

Our mission:

The Consortium for Handheld Technology team is devoted to bridging emerging cognitive prosthetic technology to the disability community, through direct intervention, clinical training, research and development and partnership with interested community, university and business groups. Join us in this exciting, liberating endeavor!



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Handheld
Technology

Linking People,
Changing Lives

Our project:

Handheld computers help students, businessmen and busy homemakers manage their daily activities. The Partnership for People with Disabilities aims to introduce this technology to individuals with brain injury or autism spectrum disorder to help them do the same thing.

Under a grant from the Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative, this program will match at least 50 individuals across the state of Virginia with portable personal digital assistants (PDAs). Participants will be trained in how to use the devices, and functional outcomes and satisfaction surveys will track how well they work.



How can PDAs help?

1. **Reminder alarms for everyday events**
2. **Daily schedules and to do lists**
3. **Behavioral scripts**
4. **Step-by-step cueing for complex tasks**
5. **Directional maps**
6. **Phone and email address book**
7. **Links to computer task management software**
8. **Cell phones/pagers**
9. **E-books**
10. **And much more!**

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If you want to participate:

Research Participants must:

- Be age 14 or over
- Have a documented acquired brain injury or autism spectrum disorder
- Have functional deficits in activities of daily living
- Live in Virginia
- Have a caregiver at home
- Be willing to participate in assessment/evaluation aspects of project

Additional criteria apply. If you would like to participate, contact:

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We cannot guarantee any benefit from this project and cannot guarantee participation by all qualified applicants.