

Adaptive Strollers

When considering an adapted stroller, it is best to talk with your child's occupational **(OT)** or physical therapist **(PT)**. They will know what type and size of adapted stroller 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 is no timeline that perfectly matches the needs of every family and every child. That being said, it is typical to use a stroller earlier in life when kids are younger, smaller and lighter. Strollers are less able to be modified to 'grow' with your child compared to wheelchairs. A stroller is also a more passive experience for the user. The decision to use an adapted stroller does not mean that therapists will discontinue working on strength and development walking. These pieces of DME can be crucial for energy conservation and a mobility tool that can actually increase independence greatly.

Most insurance will cover either a wheelchair **or** an adaptive stroller every five years. When insurance does cover strollers, they will not fund anything more than what is medically necessary. The Convaid Cruiser and Drive Medical Trotter have similar features but NYS Medicaid funds the Trotter because it costs less. When looking into strollers take note of the features that attract you to a specific type or brand and even if your insurance will not fund that specific one, the ATP will work with you to find a similar option.

If you are interested in an adapted stroller but the process is taking a long time, here in Central New York one can also borrow equipment through the TRAIID program. 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 Hnatko, can be reached at 315-410-3336.

Below are just *some examples* of standing frames. Please use this a reference to search the websites listed to see other options available.

Special Tomato Push Chair



www.specialtomato.com

- Approximate weight of stroller is 22 pounds
- Maximum weight capacity is 90 pounds
- Target user height is 30"—50" • Ability to be reclined
- Accessories and additional inserts can be added for additional support
- Do not need to remove wheels to fold it

Zippie Voyage



www.especialneeds.com

- Approximate weight of stroller with base is 28 pounds
- User weight capacity is 75 pounds
- Reversible seat with tilt and recline
- Indoor base is available for home use
- Multiple accessories are available to be added to the stroller

Convaid Trekker Stroller



www.convaid.com/trekker

- Weight of frame (without seat) is 27 pounds
- Weight capacity up to 110 pounds
- Maximum seat width is 14"
- Tilt and recline seating
- Reverse seating available
- High-low indoor frame can be used to transition child from properly positioned in their wheelchair to sitting at the dining room table at home

Convaid EZ Rider



www.convaid.com/ez-rider

- Many accessories available such as a stroller canopy, oxygen tank holder, harness's, straps and supports 10° Fixed Tilt Provides upright posture to enhance functional positioning.
- 5-year growth capabilities: Adjustable seat depth extends chair life for a growing child.
- Folds up, easy to transport

Convaid Cruiser



www.convaid.com/product/cruiser-5

- Weight capacity up to 250 pounds
- Fixed in 30 degrees of tilt
- Options for head support, butterfly harness and foot straps
- Folds up, easy to transport
- Difficult for child to get out of it on their own due to angle of seat
- Transit option

Convaid Rodeo



www.convaid.com/rodeo/

- Weight capacity up to 170 pounds
- Tilt in space stroller
- Offers 45 degrees of tilt and 90-110 degrees of recline
- Transit option available
- Has the ability to be folded