loan to purchase adapted vehicles and wheel-chairs or help finance home modifications. These loans carry a low interest rate and the repayment schedule is based on the useful life of the device purchased.

The mini-loan program provides no-interest loans for amounts ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. These loans can help with the purchase of devices such as hearing aids, seat lift chairs, and computers. Individuals who meet specific income guidelines may also qualify for a grant in conjunction with their loan.

The Home Services program can help individuals apply for a loan through PATF and provide information about other potential funding sources.



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### About the program

UCP's Home Services program is provided in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Elks State Association. Additional funding is provided by the United Way of Lackawanna County.

The program provides services for children and adults with developmental disabilities as well as their families. A developmental disability is a disability that manifests before the age of 22 and may result in physical and/or mental delays.

UCP's program area consists of Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne, Pike, Wyoming, Sullivan and northern Monroe counties.

### About UCP of NEPA

United Cerebral Palsy of NEPA provides services for people with a variety of disabilities.

Early intervention services, and the Lekotek and Compuplay programs are for children with special needs.

Services for adults include a day program, supported employment service and community living opportunities.

The Home Services and Assistive Technology programs both serve individuals of all ages.

No person shall be excluded by UCP from services due to race, color, creed, sex, disability, age, national origin, or limited English proficiency.



**The mission of the Pennsylvania Elks Home Service Program is:**

To support and promote the independence of individuals with developmental disabilities, by providing advocacy services in their home environment.

For information and assistance contact

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Who we serve

Originally developed to help individuals who were not receiving services through any other programs, UCP's Home Services provides information, referral, advocacy and other assistance to children and adults with developmental disabilities as well as their families whether or not they participate in other programs.

Why nurses

The program is staffed by registered nurses who have broad experience in the human services arena so they can help individuals deal with a wide variety of issues.

Specifically

For children, this may involve assisting the parents in having appropriate testing done and obtaining needed devices or services so the child can attend school. Assistance provided to adults may include obtaining home adaptations to maintain independence or dealing with various government programs.

How it works

During the initial home visit, the nurse conducts an intake interview to determine the individual and family's needs and goals and then helps them develop plans to meet those needs. Referrals to other agencies are made as needed and visits continue on an as needed basis to address any problems as they arise.

UCP's HOME SERVICES....

- ◆ provides in-home medical case management services
- ◆ advocates for the individual's legal and human rights
- ◆ provides information regarding available community resources and services
- ◆ helps in accessing needed equipment, including information about funding sources
- ◆ attends IEP meetings and provides advocacy regarding a child's right to educational services
- ◆ offers assistance in finding desired recreational, social and volunteer opportunities
- ◆ provides home-care instruction
- ◆ offers help with developing and achieving vocational goals
- ◆ provides assistance with housing options; as well as information about adaptations and funding assistance
- ◆ provides referrals to appropriate community programs