



Summer News 2020

Technology Solutions for Life's Limitations

Greetings!

DakotaLink hopes that you are staying healthy and safe through these extraordinary times with COVID-19!

Staffing

We have some staff changes again and currently have 2 openings with DakotaLink as follows:

Black Hills Special Services Cooperative/ DakotaLink is seeking an

Assistive Technology Specialist

To be located in Sioux Falls, SD

This job involves assessing individual needs for assistive technology along with providing installation and training on all types of assistive technology with a major focus on computers with specialized hardware and software. The successful candidate will also install personal environmental control systems and other types of assistive technology. The consumers served will be individuals of all ages with a wide range of disabilities in southeastern South Dakota.

Occasional overnight travel is expected. A degree in a computer related science along with experience is required, however, field experience with AT may be substituted. A

desire to work with individuals with disabilities is required. Starting Salary is \$35,000 with full benefits.

Send resume to DakotaLink:

1161 Deadwood Ave #5, Rapid City, SD 57702 or email to pczerny@dakotalink.net.

**Black Hills Special Services Cooperative/DakotaLink is seeking an
Purchasing Specialist
to be located in Rapid City, SD.**

This job involves ordering assistive technology with a major focus on computers with specialized hardware/software for individuals with disabilities and the elderly. The successful candidate will also help maintain lease/loan programs under contractual agreements with the State of South Dakota. A desirable candidate will have general knowledge of office equipment and good computer skills including working with Microsoft Office. Salary is \$31,000 with a full benefit package.

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DakotaLink's Status Regarding COVID-19

All our staff continue to use PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) when visiting our clients. That includes masks, gloves and shoe covers. We are also asking before any visit, if there are any illnesses in the establishment we are going into.

As you likely know, all conferences and in-person gatherings have been either cancelled or postponed until further notice.

We are continuing our ATAP Membership calls (Zoom Meetings) striving for reauthorization of the 21st Century Assistive Technology Act.

Resources:

<https://covid.sd.gov/>

<https://www.atia.org/covid19-resources/>

<https://www.ataporg.org/>

<https://www.at3center.net/>

Zoom Meeting Tip

I just wanted to make a note about Zoom Meetings. If you think your meeting is going to go over an hour, please add another ½ hour. I got caught up in this and my meeting was cut off a few weeks ago.

Social Networking

We are continuing our efforts in social networking getting a great deal of traffic on Facebook and share posts with ATAP, AT3, ILC, DHS, DSS and MERR. We have also added more resource information on our website: <https://www.dakotalink.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/AT-Resource-Directory-2017.pdf>

We also want to remind everyone of our low interest loan program. The application is on our website, but here is the direct link: <https://www.dakotalink.net/at-funding>

DakotaLink strives to maintain its professionalism by earning a RESNA ATP certification. (ATP – Assistive Technology Professional). We currently have 5 staff with their ATP certification and will continue to help the newer employee’s gain that status. To maintain these credentials, we must complete a specific amount of CEU’s (Continuing Education Credits) on a biennial basis. We have been doing that mostly through webinars that ATAP provides through an agreement with ATIA.



Remember, we are on Facebook! So, be sure to “like” us to see what we are up to on a daily basis: <https://www.facebook.com/DakotaLinkAT/>

Be safe and healthy!

Best,

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DakotaLink is the South Dakota Assistive Technology Program.

Our mission is to assist individuals with functional limitations; due to a disability, illness, injury, or the effects of aging; maximize their potential whether at home or in the community, at school, at work, or at play through the use of Assistive Technology.

An assistive technology device is any equipment or tool that helps individual overcome limitations in daily activities.

Assistive technology services assist individuals to acquire, use, modify, or maintain an assistive technology device.