

Consider a Career with the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE)



Meet David Altman, with the Assistive Technology Partnership at NDE.

Dave is pictured here (center) with Governor Dave Heineman (left) and Joel Scherling, Human resources Director, (right).

I work with persons with disabilities of all ages to help them be more independent through the use of technology solutions at home, work, or school.

When I first interviewed for my position with the Nebraska Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP), I did not know anything about NDE. At that time, ATP was a new grass roots project; Nebraska was fortunate to be one of the first nine states to be awarded a federal grant to carry out this important work.

I had planned to pursue graduate study in the area of working with technology and persons with disabilities. Then ATP offered me a job. My first thought was, "I don't want to move to Nebraska!" But the job was too good to pass up. Over the last 21 years I have acquired a heartfelt fondness for Nebraska and the diversity and kindness of the people who live and work in this wonderful state.

The most fulfilling aspect of my job is working with persons with disabilities. I also enjoy the daily interaction with Vocational Rehabilitation and ATP staff members. I learn a great deal from my coworkers as well as the individuals I help to live more independently. I appreciate being in a position in which I can bring positive change to individuals and families who may not otherwise have the resources to do so for themselves.

NDE is ever changing, ever growing, pushing the boundaries where they need to be pushed, with great leaders (all employees) who really care about what happens to our educational system. There will always be problems to solve in the workplace, but what really makes the difference is our attitude. My experience has been that teams within NDE have a positive attitude as they work together to help Nebraskan's have a quality educational system that is all inclusive.

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Learn More About the Assistive Technology Partnership

Nebraska was one of the first nine states to receive a federal grant under the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act of 1988. [Nebraska's Assistive Technology Partnership](#) is now in its twenty-first year of operation. The intended outcome of the program is to increase access to, availability of, and funding for, assistive technology for individuals with disabilities. ATP has 23 technology specialists who work with individuals with disabilities and technology vendors on a daily basis in order to meet their needs at home and at work.