



The Arizona Technology Access Program (AzTAP) was just awarded a \$74,926 High Impact Innovative Assistive Technology grant from the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation* to fund the **Up and Go** Early Pediatric Mobility Project.

The Up and Go Project is designed to facilitate early mobility and assisted walking of young children with paralysis, ages birth to five years of age, by increasing awareness of and access to early mobility assistive technology devices. Very young children with significant physical and/or with multiple challenges seldom have access to a means of independent, upright mobility. Research shows that the lack of mobility has far-reaching effects on a young child's physical, social and cognitive development.

The one-year grant will broaden AzTAP's capacity to provide short-term loans of early mobility assistive technology devices by expanding its equipment inventory to include a wider variety devices and accessories at AzTAP and at various partner agency locations. Second, the project will increase the number of early intervention therapists who are educated and trained to incorporate early mobility assistive technology into their practices. Third, it will create a DIY workshop opportunity for parents and service providers to assemble a child-sized, cost-effective, switch-controlled power scooter. Jill Pleasant, MA, OTR/L is the Up & Go Project Director.

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