

Stationary Seating Systems

When considering a stationary seating system, it is best to talk with your child's occupational (OT) or physical therapist (PT). They will know what type and size of seating system is best, and will work with a certified rehabilitation technology supplier (CRTS), preferably one who is also an assistive technology professional (ATP).

Below are local companies that are CRTS and ATP certified. They can work with you and your child's therapist to select the correct piece of Durable Medical Equipment (DME):

- National Seating and Mobility (Phone: 716-674-0783)
- Monroe Wheelchair (Phone: 315-445-2220)
- CNY Medical Products (Phone: 315-428-9945)

There are many different types of seating systems. Some mobile seating systems offer both mobile stroller-type base and stationary bases that can be used interchangeably. Some stationary bases offer hi-lo options that make accessing various table and counter heights at home possible. Additionally, if a child participates in transfers, having an adjustable hi-lo option can enable the development of the most independent transfers possible and can be a fundable justification too.

While they can be very useful pieces of equipment, seating systems can be difficult to obtain. It is important for your therapist to include in the Letter of Medical Necessity (LOMN) why any piece of durable medical equipment currently being used (such as a manual or power wheelchair) is not enough by itself. The Early Intervention (EI) Program for children under 3 has shown a pattern of funding stationary chairs.

The TRAIID program is a loan closet program run locally through Access CNY. It is a perfect way to try a piece of equipment without having to buy it first.

An equipment trial can be an important step in obtaining DME. The Syracuse TRAIID program has a large selection of equipment. If interested, the director of the program, William, can be reached at 315-410-3336. Following are just some examples of stationary seating systems. Please use this a reference to search the websites listed to see other options available.

Rifton Activity Chair



www.rifton.com

- Two base options: stationary or high-low
- High- low base is good for transfers, playing closer to the ground with peers or feeding at the dinner table.
- Multiple accessories/ supports are available.
- Rocking feature available for self-stimming.
- Tilt in space option is available.
- User weight limit 250 pounds
- User maximum height is 74 inches.
- Con: Slightly larger, takes up more room.

P Pod



www.inspiredbydrive.com/product/p-pod/

Bean bag style chair

- Comes in multiple colors.
- Foam liner provides positioning and support.
- Comes with cover that can easily be wiped clean.
- Comes in four sizes, small to extra large.
- Additional accessories available such as, tray, activity frame, lateral and foot bolsters and chest harness.

Soft Touch Floor Sitter



www.specialtomato.com

- Comes in three different sizes.
- For children with mild to moderate positioning needs.
- Build in adductor for children with increased tone and scissoring.
- Harness for support.
- Can be attached to a dining room chair.
- Unable to grow with your child, would have to purchase next size up.
- No adjustments available to meet specific needs of your child.

Special Tomato High-Low

www.specialtomato.com



- Similar seating as above.
- This seating option comes in three different segments, head control, trunk and pelvic support.
- Padding can be replaced to accommodate growth.
- Adjustable hip angle, good for children with contractures at hips.
- Comes in two different sizes.
- Max user weight 130 pounds.

Squiggles Seat

www.leckey.com



- Multiple adjustments available to be tailored specifically to your child.
- Comes in one size only.
- Max user weight 48.4 pounds.
- Max user height 29.5 inches.
- There are three different bases: high-low, easy push and stroller base.

Everyday Activity Seat

www.leckey.com



- For kids with moderate postural support needs Three different sizes available.
 - Maximum user weight 220 pounds.
 - Stationary or high-low base options.
 - Multiple adjustments/ accessories available.
 - Tilt in space feature.
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