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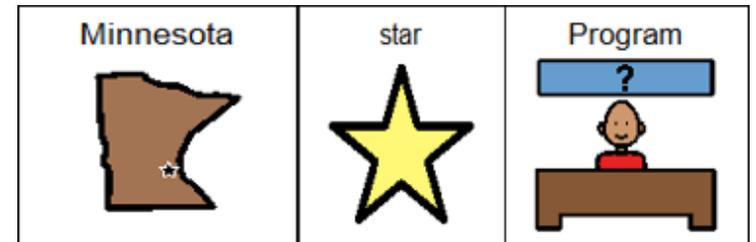
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To Literacy and Beyond

Cooperation
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Minnesota STAR Program Overview

- System of Technology to Achieve Results (STAR)
- Minnesota's federally funded Assistive Technology Act Program
- Housed within the MN Department of Administration
- Providing services to ALL MINNESOTANS
  - No proof of disability required.
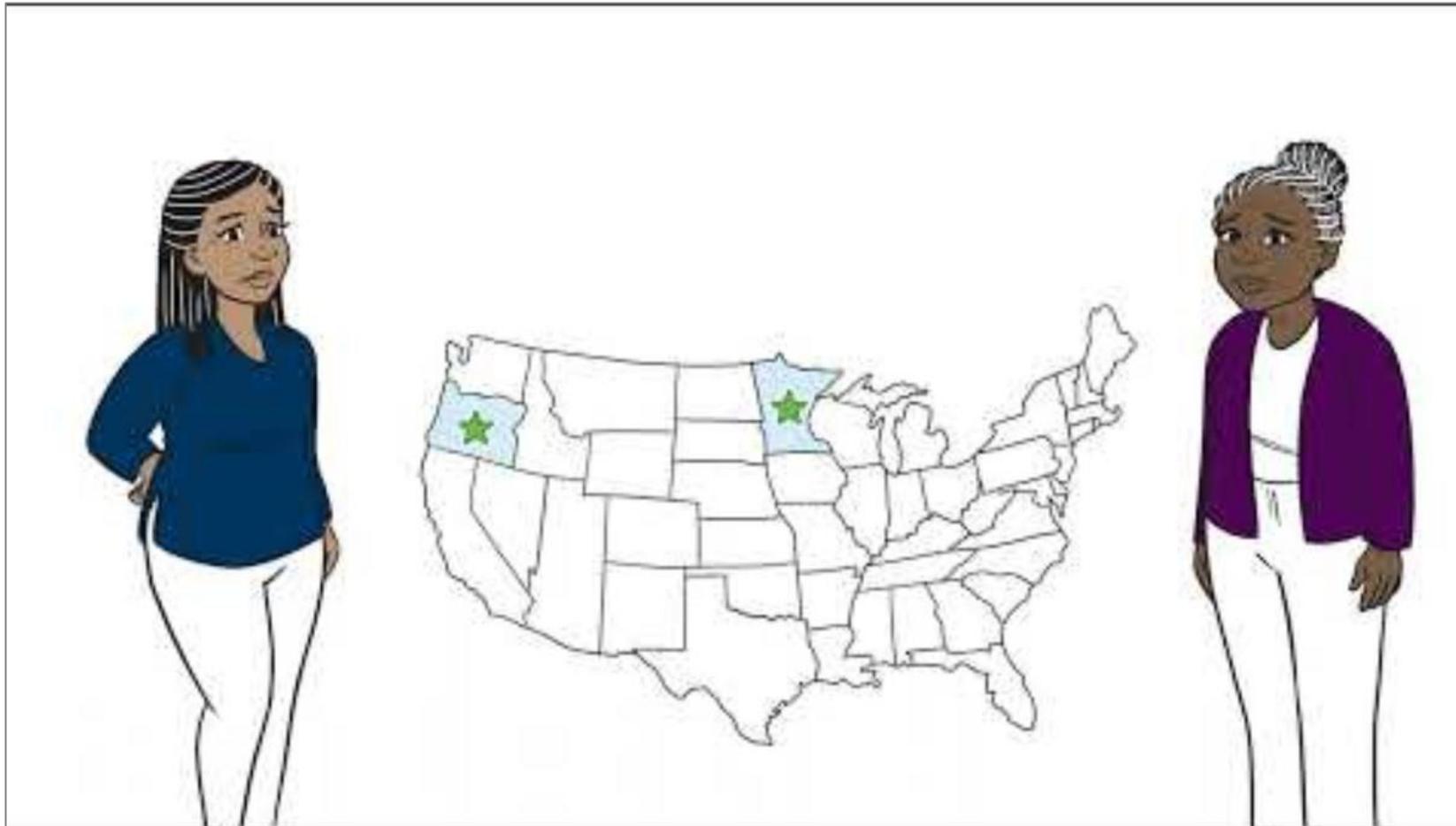 - There is no cost for the STAR Program services

What is Assistive Technology

Any item that helps someone with a disability do something that might otherwise be difficult or impossible for them to do!

- Assistive technology devices
- Assistive technology services

Assistive Technology: Live Life Your Way

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Minnesota STAR Program Services

- Device Demonstrations
- Device Equipment Loans
  - Short-Term
  - Open-Ended (limited availability)
- Information and Assistance
- Training (groups)
- Technical Assistance (agencies)

STAR Program Device Demonstrations

- Requested by individual, family member, guardian or professional
- Compare device features
- Demonstrate one or more devices
- Live and interactive
- Assist with decision making

STAR Program Device Loans

- **Short-term device loan** (45 days or less)
  - o Provides an opportunity to test out the equipment in their own environments.
  - o Assist with decision making
  - o Professional Development
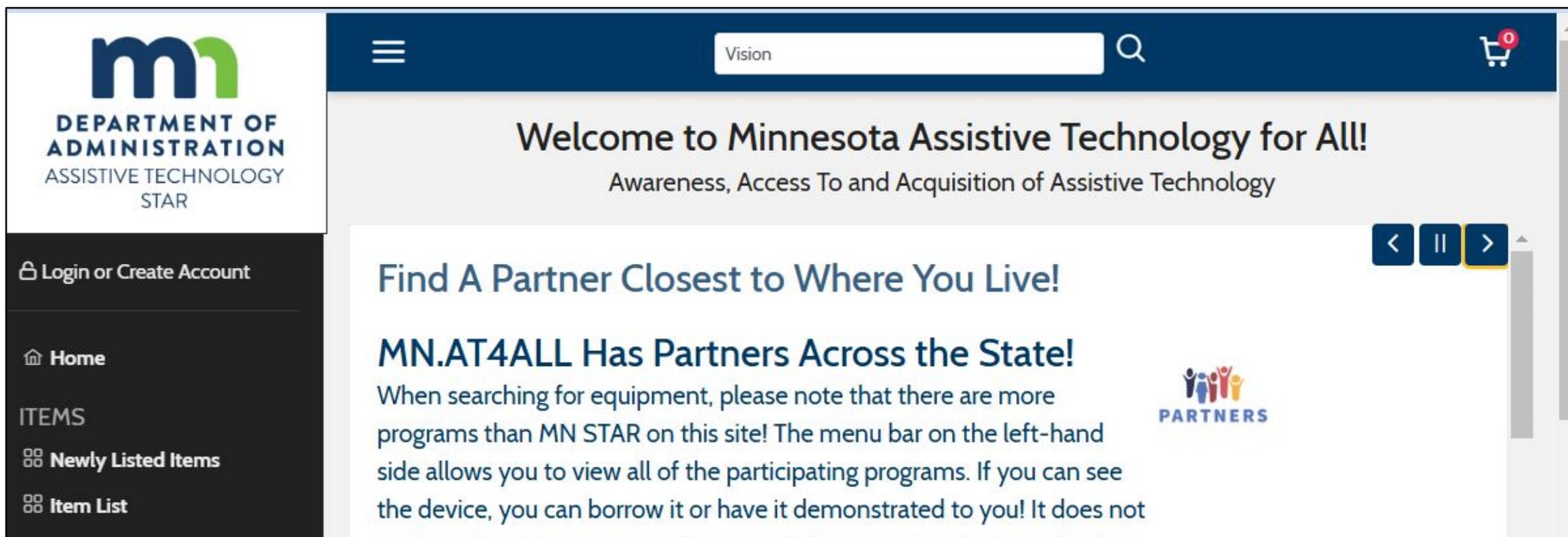 - o Short-term accommodation
- **Open-ended loan**

Loan Process

- Decide which device to be requested.
  - Unsure? Call or email STAR or a contract partner for consultation.
- Call or email STAR or contract partner to arrange for device demonstration or an equipment loan.
- Complete appropriate paperwork and surveys

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Categories of Equipment

- Vision
- Hearing
- Speech Communication
- Cognition/Learning
- Daily Living

- Environmental Adaptations
- Computer Related
- Mobility
- Recreation/Leisure

Considerations

- Successful assistive technology (AT) selection & implementation is a process
- AT recommendations are not one size fits all
- Team approach is preferred
- Consumer "Buy-In" is key
- The process is fluid. As the individual's needs change so will their AT

STAR Contracted Partners

Contact us

- [MN STAR Program Main Website](#) - www.mn.gov/star/

- [MN STAR Program Device Library-](#) https://mn.at4all.com/

- [MN Guide to Assistive Technology-](#) https://mn.gov/admin/at/

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Thank you!