

VISION

Paraquad will be a leader in advancing the independent living philosophy. We will change society's perception of disability by educating the public about people with disabilities and their rights while eliminating physical and attitudinal barriers.

MISSION

Paraquad will empower people with disabilities to increase their independence through choice and opportunity.

VALUES

WE BELIEVE individuals with disabilities should be able to live with self-determination and participate fully in a society that is accessible to all.

WE BELIEVE in identifying and creating opportunities for people with disabilities to find secure and challenging employment.

WE BELIEVE policy makers and the general public alike must be made aware that people with disabilities should not be patronized, pitied, excluded, sheltered or over-protected.

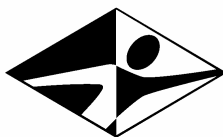
WE BELIEVE that each of us is an architect of this organization; our personal commitment and actions determine Paraquad's form and future.

WE BELIEVE that just as we foster self-reliance, Paraquad and its employees are self-reliant.

WE BELIEVE in maintaining an environment of mutual respect where open, honest communication is encouraged, welcomed, expected and practiced throughout the organization.

WE BELIEVE our greatest strength lies in a committed, energetic staff that works together to play an active role in shaping Paraquad's future.

WE BELIEVE that because people with disabilities represent a diverse segment of the population, Paraquad must aggressively pursue full diversity in our staff, board and service delivery system.



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PARAQUAD, INC.

Assistive Technology
and Enabling Mobility
Center

a center for independent living



Assistive Technology and Enabling Mobility Center

The Assistive Technology (ATC) and Enabling Mobility Center (EMC) provides information and training on assistive technology to persons with disabilities, families, and professionals.

The center is a joint collaboration between Paraquod and Washington University School of Medicine Program in Occupational Therapy.

Our experienced staff members include occupational therapists, assistive technology practitioners, physical therapists, and durable medical equipment repair technicians.

The Assistive Technology and Enabling Mobility Center service model combines clinical evaluations, skills training, education, outreach, and community-based research to ensure that people with disabilities can fully participate in our community.

What is Assistive Technology?

Assistive Technology or AT is any item or piece of equipment that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.

AT Evaluation and Training

The clinical team provides community members with training and evaluation services for mobility devices. The clinician assessment includes an evaluation of device safety, fit, positioning, and function. Community members can also access the mobility skills course to become more proficient and skilled using mobility devices. The course has a variety of different surfaces, including ramps, curbs, sand pits, and gravel pits.

Health and Wellness Program

The Health and Wellness Program is a free 12-week exercise program designed to increase endurance and strength and decrease secondary conditions. A variety of accessible exercise equipment is available for use, including a dynamometer wheelchair treadmill, upper and lower extremity ergometer (stationary bicycle with separate pedals for arms and legs), upright wheelchair accessible weight lifting machine, resistive steering wheel, and a pedal-in-place stationary bicycle.

AT Reutilization Program

The Assistive Technology Reutilization Program provides durable medical equipment to people with disabilities for low to no cost. All donated equipment is sanitized, evaluated, and repaired as needed. Equipment donors receive a tax letter. Individuals interested in receiving reutilized equipment meet with a clinician for proper fit and safety. Cleaning and repair services are also available.

Community-Based Research

The consumer-based research studies endeavor to increase participation in life activities for people with disabilities. Researchers examine the different accommodations and devices that enable people to get involved in community activities. We are currently looking for participants to assist with research.

AT Assistance Programs

Telecommunications Access Program (TAP), Telecommunications Access Program—Internet (TAP-I) and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Devices Fund (DHHD) provides adaptive telephone equipment, computer equipment, and visual signalers for individuals with disabilities in Missouri. Adaptive equipment is provided to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities.

Vendor Demonstration Series

The Vendor Demonstration Series provides an opportunity for community members to learn more about AT products and services. Recent vendor topics include adaptive vehicles and portable ramps, products and services for blind/low vision, and computer adaptations. All demonstrations are open to the public and free of charge.

For more information about the Assistive Technology and Enabling Mobility Center, call 314/289-4202 (voice) or 314/289-4252 (TTY).