

High Impact Innovative Assistive Technology (HIIAT) grants – Christopher Reeve Foundation

Major Goals and Objectives

Ramp Up! Kentucky will provide loans of ramps to individuals with recently acquired disabilities and individuals aging in the home. The loans will be for 90 days with the possibility of a renewable of an additional 90 days. The ramps to be provided will be of two types - manufactured temporary ramps and a ramp kit. These ramps will serve as a temporary solution to enable individuals leaving hospitals to return to their homes as soon as possible instead of waiting for a permanent ramp to be installed, reducing hospital stays. These ramps will also prevent individuals from leaving their homes for long-term settings while they are waiting for permanent ramp to be installed. Objectives to reach this goal will include: 1) Providing portable ramps of different lengths to 8 Ramp UP partners to loan to individuals across the state; 2) providing ramp building kits to individuals for building portable ramps; 3) link individual to community groups and organizations who will assist in the installation of the portable ramps and the acquisition of lumber and construction of the ramps using the ramp building kits; and 4) assist individuals and their families in identifying funding sources for permanent ramps.

Activities

An inventory of temporary ramps will be purchase for eight distribution sites around the state. The inventory will consist of different sizes of portable ramps. In addition, 10 ramp building kits will purchased for each site to provide another, more flexible option for consumers. The KATS Network Coordinating Center and the eight sites will begin outreach to community partners to locate individuals and families in need of temporary ramps. The eight sites will be loaning the ramps and will provide assistance to participants in locating permanent sources of funding for permanent ramps and qualified vendors to pay for and install ramps. In the case of the ramp building kits, the sites will link individuals to community organizations willing to help with providing lumber and constructing ramps, using a master list developed and continually augmented by the KATS Network Coordinating Center. When receiving a temporary ramp, participants will be required to sign a liability waiver based on one currently being used by KATS Network DMR reuse project, CARAT, reviewed and approved by the Cabinet attorney.

Timeline

March 1 to May 31 - The KATS Network will purchase portable ramps and ramp building kits and distribute to 8 distribution sites.

June 1 to August 31 - Project partners will begin marketing the project and the eight distribution sites will begin making loans of portable ramp.

September 1 to November 30 - The eight distribution sites will continue to make loans of portable ramps and assist individuals with finding resources for permanent ones.

December 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018 - The eight distribution sites will continue to make loans of portable ramps and assist individuals with finding resources for permanent ones. The KATS Network Coordinating center will develop and complete and evaluation of the effectiveness of the project.