

UATP Offers Free Online Webinar | CPD

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The Utah Assistive Technology Program (UATP) will present a free online interactive training, "Power wheelchair and scooter maintenance and how to evaluate individuals for wheelchairs," on Wednesday, February 20 from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. This free training will be presented by Clay Christensen, Utah Assistive Technology Lab Coordinator; and Amy Henningsen, occupational therapist. Christensen will cover basic maintenance procedures for both power chairs and scooters. This will include the difference between a parallel and series circuit battery, and why power wheelchairs and scooters generally use 24 volts rather than 12 volts. He will also explain the charging systems and tricks on checking for proper charge as well as maintenance tips for controllers. Henningson will discuss how to take basic evaluations of clients to fit them for a wheelchair by reviewing anatomical landmarks and how to properly measure an individual. Christensen received his B.S. in psychology from Utah State University in 2009, with minors in sociology and human development. He has extensive technical training and experience in electrical technology and heavy equipment. He is currently the AT Lab Coordinator for the Utah Assistive Technology Program at Utah State University, and collaborates in the development of new assistive technologies with the College of Engineering at USU. Henningson is a registered occupational therapist, and is a 1974 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is certified

in Neurodevelopmental Treatment in Pediatrics and as an Assistive Technology Practitioner. She has over 30 years of experience working with developmental disabilities in a variety of settings. She currently provides direct and consultative services for the Up to 3 Early Intervention Program, and is a member of the UATP. Participants will need a computer with high-speed Internet access and must RSVP by Friday, February 15, to Storee Powell via email at storee.powell@usu.edu, or by phone at (435) 797-7412. Instructions will be e-mailed to participants. Screen reader users, or individuals who need other accommodations, should contact Sachin Pavithran by phone at (435) 797-6572 or via e-mail at sachin.pavithran@usu.edu, no later than Wednesday, February 13, to make arrangements to participate.