

# Resources to Look Into

- **Insurance Company**

Call your insurance company and tell them that your therapist has recommended a therapeutic mobility aid (do not refer to it as 'a bike'.....insurance companies will view this as recreation, and it will be automatically denied) and how should you go about get this covered through them. Offer and get (even if it is through an appeals process) as many letters as you can from different therapists (primary, school, etc.) and from your physician (primary, rehabilitation, etc.) recommending the need for a therapeutic mobility aid. Currently, we are not a Medicaid Provider (we have paperwork in process), however, Medicaid Waivers do supply funding for supported living. Check with them to see how to go about getting funds for a therapeutic mobility aid.

- **Seek grants**

- ◇ [www.usvariety.org](http://www.usvariety.org) (rolling deadline). They specifically have a mobility program.
- ◇ [www.mhmr.ky.gov/mr/supportedliving.asp](http://www.mhmr.ky.gov/mr/supportedliving.asp) Phone # 502-564-7707 x4478. This grant is for families in Ky and support active community participation for those with special needs. **Applications due by April 1st for funding July 1st.**
- ◇ [www.challengedathletes.org](http://www.challengedathletes.org) (2008 applications available Sept-Dec 15). They cover 3 different areas for people with physical impairments: training, equipment, and travel expenses. Go under "Programs" and then hit "Access for Athletes". Make sure to look through all their programs as another may pertain to your child or situation, as well.
- ◇ Make A Wish Foundation [www.wish.org](http://www.wish.org). Check and see if your child/family meet their criteria and submit as directed.
- ◇ United Healthcare Children's Foundation [www.uhccf.org](http://www.uhccf.org) This grant is offered to families that have insurance but all health care services are not fully covered that will help to improve your child's health and quality of life. If eligible, you can apply up to \$5,000.
- ◇ [www.starlight.org](http://www.starlight.org) Create a personal fundraising page!
- ◇ [www.sunshinefoundation.org](http://www.sunshinefoundation.org) Child must be referred (which is just an online referral) and family income must be less than 75,000/yr.
- ◇ [www.dreamfactoryinc.org](http://www.dreamfactoryinc.org) Contact The Dream Factory of Cincinnati, and ask for a grant application.
- ◇ [www.firsthandfoundation.org](http://www.firsthandfoundation.org) All documentation should be **submitted before the last Wednesday of the month** in order for the application to be reviewed by the Clinical Decision Committee the following week.
- ◇ Building Blocks for Kids [www.bb4k.org](http://www.bb4k.org). A non-profit organization that helps families with medical needs.
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- ◇ MRDD/Family Resources. Check with MRDD Case Worker /Family Resources and see if you are eligible for any funding (ie. CARA fund, Wish List).