

National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP)

Opening screen: Kevin (a male with short brown hair and black shirt) sits in front of a dark blue background, looks into the camera and signs.

TRANSCRIPT: Hi - Today we're going to talk about the NDBEDP, or National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program, also known as iCanConnect. That is a federally funded program that provides free telecommunication equipment to individuals who are deafblind. This allows individuals to keep in touch with anyone for personal communication, emergency contact, or whatever the case may be – basically any "telephone based" communication. There are specific eligibility requirements: Of course, you must be deaf-blind according to the definition of deaf-blindness in the HKNC Act. And family income must be below an established amount. Eligible equipment might include: cell phones that can be used for texting; phones with volume controls, videophones, or devices that can be used to text like iPads, tablets, laptops. There are many items that qualify under this program. If you want more information about iCanConnect, go to their website: <http://www.icanconnect.org/> Contact your representative and find out if you're eligible. Thank you!