

ACAT Toy Adapting

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What is ACAT?

The Appalachian Center for Assistive Technology is the Assistive Technology Resource Center serving eastern Kentucky and is a part of Kentucky Assistive Technology Service (KATS) Network. ACAT provides assistive technology (AT) demonstrations and consultation, a short term AT loan locker, maker space, workforce training, and refurbishing.

Toys with a Purpose:



Toys with a Purpose is a collaboration that provides free adapted toys to individual families through an online lending library. This program is also planning to expand its services to provide adapted toys to organizations that work closely with children of all abilities. Additionally, this program serves as a platform for educating students

from multiple levels (high school, community college, and university) about inclusion and accessibility through the process of adapting toys.



Mobile Maker Space

- Allows the ACAT team to take the makerspace out of the center to schools and different organizations.
- The mobile makerspace is equipped with materials and tools that participants can use to adapt toys, books, games, tool kits, etc...



Toy Adapting in our CARAT-TOP & Pre-ETS Programs





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