



## **Medical Equipment/Assistive Technology Loan Closets in Onondaga County**

### **ACCESS CNY TR Aid Center**

315-410-3335

<https://www.accesscny.org/services/emods/>

The **Technology Related Assistance for Individuals with Disability (TR Aid) Center** is AccessCNY's assistive technology lending library. The TR Aid Center's primary mission is to increase access to assistive technology and durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers and augmentative communication devices.

TR Aid accomplishes this goal by providing *short term equipment loans at no cost*; individuals simply borrow items, use them and then return the items to the TR Aid Center for others to utilize. Services are available to individuals with disabilities of all ages, their family members, service providers, employers, and others who are interested in disability issues and/or assistive technology.

In addition to short term equipment loans, AccessCNY's TR Aid Center also:

- Does demonstrations to compare different devices
- Facilitates trainings on assistive technologies & durable medical equipment
- Provides information and referrals
- Raises public awareness at events, conferences, etc.

TR Aid Center staff know that a short term loan of the right equipment can make a huge difference in someone's life and even help a person with a disability stay in their home.

### **ARISE/Medical Equipment Loan Closet**

635 James Street, Syracuse, N.Y. 13203

315-472-3171

Advocacy and Accessibility

(315) 671-2927

**The ARISE Medical Equipment Loan Closet** allows you to borrow and test wheelchairs, walkers, and a variety of other adaptive devices on a short-term basis. Borrowing equipment can help you select the best option before purchasing your own equipment. It also fills the gap during temporary periods of need. They have a variety of walkers, crutches, canes, wheelchairs, shower and tub benches of different designs, shower chairs, and other specialized types of medical equipment. To find out if they have a specific item you need, call. All you need to do is contact them and fill out a simple form. The Medical Equipment Loan Closet is free of charge for people with a disability and there are no eligibility requirements. Typically items are loaned out for 2-4 weeks and sometimes 2-3 months, depending on the circumstances of the individual requesting the item. They will thoroughly discuss this with you to see how they can accommodate you fully. If you need an extension, just give them a call. Some items are more limited and so they have to limit the amount of time that those particular items are loaned out. Everything in their Loan Closet has been donated by individuals and families, various agencies, businesses, and organizations. If you would like to make a donation, please give them a call first so they can get an idea and some more information on the items you would like to donate. If for some reason they cannot accept the item, they will be happy to provide contacts to other places where you can make the donation.

### **MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY RESOURCES**

6743 Kinne Street, E. Syracuse, N.Y. 13057

315-438-4790

Eligibility: Must be a client of the Multiple Sclerosis Resources. Call to enroll.

Makes available, for loan: wheelchairs, commodes, walkers, crutches, walkers etc.

Loan free of charge. Support groups and newsletters are available.