



The therapeutic tricycle for children with disabilities

Evaluation Site Program

What is an Evaluation Sites?

An Evaluation Site is a pediatric therapy facility (hospital, clinic, etc.) or school which receives AmTryke® therapeutic tricycles and accessories through a donation by an AMBUCS™ chapter. The Evaluation agrees to use the equipment with their clients in therapy and recommend children for AmTrykes of their own. Many Evaluations, based on the policy of the facility, agree to evaluate other children in addition to their clients or students who are in need of an AmTryke assessment. Many do so for free as a marketing tool to introduce new clients and families to the facility! The Evaluation program encourages prescriptive intervention by therapy professionals.

Responsibilities of an AmTryke Evaluation Sites:

In becoming an AmTryke Evaluation, AMBUCS asks that the following occur in return for the free AmTryke equipment:

1. The Evaluation agrees to use the equipment with their clients in therapy.
2. The Evaluation agrees to recommend appropriate clients to receive their own AmTrykes through either the local chapter or AmTryke Wish List whichever is applicable.
3. The facility agrees to use the AmTryke request, assessment and waiver forms for each AmTryke recommendation.

The following are requested but not required by the Evaluation:

1. The Evaluation agrees to perform AmTryke evaluations for children who are not clients or students of the facility.
2. The facility allows other therapists access to the AmTryke equipment for the purpose of evaluating other children.
3. The Evaluation allows National AMBUCS/AmTryke, LLC to include its name and contact information in promotional listings and on its Web site (www.ambucs.org).

Benefits of becoming an AmTryke Evaluation Site:

There are many benefits to your facility once becoming a Evaluation! Some of these benefits include:

1. Free AmTrykes for your clients or students through the efforts of a local AMBUCS chapter or the AmTryke Wish List program.
2. As a Evaluation you are able to purchase additional equipment at a discount!
3. Many facilities use its Evaluation status as a marketing tool to introduce new families to its facilities.

How to Become a Evaluation Site

Are you interested in becoming an AmTryke Evaluation? Simply fill out the Evaluation Site application found on page 4. An AMBUCS Resource Center staff member will contact you to let you know if your facility has been selected as a future Evaluation. You will then work with the staff member to identify your equipment needs. Once this needs assessment is completed, your facility is added to the Evaluation Wish List and waits for sponsorship by an AMBUCS chapter.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is AMBUCS and how does the AmTryke program work?

National AMBUCS is a charitable service organization dedicated to creating mobility and independence for people with disabilities. AMBUCS is composed of almost 6,000 members in 125 chapters throughout the country. These members work in a variety of ways to achieve the mission of mobility and independence, one of which is the AmTryke program.

AMBUCS chapters fundraise to purchase AmTryke therapeutic tricycles for children in their local communities and on the AmTryke Wish List. An important part of this process is the organization's relationship with therapists and facilities like you! It is through your help that we identify children who need AmTrykes and distinguish which AmTryke model and adaptations are appropriate for each child.

How do I get an AmTryke for a client or student?

The first step is to conduct an AmTryke evaluation using the assessment form. Ask the child's parent or guardian to fill out the request and waiver forms. If a chapter in your local area has sponsored your site, submit these forms to them. If a chapter outside of your local area sponsored your facility you may fax these forms to the AMBUCS Resource Center at 336-852-6830 or mail them to PO Box 5127 High Point NC 27262. The child's name is then placed on the AmTryke Wish List until a sponsor is found to fund the tryke.

What is the AmTryke Wish List?

If you are located in a community where there is an AMBUCS chapter you will work with the local group to identify children who are in need of an AmTryke. If you are not in one of these communities, you can recommend children for the AmTryke Wish List!

When a parent or guardian works with a therapist to request funding for an AmTryke therapeutic tricycle AMBUCS can place the child on the AmTryke Wish List. To be placed on the Wish List the child needs to have been evaluated by a therapist. The therapist, along with the parent or guardian will need to submit the assessment, request and waiver forms to be placed on the Wish List. These forms are available on-line at <http://www.ambucs.org/amtryke-wish-list/> or by contacting the AMBUCS Resource Center.

Once these forms have been received, the AMBUCS Resource Center staff will place the child's name on the Wish List. He or she will receive an AmTryke when a chapter volunteers to sponsor the child's tryke. As the evaluating therapist, you will receive a phone call when sponsorship has been secured.

What does an AmTryke assessment involve?

Conducting an AmTryke assessment is easy! The first step is to become familiar with all of the AmTryke equipment. Read through the manuals that came with each model of AmTryke. Read through the AmTryke product flyer to get acquainted with all available adaptations. When conducting an assessment, simply answer the questions on the AmTryke assessment form. Questions include the child's height, weight, arm and leg lengths and age. You then are asked to select which AmTryke and adaptations you are recommending and make any appropriate notes about the child.

What is the time frame for becoming an Evaluation Site?

The time frame for becoming an Evaluation Site varies. National AMBUCS is a nonprofit organization and our members are volunteers. Each chapter raises the funds to sponsor sites in their area and across the United States. Sometimes this takes a while, especially if there is no AMBUCS chapter in your area. You will be contacted as soon as a sponsor is secured for your facility

When will the AmTryke equipment be sent to our facility?

When a sponsor is secured for your facility, a member of AMBUCS Resource Center staff will contact you. The staff member will review with you what equipment will be shipped and verify shipping information.

Once my facility becomes an Evaluation, can I submit as many AmTryke requests as I want?

If you are working with a local AMBUCS chapter, be sure to speak with a member about the chapter's capacity. If you are not working with a local chapter and will be placing children on the AmTryke Wish List, AMBUCS asks that you use discretion when submitting requests. For example, if you place many names on the Wish List and these children await sponsorship for several months, it would be good judgment to wait until these wishes are fulfilled before placing more children on the list. AMBUCS realizes that this can sometimes be hard to judge. If you have any questions or concerns please call the Resource Center at (800) 838-1845 to discuss the Wish List!

Is there anything I can do to help our children get an AmTryke more quickly?

The fastest way to get AmTrykes for children at your facility is to start your own Friends chapter of AMBUCS! It is easy to establish and only takes five interested people! Once you become a Friends chapter you will be able to fundraise and offer donors a tax-deduction for their contributions. AMBUCS would be happy to help guide you through starting your own Friends chapter! Contact the Resource Center at (800) 838-1845 or e-mail ambucs@ambucs.org.

Where can I get more information?

The AMBUCS/AmTryke Web site is filled with great information. Check it out at www.ambucs.org. Be sure to look at the AmTryke section for information on the Wish List, Evaluations and AmTryke equipment.

Remember, the AMBUCS Resource Center is here to help you!

**If you have other questions please contact us at
1-800-838-1845 or e-mail at amtryke@ambucs.org.**



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AmTryke® Evaluation Site Application

to be filled out by Facility

Name of Facility _____

Address:

Address 1 _____

Address 2 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Facility Contact Name/Title _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Facility Web site address (if applicable): _____

Type of Facility (pediatric therapy center, hospital, school, etc) _____

Ages of clients: (please circle all that apply)

0-3 yrs

3- 8 yrs

8-14 yrs

14 yrs or older

Average number of clients receiving therapy per week: _____

Is your facility able to assess people who are not current clients of the facility on the AmTryke therapeutic tricycle?
(please be sure to check with your legal department or other authorized department) Yes No

Is your facility able to conduct free assessments for clients? Yes No

Is your facility able to conduct free assessments for individuals who are not current clients of the facility?
Yes No

Is there ample space in your facility for the AmTryke equipment? Yes No

Please tell us more about your facility and the clients you serve. Why do you feel your facility would make a good AmTryke Evaluation Site?

(Facility name) _____ accepts a donation of an AmTryke therapeutic tricycle(s) and accessories to become an AmTryke Evaluation Site. In doing so, the facility agrees with the terms listed in the Evaluation Site program guide.

Print Name

Signature

Date



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