

THE CLINICAL SERVICES BUREAU (CSB) is part of New Mexico's Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD). The CSB was established in May of 2005 to enhance health, safety and functioning for New Mexicans with developmental disabilities via the provision quality therapy services.

The CSB works within the Department of Health statewide to provide the following services for DD participants and providers:

- *Collaboration* with Regional Nurses to provide clinical consultation and current health-related information.
- *Coordination* of therapy services via communication & interaction.
- *Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement* related to health, safety and therapy needs.
- *Training and Educational Resources* via interaction and involvement with external agencies such as UNM and CDD.
- *Expertise* for statewide initiatives including:
 - **Assistive Technology Resources**
 - **The Participatory Approach to Therapy**
 - **Aspiration Prevention**
 - **Health Promotion Initiatives**

THE PARTICIPATORY APPROACH TO THERAPY asserts that no individual is too disabled to benefit from Assistive Technology (AT) and other supports. This approach has been adopted by the state of New Mexico, as the mandated model for meeting the AT needs of adults with developmental disabilities. This approach is inclusive of any and all available supports in the areas of communication, mobility, positioning, environmental control, cognitive enhancement and ADL's.

Detailed information regarding this philosophy is available in the *Guidelines for the Provision of Assistive Technology Services to Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Utilizing the Participatory Approach*.

Numerous funding sources exist for AT. The AT Fund was established by NM Department of Health to support the Participatory Approach philosophy. This fund provides grants of up to \$250, which may be used to purchase AT devices and materials that support an individual in participating and interacting using communication and physical means. AT Fund applications may be requested by phone at the numbers listed in this brochure or via e-mail at AT.Coord@state.nm.us.

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**DEVELOPMENTAL
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DIVISION**

**WORKING WITH
PARTICIPANTS & PROVIDERS
OF THE DD WAIVER PROGRAM**



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The CSB provides statewide specialized durable medical equipment (DME) services for individuals with developmental disabilities. Services include evaluations for wheelchairs and seating systems, the design and fabrication of custom molded seating systems, and the development of other customized assistive technology.

The work they do is essential to supporting the Participatory Approach and in helping to make it a reality for service recipients across the state.

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Therapy Services

(505) 841-5287– Seating Clinic

Other Resources

Developmental Disabilities Supports
Division (DDSD)
800-283-5548

Continuum of Care Project (COC)
505-272-5215 or 877-684-5259

Transdisciplinary Evaluation & Support
Clinic (TEASC)
505-272-5158

Support and Assessment for Feeding and
Eating (SAFE)
505-272-0285

Center for Development and Disability
(CDD)
505-272-3000 or 800-552-8195

Southwest Autism Network (SWAN)
505-270-1861 or 800-270-1861

Cerebral Palsy (CP) Clinic
505-272-9707 or 877-684-5259

AT assistance & information
800-283-8415

The CSB manages the statewide **ASPIRATION PREVENTION PROGRAM** in the interest of reducing preventable aspiration in people with developmental disabilities. This effort attempts to assist in the identification of risk factors, recognition of symptoms and implementation of prevention interventions. Accurate and updated Mealtime Procedure Packets, Health Care Plans and Crisis Prevention Plans in addition to proper dental care are critical to this prevention effort. The New Mexico Supports and Assessment for Feeding and Eating (SAFE) Clinic collaborates with this effort by providing multidisciplinary evaluation services to individuals at risk. Healthcare professionals, Inter Disciplinary Teams (IDT) and family members can make referrals to the Statewide Aspiration Risk List. Aspiration.Coord@state.nm.us