



It is important that SCs conduct meetings/monitorings virtually whenever possible.

If there are technology barriers to conducting virtual contacts for Supports Coordination Services, please refer to the resources below.

- The Cecil and David Rosenthal Memorial Fund can be used to purchase iPads and hot spots.
- ♦ Assistive Technology is a service that is available to those with ODP Waiver funding if Service Definition guidelines are met.
- If boosters are needed for areas without strong cell service, talk to your SC about available grants.
- According to ODP Announcement 20-047: Facilitating Personal Relationships When Visitors are Restricted in Residential Settings:

Homes that have access to the internet are expected to offer the individual access to a computer for the use of technology. If the individual resides in his or her own home and doesn't have internet access, the provider should assist the individual to access an existing account for free of charge or determine if there is a reasonable accommodation that can be made. The provision of internet services is included in the room and board regulations for a Residential Habilitation or Life Sharing Home that isn't owned by the individual.

In homes that provide services to more than one individual, ODP acknowledges that access to items such as computers, smart phones or tablets may need a schedule; so that everyone has access to the preferred method of contact. Program specialists, Direct Support Professionals or Life Sharing hosts should collaborate with individuals and family/friends in order to plan available time to communicate.



ODP Service Definition— Assistive Technology
<u>Assistive Technology Service Definition- ISP Manual Page 49</u> (DHS.pa.gov)

TechOWL Waitlist for a free device: TechOWL (techowlpa.org - go to Connect with Tech<Get Tech)

Cecil and David Rosenthal Memorial Fund for iPads/electronics/ hot spots:

<u>Cecil and David Rosenthal Memorial Fund</u> (www.achieva.info - go to Services)

Free/low cost phone- ability to upgrade to Smart Phones <u>Safelink Wireless</u> (www.saflinkwireless.com)







Free Smart Phone Service- Bring your phone/get free service due to COVID Pandemic Q Link Wireless (www.qlinkwireless.com)

Low Cost or Free Internet for COVID19: <u>HighSpeedInternet</u> (www.highspeedinternet.com - go to Resources)

For individuals who have limited access to the internet, free or low-cost internet options during COVID19: Low Cost or Free Internet (www.phila.gov)

Technology Training for self-advocates (iPads, Smartphones, etc.)

<u>Technology Training</u> (www.carnegielibrary.org - "Book a Librarian")

