

## Fairfield DD Enabling Technology

Enabling technology fits with Fairfield DD's mission to help create a community where people can live more independently and take part in meaningful ways. Sometimes, people use creative tools and technology to help them be more independent and feel included.

- To **enable** means to make something possible by giving support or a chance.
- **Technology** means using knowledge to solve problems or reach goals. This can include real things like machines and tools, or digital things like software. Technology is an important part of everyday life.

At Fairfield DD, we focus on:

### Assistive Technology

Assistive technology (AT) includes tools and devices that support people in being more independent at home, on the job, and in the community. AT can help with learning new skills, completing everyday tasks, and increasing access to opportunities. Whether it's something off the shelf, modified for specific needs, or completely custom-made, our Enabling Technology Team is here to help. We'll work with you to explore what's possible and provide support every step of the way.

### Remote Supports

Remote support combines technology with real-time support to promote greater independence. Using things like sensors, two-way communication devices, and cameras, trained staff can provide help without being there in person. It's a flexible option that can offer safety, privacy, and choice. If you're curious about how remote support might fit into your life or a loved one's, our team is happy to help you explore your options.

### Technology First Rule

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities works with county boards to make sure that technology is part of every service and support plan for people with disabilities. The Technology First rule doesn't mean people have to use only technology. It means people should have the chance to learn how technology can help them live better, be more independent, and have more freedom in their daily lives.



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