Interdisciplinary Training

The Toy and Technology Library provides opportunities for OSU students, community professionals and parents to learn about technology and supports for people with developmental disabilities.

The Library offers hands-on experiences with a variety of software, mobile apps, access tools, and switches to address using technology for play and learning in natural environments.

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The mission of the Nisonger Center, a University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, is to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities and their families.
Purpose

Located in the Nisonger Center on The Ohio State University campus, the Toy and Technology Library is a resource for individuals with disabilities, their families and community professionals.

The goals of the program are to provide technology services and supports to people with developmental disabilities and their families, to educate future professionals on how to use technology to support individuals and caregivers, and to complete research on best practices.

Consultation

In a technology-driven world, finding accessible technology continues to grow in importance. It is a challenging task for families and community professionals. The T&TL provides consultation services to:

- Identify features of toys, switches and communication devices to match a person's strengths and needs
- Identify access options on computers and mobile devices.
- Explore software, mobile apps and accessible hardware options

Technology consultations are scheduled with a clinical technology team, which may consist of faculty and trainees from the following disciplines: occupational therapy, speech/language pathology, physical therapy, developmental behavioral pediatrics, psychology, and special education.

Consultations with the clinical technology team are billed according to services provided. All major insurance programs, Medicaid, and Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps are accepted.

Lending

The Toy & Technology Library houses over 1500 items for loan, and offers a wide range of developmentally appropriate and switch-activated toys, apps and software so individuals may play, control their environment, communicate and learn. Items are free of charge and may be borrowed for up to 30 days.

Families visiting the T&TL for the first time should call 614-688-3431 to schedule a visit with the coordinator. The library is open on Thursdays and by appointment.

Satellite

The Toy & Technology Library supports a satellite lending library in the Family Resources Center of Nationwide Children’s Hospital.