

Client Guide to Assistive Technology

CLIENT-FOCUSED SERVICE

The services provided by Do it with Purpose Occupational Therapy are directed towards meeting the goals and needs of our clients. We design a plan of service based on best practice clinical process and the specific needs of each client. Our occupational therapists undertake a client assessment, and where appropriate, recommend and implement the use of Assistive Technology solutions for clients to engage in a specific activity or achieve an identified goal.

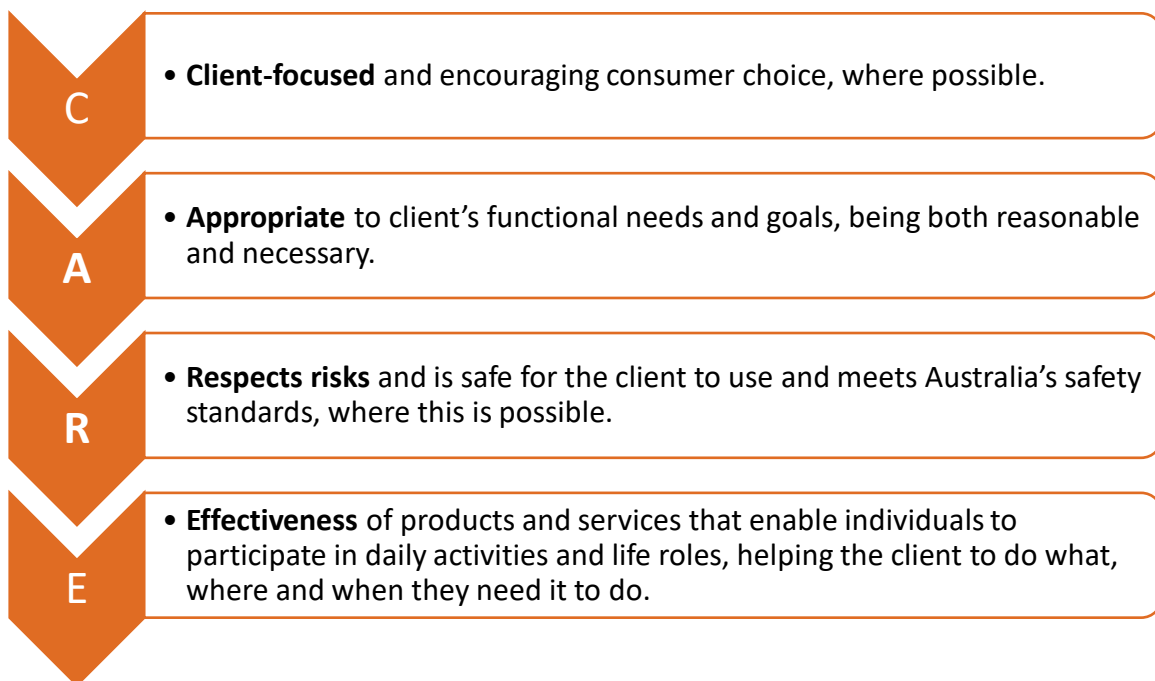
ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Assistive Technology is any device or system that allows an individual to perform a task that they would otherwise be unable to do, or increases the ease and safety with which the task can be performed. It is broad term which includes a wide range of assistive, adaptive or rehabilitative devices.

ASSOCIATED RISKS

There are inherent risks associated with both use and non-use of assistive equipment. The right choice of technology can prove invaluable in promoting function and independence. However, the long-term use of inappropriate devices can impair these and, instead, prolong or deepen dependence on family, friends, or formal care. The consequences of poor choices can therefore be costly, as well as disappointing for clients and case managers. Dissatisfaction typically results in discontinuance of assistive technology devices.

C.A.R.E. MODEL



Each of the stages in the C.A.R.E. model is enacted with clinical expertise and informed by a variety of factors (decisions, actions, and clinical considerations) by your Occupational Therapist.