

## Did you know about?

Learn about services and organizations in our community we think you should know about!

Interview with Tom Gerhardt  
Marketing Director  
North Dakota Assistive



### **What is the goal of ND Assistive?**

We connect people to life-changing tools to help them live more independently.

### **What programs and services does your organization provide?**

*Assessments and Consultations* - Whether you are an individual with a disability or someone providing care, we can help you find solutions to make things a little easier and more successful.

*Equipment Programs* - Our goal with our ND Assistive Demonstration Centers, located in Fargo and Bismarck, is to give you access to assistive technology equipment of all types, so you can know your options.

*Specialized Phone Program* - We provide specialized phones and equipment tailored to address hearing, visual, and cognitive challenges at no cost to qualifying individuals.

*ICanConnect Deaf-Blind Service* - Whether it's with friends, family, or the community, we're dedicated to making sure that no one feels isolated due to their hearing and vision loss.

*Senior Safety Program* - From installing bathroom grab bars to providing home monitoring equipment, our assistive technology transforms homes into secure havens for eligible North Dakotans over 60.

*Assistive Technology Financial Loan Program* - The North Dakota Assistive Financial Loan Program offers financial loans to help eligible individuals with disabilities acquire assistive technology (AT) they require.

*Possibilities Grant* - With the funds raised, we've been able to help eligible applicants purchase vision equipment, daily living aids, smart home devices, computer access tools, vehicle modifications, and more.

### **What if I don't have diagnosis documentation or a referral, can I still contact ND Assistive?**

You do not need a referral to reach out to us. Anyone can call, email, or schedule an appointment.

### **Anything else you think our readers would want to know about ND Assistive?**

We offer free services like center tours, group education and free assistive technology trials to help you find the right fit. While we don't sell anything, we'll connect you with trusted sources and funding options to obtain your device. We also produce webinars and videos on various assistive technology tools and topics.

## Director's Corner

**Life Academy** - Self Advocacy course that involves vision board planning. 4-6 weeks, one hour session per week

**Self Advocacy Bingo** - Bingo with a self advocacy theme; prizes included! One hour session

**Interview Skills Training** - Educational training about how to prepare for an interview. This is a partnership between The Arc and Job Service. Students will practice interviewing and receive feedback about their performance. One hour session

**Practice Interviewing** - Hands-on experience with interviewing at The Arc. Students will practice interviewing and receive feedback about their performance. One hour session

**Virtual Reality Goggles** - An opportunity for students to explore different professions by viewing virtual reality goggles. This is a partnership between The Arc and Job Service. One hour session

**Educational Opportunities** - Ongoing trainings about current issues and events affecting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Join our programs list to hear about these opportunities!

For any of the above services please contact Janell Ness at [janell@arccassnd.org](mailto:janell@arccassnd.org) or 701-293-8191. Scheduling is flexible and based on the needs of your group!



Monday, January 13th



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## Good Reads

### North Dakota Events

- Disability Awareness Day - January 29th Bismarck State Capitol

### North Dakota News

- KFYR TV - Adult & Aging Services says there's a lack of accessible housing for those with disabilities
- KVLV TV - NDSU students adapt toys for local kids with disabilities
- North Dakota Monitor - Lawmakers receive committee assignments for 2025 legislative session

### US Disability News

- The Arc of The US - Join this crucial webinar for advocates nationwide to gain essential tools and resources to effectively advocate for Medicaid in 2025
- Times - I'm a Disability Advocate - But It Took Crossing the Grand Canyon to Unlearn My Own Ableism
- Forbes - It's Time To Advance Disability Inclusion In The Legal Profession



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