

iCanConnect — National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (USA)

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · United States of America

Quality score: 68/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

A permanent FCC program (since 2017) giving low-income deafblind Americans free specialised communications equipment plus in-home training, delivered through 56 certified state and territory agencies and capped at \$10 million a year from the federal TRS Fund.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	2/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	0/1
Demonstrated reach	1/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-09

[U.S. Federal Communications Commission, delivered via 56 certified state/territory agencies incl. Perkins School for the Blind](#) — accessed 2026-07-09

[iCanConnect — official program site](#) — accessed 2026-07-09

[FCC — National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program](#) — accessed 2026-07-09

[Federal Register / govinfo.gov — NDBEDP certification requirements](#) — accessed 2026-07-09

[Helen Keller Services — NDBEDP program page](#) — accessed 2026-07-09

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