DIY in-Home AntiGravity Harness

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Project Description:

Children with limited mobility often do not receive the much needed exposure to socialization to appropriately cognitively develop. Existing research shows that enabling young children with self control of their own environment can have meaningful impacts on the long term outcomes given such impairments as cerebral palsy or muscular dystrophy. One place to start and increase mobility is in the home. Imagine you are a toddler, who isn't yet able to walk or crawl on your own, and you want play with a toy on the other side of the room. How the heck is that going to happen if you cannot walk or crawl?

The goal of this project will be to design and fabricate a Do-It-Yourself in-home gravity balancing harness system that parent's of children with movement disabilities can build with limited resources.

Knowledge, Skills, and Expertise Needed: Prototyping

Fabrication (without the CNC)

Design

Documentation

Equipment Requirements: TBD by the team according to the

customer needs Prototyping supplies

DIY Tools

Deliverables: Regular progress reports

Weekly meetings with

demonstrations of project status

Documentation sufficient that a parent with most any educational background can purchase and assemble the system you develop