

EI Assistive Technology Case Review



This little girl was 2 years 7 months old when assistive technology (AT) consultation services began. She has a genetic disorder that impacts all areas of development. She received PT, OT, and SLP services in-home through EI Colorado. The primary provider was a PT and requested AT consultation. She also received services at Anchor Center due to vision needs and had used a Big Mack switch in that setting. The family asked for a Big Mack switch to be purchased for this child for a Christmas gift but had no switch adapted toys to use. They wanted ideas of what was out there and what was motivating to this little one.



A variety of switch adapted toys were accessed through the [AT Loan Library](#), including a [fan with lights](#), a [dog that barks](#), and a [musical toy](#). The family and therapists used these toys in play routines and during therapy sessions to develop cause and effect reasoning and early communication skills for interaction and choice making. AT was [documented on the IFSP](#) as a service with 4 consults. After the loan library trial, the family asked for these switch adapted toys for gifts at the child's third birthday. Information was also given to the family on how to adapt toys to be switch activated.



This child received 4, hour long in-person consultations and then email correspondence with the father. Time was needed to research what types of switch adapted toys were available in the loan bank, request from the loan bank, pick up from the courier and deliver to the family in-person. I was unable to bill for this time.



I love Assistive Technology and what it brings to enrich children and families daily lives! I learn something new from every child I work with in AT and that is the best way to grow and become more confident in the field. I reach out for support from ATP as needed and research on my own. The AT process can be time consuming, especially trialing a new device. But with that comes knowledge that will make it easier in the future. Assistive Technology has been so rewarding as a service provider!