

WORKSHOP: Assisted Walking for Young Children with Complex Challenges

This free, **interactive workshop** will demonstrate the new mobility equipment available for short term loan from AzTAP including the Kay Posture Control Walkers set up with a series of supports and the KidWalk



Dynamic Gait Trainer. Criteria for selection of children will be discussed along with tips and tricks for correctly adjusting the fit for each child. Short videos will highlight young children successfully trying out the new mobility equipment. Even children with severe challenges can be positioned and held in normal alignment for standing comfortably.



Presenter: Gayle Wiens, a pediatric physical therapist and assistive technology specialist with 33 years in pediatric practice. She focuses on young children with moderate to severe physical or multiple challenges. Gayle is the inventor of the Happy Chair System.

Date:

October 19, 2016

Time:

6:30—8:00 pm

Location:

**AzTAP Office
300 W. Clarendon Ave.
Suite 475
Phoenix, AZ 85013**

Register at:

<http://aztap.org/at-education/register-online/>

Registration is free, but space is limited!

Research Supports the Benefits of Early Assisted Movement and Walking:

1. Cognitive and visual outcomes
2. Using hands and arms for support (with adapted walkers)
3. Core stability in the neck and trunk with walkers and KidWalk
4. Decreasing lower extremity spasticity as a result of movement in place of static postures
5. Reducing family care taking load if the child is able to learn to stand and step with support (instead of requiring a total lift for the rest of their life.)

