

Early Access Through Adapt to Impact

"What I learned in this program was extremely helpful. I was very borderline almost panicked about what I would do. Going through this totally boosted my confidence."



Program Overview

In **Spring 2025**, the **Assistive Technology Act Program of Colorado**, housed at the **Center for Innovative Design and Engineering (CIDE)**, **University of Colorado Denver**, launched **Adapt to Impact**—a program designed to help young children with delays and disabilities thrive through early access to **assistive technology (AT)** paired with **guided support for childcare providers**.

What the Program Provides

Adapt to Impact offers **no-cost support** to licensed Colorado:

- Family childcare homes
- Childcare centers
- Preschools



Providers Receive:

- Ongoing **professional development**
- A **loan library** of adaptive equipment, toys, and materials
- Information guides, handouts, and **video tutorials**
- Online training modules and practical resources
- QR codes linking directly to short, just-in-time instructional videos
- DIY AT videos to support low-cost, customizable solutions

Who Is Served

Licensed childcare providers across Colorado can borrow AT to support children from infancy to age 5 in:

- Communication
- Early literacy
- Motor skills
- Cognition
- Behavior
- Vision & hearing



Why Early Access Matters

Early childhood is a critical period for development. Survey data showed that many childcare providers wanted **more tools, skills, and knowledge** to support children with disabilities. **Adapt to Impact** was created to meet this need—early, intentionally, and accessibly.

Impact After One Year

The results demonstrate meaningful change:

- 96% of providers increased confidence in trying new tools
- 88% reported reduced stress and greater preparedness
- 97% continued applying new skills to improve accessibility
- Providers made everyday adaptations such as improved mobility access, visual supports, and creative material modifications
- Resources were shared with colleagues and families, strengthening a culture of inclusion

How It Works

By combining tools + education, providers:

- Gain confidence to try solutions early
- Learn what works through hands-on practice
- Create more universally designed learning environments
- Support children during the moments that matter most