



STAR Program – Assistive Technology Resource for Minnesotans

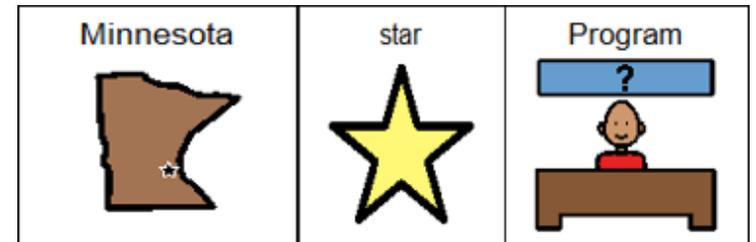
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Communication
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Minnesota STAR Program Overview

- 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



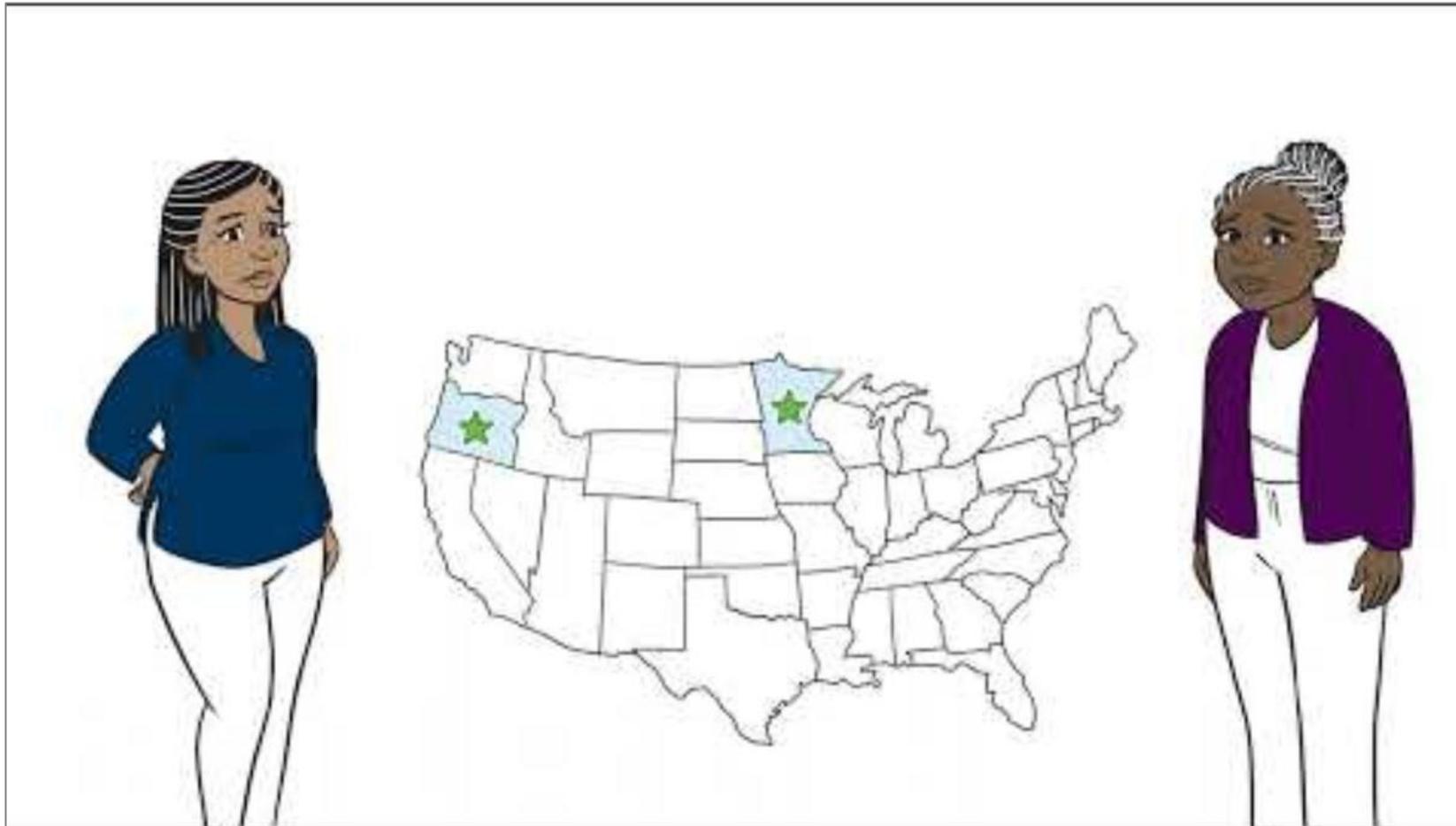
What is Assistive Technology

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



[Assistive Tech: Live Life Your Way](#)

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

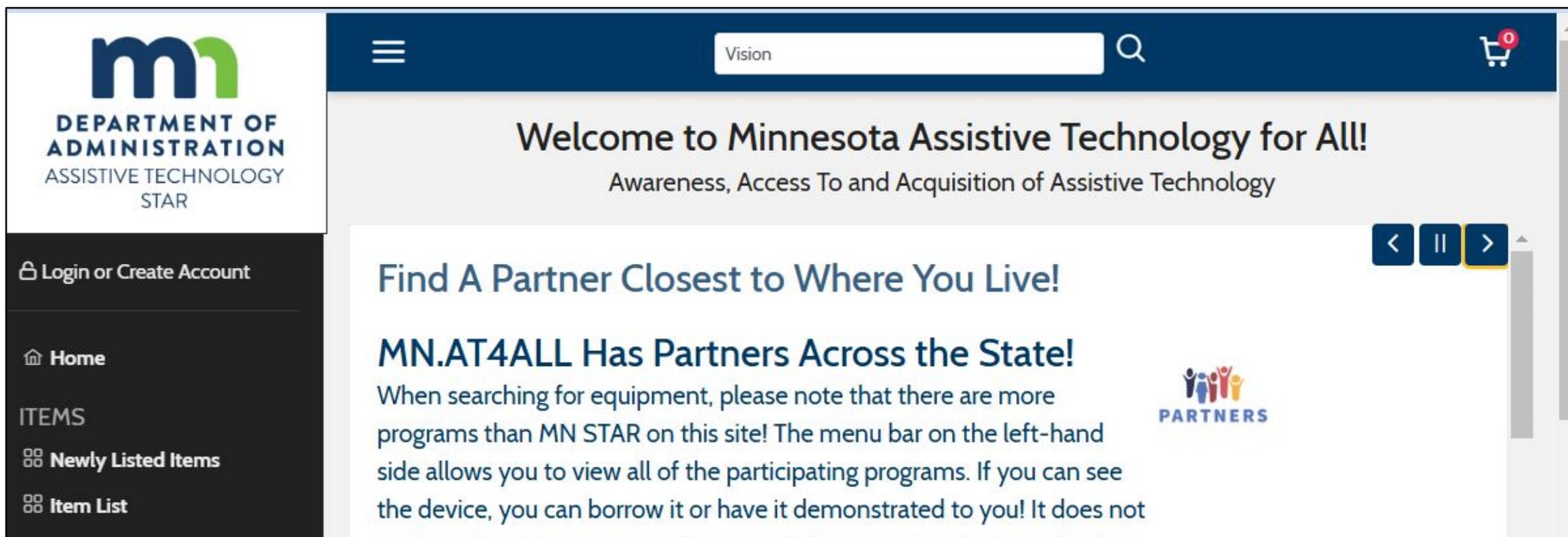


Loan Process

- 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



MN.AT4All.com – Online Lending Library



The screenshot shows the homepage of MN.AT4All.com. On the left is a dark navigation sidebar with the MN STAR logo and menu items: 'Login or Create Account', 'Home', 'ITEMS', 'Newly Listed Items', and 'Item List'. The main content area has a dark blue header with a search bar containing 'Vision' and a shopping cart icon. Below the header, a large banner reads 'Welcome to Minnesota Assistive Technology for All!' with the tagline 'Awareness, Access To and Acquisition of Assistive Technology'. A video player is embedded, showing a slide titled 'Find A Partner Closest to Where You Live!' and 'MN.AT4ALL Has Partners Across the State!'. The video text explains that users can view participating programs and borrow or demonstrate devices. A 'PARTNERS' logo is visible in the bottom right of the video frame.

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Welcome to Minnesota Assistive Technology for All!

Awareness, Access To and Acquisition of Assistive Technology

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Find A Partner Closest to Where You Live!

MN.AT4ALL Has Partners Across the State!

When searching for equipment, please note that there are more programs than MN STAR on this site! The menu bar on the left-hand side allows you to view all of the participating programs. If you can see the device, you can borrow it or have it demonstrated to you! It does not

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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/](http://www.mn.gov/star/)
- [MN STAR Program Device Library-
https://mn.at4all.com/](https://mn.at4all.com/)
- [MN Guide to Assistive Technology-
https://mn.gov/admin/at/](https://mn.gov/admin/at/)

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Thank you!