

CREATING AT SOLUTIONS IN MINUTES

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How WATAP Can Help



- ❑ Low cost or free programs for consumers
- ❑ Device Demonstration
- ❑ Device Lending
- ❑ Device Reutilization
- ❑ Alternative Financing
- ❑ Information and Referral
- ❑ Our programs and services are inclusive to all Washington residents
- ❑ We can help you through the process

Assistive Technology (AT) is...



“Any item, piece of equipment or product system, whether acquired commercially, off-the-shelf, **modified or customized**, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.”

Assistive Technology Act, 1998

Assistive Technology (AT) is...



FUNCTIONAL OUTCOMES

Functional Solutions



CONSIDERATIONS

- Personal comfort level/mechanical knowledge
- Awareness of Methods and Techniques
- Awareness of Material and Tools: Odor, Sharpness, Abrasiveness, Caustic, Heat
- May not be permanent (Rapid Prototyping)
- Awareness of environment (fabricating / end use)

EVERY DAY PROBLEMS!!

- Commercial Device Not Available
- Attaching
- Positioning
- Supporting/Stabilizing
- Temporary Solution

As Simple as Duct Tape



- Require creative problem solving
- Are usually inexpensive
- Materials found in-house or locally



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Start

EXPRESS
DEFROST

EASY
DEFROST

▼ LESS

MORE ▲

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POWER
LEVEL

CLOCK

TIMER

STOP
CLEAR

INSTANT COOK
START

Tablet Fine Motor Deficits

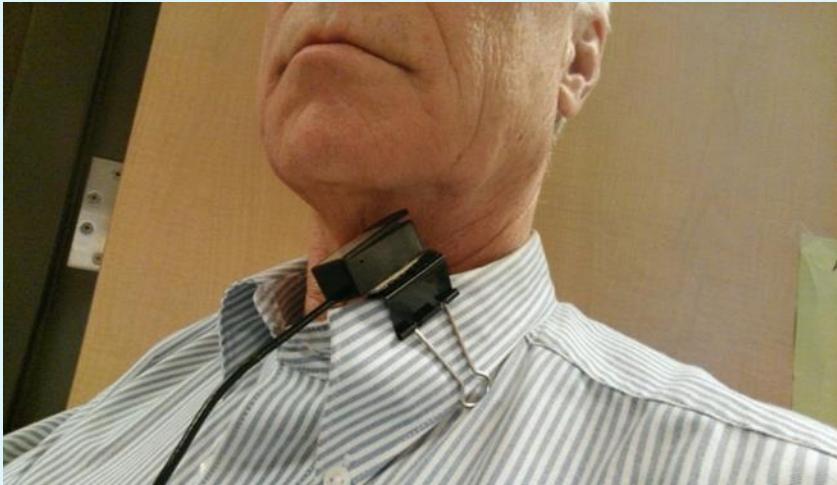
- Pinching
- Turning
- Holding
- Grasping
- Button Pushing





Other uses for paper & binder clips

- Attaching switches
- Hot glue to 3 ring binder





Client/Family Driven Design





Cabinet Bumpers





Tapes



Tapes

- Reflective Tape
- Gorilla Tape
- Rug Gripper
- Self Adhesive “Tommy Tape”
- Exterior – Interior Mounting Tape
- Clear Mounting Tape “VHB”





Pipe Wrap





Pipe Insulation Door Lever





Acrylic

the wheelchair.

Make a one-handed document holder. Individuals who only have the use of one hand may experience difficulty in using a traditional document holder use a holder that has a clip on it. To make a one-handed document holder use a piece of acrylic, dual lock, and LOK-LIFT® Rug Gripper. Cut and deburr a 16 x 1 inch strip of acrylic. Take a ruler and mark the acrylic 10 inches from the left edge. Turn the acrylic upside down and heat along the line and bend the acrylic to 15 degrees or other desired angle. On the 6 inch side of the acrylic, apply a piece of Dual Lock™. Also apply a 6 inch piece of dual lock to the top left edge of the computer monitor. Apply a 10 inch strip of LOK-LIFT® RG to the left hand side of the acrylic. Secure the document holder to the top of the computer monitor. You can attach the document to the document holder by pinching it into the Rug Gripper. The document can be removed and replaced with a new document to be typed without the RG coming off of the document holder or tearing the back of the paper.

You can also make another one-handed document holder. Get an 8 1/2 x 11 inch piece of acrylic. Mark a 1 inch section at the bottom, heat and bend upward at a 45 degree angle. Attach this piece vertically to the left side of the monitor using two acrylic L brackets that you attach to the side of the monitor using Dual Lock™. Attach the L brackets to the document holder using either Dual Lock™ or double-sided clear mounting tape.

Apply a piece of LOK-LIFT® RG to the table or counter top to keep a plate or bowl from sliding. The RG will keep the plate or bowl from sliding when food is being cut, scraped, or mixed. Sometimes the pipe Use LOK-LIFT® RG to stabilize an adapted utensil so to prevent this from happening apply a piece of RG first and then add the pipe insulation.

Place a strip of RG in front of a keyboard or underneath a wrist/palm rest to keep them from sliding around.

Apply a piece of LOK-LIFT® RG to the bottom of a toy mount to keep it from sliding. Many toys are stabilized vertically using a piece of Dual Lock™ on the bottom secured to another piece of Dual Lock™ mounted on a 4 x 4 inch piece of acrylic. The addition of the RG adds stability.

Make a bottle holder. At the workstation, construct a V shaped bottle holder with acrylic and two pieces of LOK-LIFT® RG secured on the inside. This allows the worker who has use of only one hand to slide the bottle into the holder. The combination of the LOK-LIFT® RG and the Dual Lock™ on the bottom of the holder allows the worker to slide the bottle in place and use the same hand to unscrew the bottle cap. The combination of the LOK-LIFT® RG and the Dual Lock™ on the bottom of the holder allows the worker to slide the bottle in place and use the same hand to unscrew the bottle cap.

Epoxy Putty

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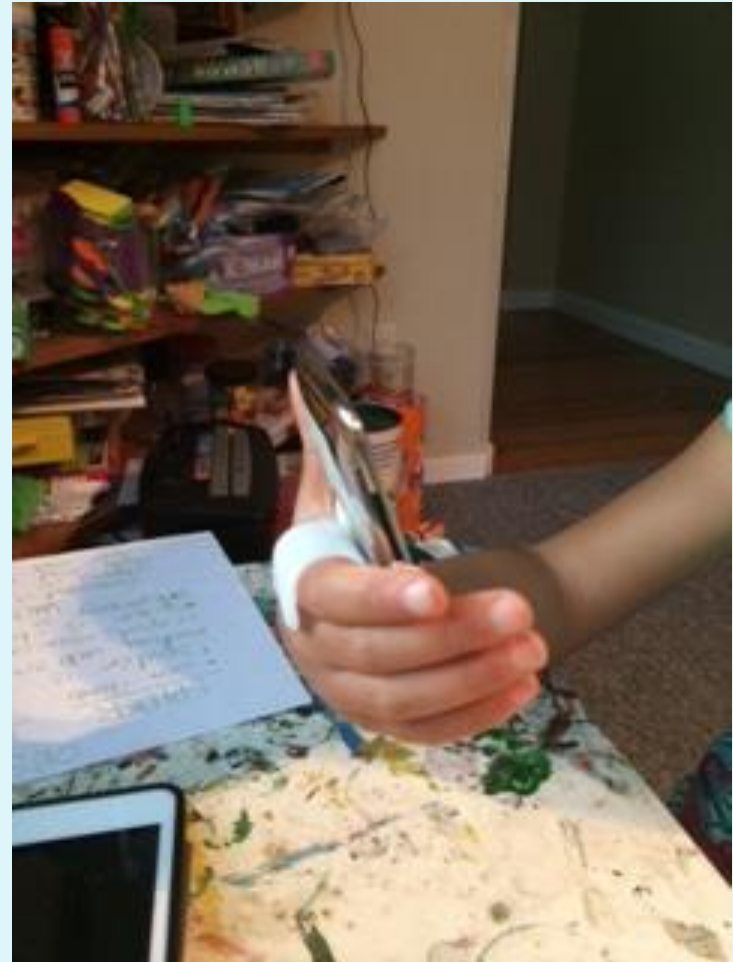
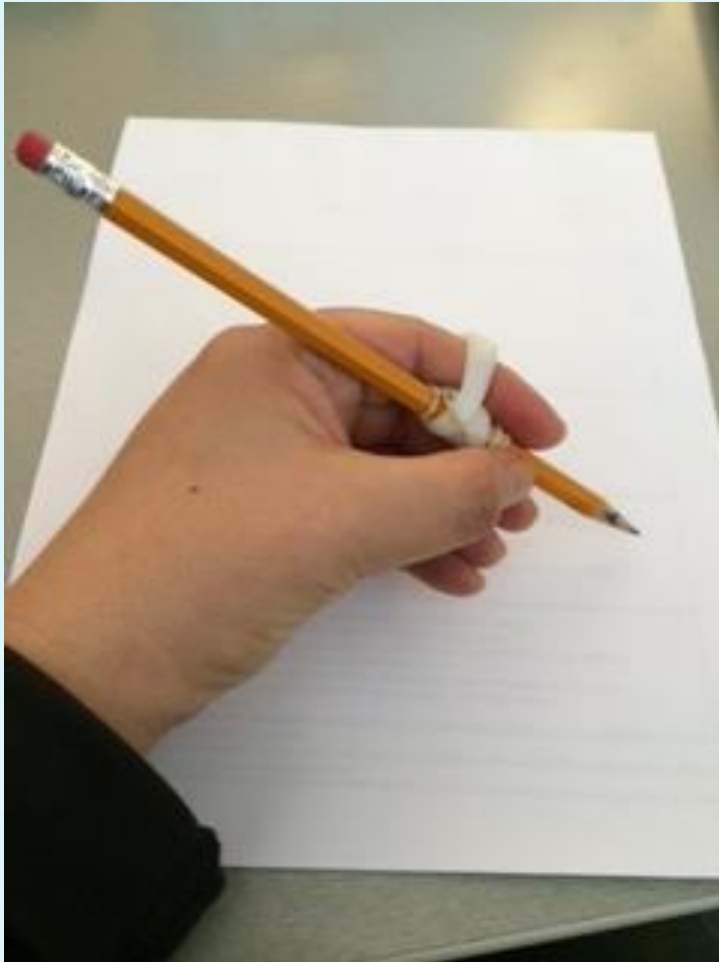


Moldable Plastic

- ❑ Moldable at a relatively low temperature (60°C / 140°F); just hot water
- ❑ Hardens at room temperature
- ❑ Can be remolded
- ❑ Color crystals can be added
- ❑ Amazon
- ❑ \$22.50



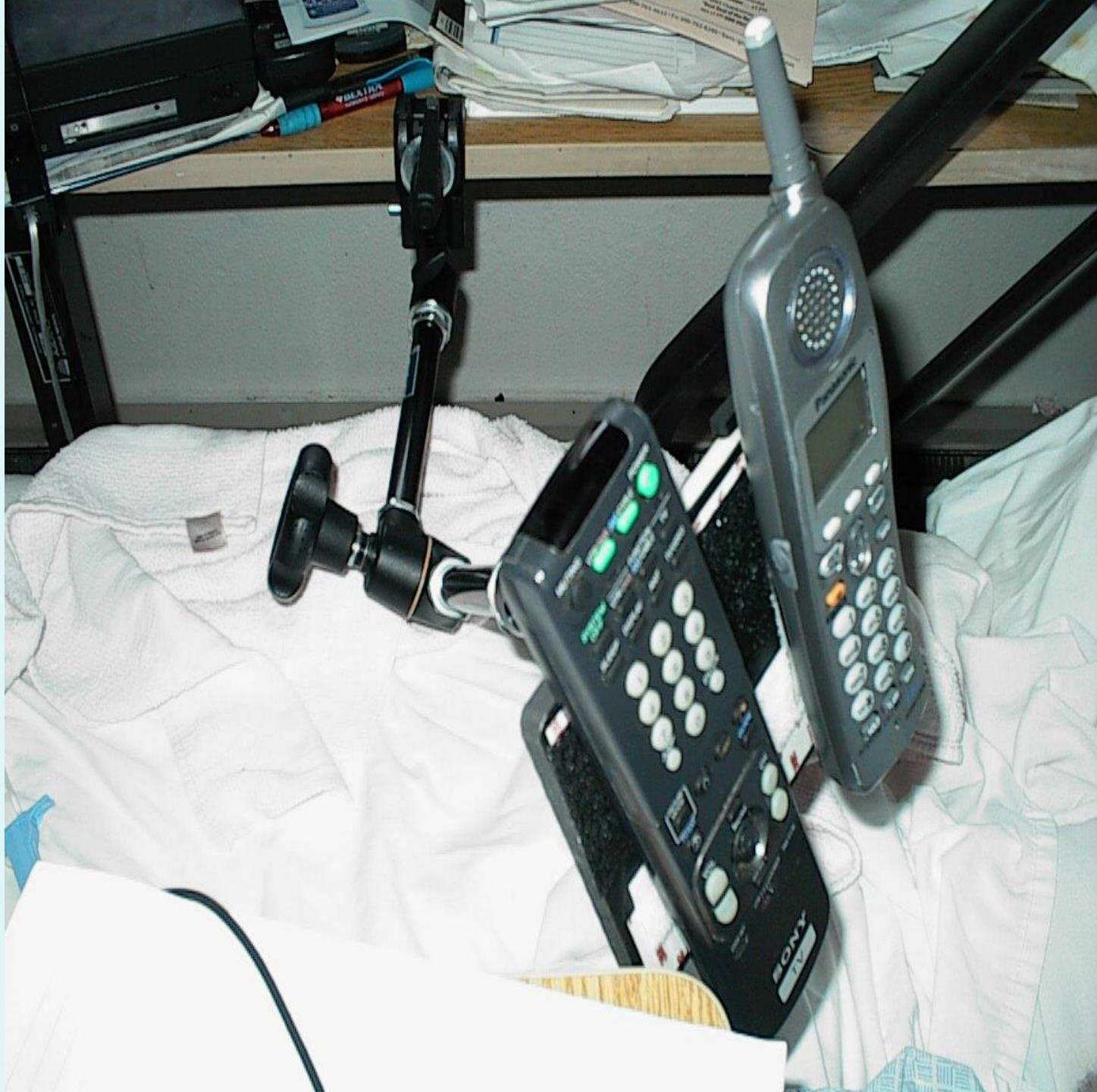
InstaMorph Solutions



Velcro Solutions

- Less Durable
- Not as Reliable
- Less Expensive
- Easy to Find
- Industrial Strength
- Dual Lock (3M Product)
- Superior holding power
- More difficult to find







Pink Board



Pipe (PVC / CPVC / ABS)



CPVC

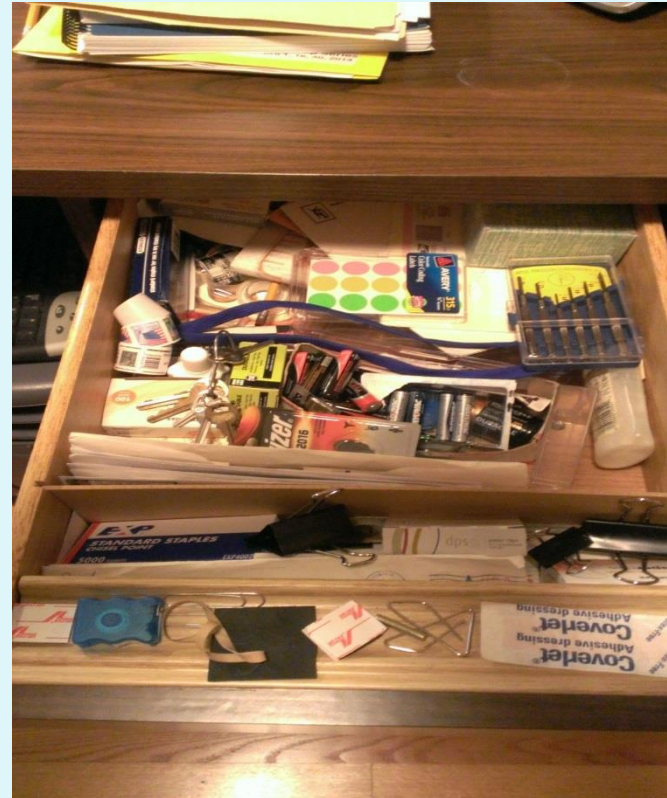






OTHER MATERIALS

- ❑ Zip Tie Cable
- ❑ 17" industrial Twist Tie
- ❑ Chewy Tubes
- ❑ Aluminum Wire
- ❑ Flag Pole Holder
- ❑ Puff Paint
- ❑ Loc-Line
- ❑ All Those Strange and Forgotten Desk Drawer Items











20216
Clothesline
Wire
50 Feet
Greenline



- Consultation with physician, employer, school personnel, and the vocational rehabilitation counselor
- Referral and intake with vocational rehabilitation provider and other community agencies
- Rehabilitative Case Management

Unions Features

Vocational rehabilitation services are located in a community school center which allows school to act as coordinator of a number of services including speech pathology, physical, occupational therapy, mathematics, engineering, driver's education, entrepreneurship, and other special services. Specialized vocationally oriented classes are also available including Assistant Technology Class, Assistant Construction, and Injury Rehabilitation Class, and Treatment Referral Class.

Job Incentive Program

The job incentive program is unique to the University of Baltimore. This program is designed to help students and graduates develop the necessary skills to find work and advance their careers. The program includes a variety of services including job placement, job training, and job coaching. The program is designed to help students and graduates find the right job and advance their careers.











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