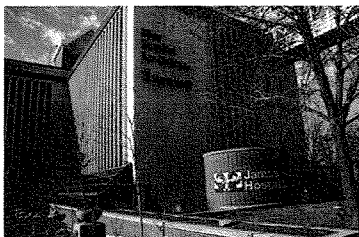


**Occupational Therapy and CPS
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Overview

- OT Role
- OT Evaluation Process
- Equipment selection and delivery
- Funding

Occupational Therapy Role

- Primary goal for OT in child passenger safety is to provide family centered care to enhance participation in every day activities by providing safe transportation options
- Can be achieved through the use of conventional or specialized restraints

Occupational Therapy Role

- Trained to address a variety challenges that may affect travel
 - Abnormal tone
 - Poor head and/or trunk control
 - Respiratory challenges
 - Scoliosis
 - Behavior disturbance
 - Safe transfer strategies

Occupational Therapy Role

- Recognized as an authority to determine medical necessity for adaptive equipment needs
- Knowledgeable regarding various funding sources
- May have access to hospital programs for restraints
- Aid family in appeals process

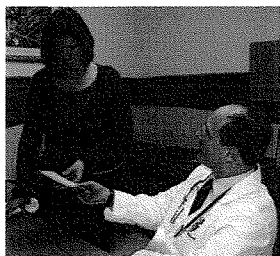
Occupational Therapy Process

- Referral from physician
- Schedule appointment
- OT assessment
- Trial Seats
- Order Equipment
- Deliver equipment



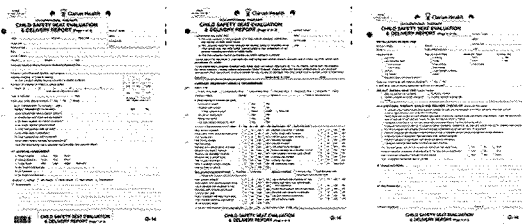
Referral

- "OT evaluate for adaptive equipment needs," or "OT evaluate for child restraint needs"
- Include diagnosis



OT Assessment

- Form developed by occupational therapists
- Specific to child restraint evaluations
- Form approved as part of medical record



Client and Family Interview



OT Physical Assessment



OT Assessment

- If current child restraint NOT appropriate or if child requires interim seat:
 - Determine if child requires conventional or adaptive seat
 - If conventional seat appropriate:
 - Order child restraint from material services
 - If adaptive seat necessary:
 - Trial various seats to allow family to select seat

Material Services

- Riley has the following seats for issue: infant, convertible, combination and booster seats
- Store and deliver seats to units



Interim Seat

- Child may have traveled inappropriately to appointment
- Long wait time for durable medical equipment
- Provide interim seat if possible



Trial Seats



Special Tomato: Small



Britax Traveler Plus

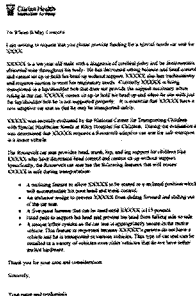
Measurements

- Take measurements
- Height and weight necessary



Vendor Process

- Provide vendor with:
 - Letter of medical necessity (LMN may be written by MD, RN, or rehabilitation therapist OT, PT, SLP)

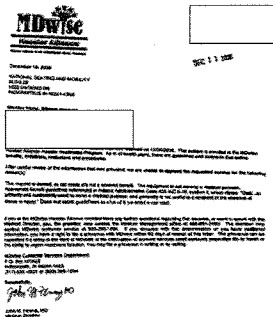


Suspended Equipment

- Vendor will usually address
- May need to provide additional medical information if vendor or insurance requests
- Equipment is ordered only when funding is approved

Denied Equipment

- Variety of reasons
- Requires action from family within defined time frame
- May require more detailed information from therapist



Approved Equipment

- Vendor orders from manufacturer or distributor
- Equipment delivered to vendor
- Vendor delivers to Riley Hospital



Approved Equipment

- Technicians match worksheet with incoming equipment
- Notifies therapist equipment arrived
- Stores equipment until delivery appointment



Storage for all adaptive equipment (car seats and wheelchairs)

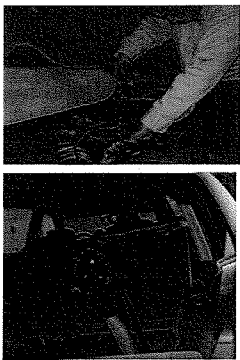
Equipment Delivery

- Provide Instruction for:
 - Proper position of child in seat
 - Harness and accessory use
 - Installation in vehicle if CPST
 - May refer to trained CPST for install education



Mobility Specialist

- Heavy duty tether installation
- Riley receives invoice for service
- Grant funds pay for labor



Funding for Equipment

- Apply directly to insurance-similar process without vendor as “middle man”
 - may be preferable to insurance, no vendor fee
 - equipment may be delivered directly to family
 - issued check to buy equipment
 - must buy equipment and then are reimbursed

Other Funding Sources

- Grant funds
 - e.g. Tool kits
- Community organizations
 - e.g. United Cerebral Palsy (may require proof of insurance denial)
- Contact manufacturer for whole sale pricing if self-pay, donation
 - e.g. Merritt Manufacturing

Resources

- LISTSERV
- Name of LISTSERV:
 “SPECIALNEEDSTRANSPORT-L”
- If you want to subscribe please send an email to:
 – jyonkman@iuhealth.org

Resources

- In the subject line please type:
 “subscribe specialneedstransport-L”
- In the body of the email please include:
 - Background information
 - Current position
 - Your interest in the listserv
