

# P.A.L.S. - PRACTICAL ASSISTED LIVING SYSTEMS

## PURPOSE

P.A.L.S. is an unfunded group of volunteers dedicated to using their individual talents to assist people with disabilities. P.A.L.S. volunteers are not trained in any of the fields of therapy, medicine or care giving. Therefore, they work closely with and under the direction of therapist, nurses, doctors and special education teachers that do have the training to understand and interpret the needs of individuals receiving services from P.A.L.S. Volunteers create different types of assistive technology such as switches, communications devices, and equipment to be used for learning, therapy and recreation. The purpose charged for materials of the equipment is to: adapt existing technology, design devices to stimulate individuals, and design ways that assistive technology is affordable. P.A.L.S. can also refurbish used computer hardware to provide organizations and schools accessible equipment for persons with disabilities that would otherwise not have access to any type of computers.

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## FINANCIAL CRITERIA

- None

## ELIGIBILITY

- Persons with disabilities, family members, professionals, and organizations that serve individuals with disabilities that need assistive technology.

## AT SERVICES PROVIDED/COVERED

- Fabrication of Devices
- Training for Consumer & Family
- Maintenance & Repairs

## AT DEVICES PROVIDED/COVERED

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|  Aids for Daily Living      |  Educational Device & Adaptations |
|  Aids for Vision Impairment |  Environmental Controls           |
|  Adapted Toys & Games       |  Home Modifications               |
|  Augmentative Communication |  Recreation & Leisure Devices     |
|  Computer Applications     |  Worksite & Office Modifications |

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- To make application contact P.A.L.S.

## PIECES OF THE PUZZLE

- P.A.L.S. volunteers do not accept payment for any services they may provide. However, recipients of services are encouraged to reimburse P.A.L.S. volunteers for any materials that may have been used to construct a special device.
- Seminars are available to develop the technology in any interested group, to adapt existing toys and equipment, and to design new equipment.
- Seminars may be expanded to include hands-on soldering, adapting of toys and/or construction of switches. Participants will construct two (2) sample devices to take home. A small fee (usually \$10.00) will be assessed.