

VOLUNTEER

The Adaptation Station is always looking for generous volunteers of time and talent. If you would like to join us:

1. Complete application forms
2. Submit two references
3. Participate in an interview
4. Training

For more information, contact Nancy Johnson, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at:

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Come meet our friendly crew! You are welcome to tour the Adaptation Station.

Call us at: 520-638-2737

REFERRALS

Our services can be requested by the individual who needs the service, or by that person's support coordinator, therapist, teacher, or parent by:

Phone: (520) 638-2737
Fax: (520) 519-7955
Email: DGordon@azdes.gov

The process for each specific service varies, and will be explained upon referral.



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THE ADAPTATION STATION

Adaptive equipment and environments for individuals with disabilities are vital in the development of personal independence and self-esteem. The Adaptation Station, a unit of the Arizona Department of Economic Security, Division of Developmental Disabilities (DES/DDD), provides consultation, design, and fabrication of adaptive equipment and environments.

With the support of state personnel, the services are being provided by a team of volunteers. When a particular problem is beyond the knowledge and experience of the team, they act as a resource to help find those agencies or individuals who have the needed expertise.

Our service areas include occupational, physical and speech therapies, daily living skills, recreation, mobility and transportation, environmental control, positioning, computer access, and more!



SERVICES

Adaptation & Fabrication

When suitable adaptive devices are not commercially available, staff can adapt existing items or fabricate new equipment. Examples of adaptation are modification of switches to manipulate toys and communication devices, construction of a customized standing table, age-appropriate electronic activity center, and weighted vests.

Design Assistance

When equipment needs to be adapted for greater independence, our staff can assist in developing an appropriate design. Examples include designing a communication device mount for use at a desk, a specialized electronic switch to operate a communication device, or modifications to a classroom chair to provide needed support.

Evaluation Support

Assistance is provided to therapists during client assessment in the use of an adaptive device. With the therapist functioning as the intervention expert, Adaptation Station staff provide support in the

possible adaptation and use of the device or equipment. For example, the team may provide assistance to a speech therapist during an augmentative communication device assessment, or to a recreation therapist during a bicycle assessment, or assisting the



physical therapist in measuring for therapeutic positioning devices and furniture.

ELIGIBILITY

Services relating to evaluation support, design assistance, or in-service presentation are available to any child or adult eligible for services from the DES/DDD. Adaptation and fabrication services are provided to anyone.



COSTS

Services relating to evaluation support, design assistance or in-service presentations are available at no charge. Adaptation and fabrication services are provided at the cost of materials only. We ask that you pay within 30 days of receiving equipment. In some cases, you may be asked to pay in advance.



Depending on the availability of volunteers, most items are available within six weeks (large orders or new designs may take longer).