

IDEAS FOR USING APPLIANCES IN MEANINGFUL ROUTINES

ELECTRIC STAPLER

GROUP HOME	DAY PROGRAM
put pictures up	handouts
staple envelopes to send to relatives	newsletters for folks
RECREATION CENTRE CLASSROOM	COMMUNITY
staple handouts or brochures for office	helping in office setting
making booklets for swimming instructions	sending newsletters

TAPE RECORDER

GROUP HOME	DAY PROGRAM
Record important reminders to give to others during the day	read stories with others
listening to music	play background music for any activity
taping messages to give to others	give instructions for a recipe
play books for others	play music in a drama club
VOLUNTEER AT DAY CARE	COMMUNITY
play music during nap time	karaoke
play read-along books on tape	interviews
play songs during sing-along time	
play sound effects during dress-up play	

(Refer to the video clip [MVI_0842.AVI](#) to see a student using a switch and Powerlink to listen to music while also running a massager.)

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MAKE UP MIRROR

GROUP HOME	DAY PROGRAM
personal hygiene	face wash after eating
hairstyling	hairstyling
brushing teeth	drama club to identity feelings
work on speech articulation	do make up at Day Program
RECREATION CENTRE	COMMUNITY
drama club to identity feelings	face painting at Children's Festival
awareness of face	
facial movement	

SPINNER

GROUP HOME	ADULT DAY PROGRAM
choices (dinner, clothes, videos, CD's)	making choices between activity - picking
games	games
TV channels	choosing a game
clock	art
VOLUNTEER AT DAY CARE	COMMUNITY
Playing matching bingo games	swim choices (order)
games such as Twister	bingo
what to do for free time	
Selecting helpers	
giving questions to children	

(Refer to the video clip [MVI_0606.AVI](#) to view a math game with the entire class, using the All-Turn-It Spinner and a switch.)

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HAIR DRYER

GROUP HOME

fingernail polish drying
 soften beeswax for candle making
 dry clothing
 shrink wrapping
 drying hair!
 thaw pipes
 door locks
 wheelchair tires

ADULT DAY PROGRAM

shrink wrapping
 dry artwork
 spray/artwork

VOLUNTEER AT SENIOR'S HOME

running the fan for ventilation
 playing music for seniors
 crafts activities - drying glue and paints
 help dry hair in salon

COMMUNITY

leaf blower
 use at swimming pool
 art lessons/group



A hair dryer (as an alternative to a nail dryer) is also being used to dry nails in this recess activity with a peer.

BLENDER

GROUP HOME	ADULT DAY PROGRAM
lunches/blend	cooking/life skills
fast food drinks (slushies)	mixing ingredients for dog biscuits
drinks for mom's parties	crafts & art - mixing colours
	help to pure foods for those who need it
	making drinks with the blender bowl
SENIOR CENTRE VOLUNTEER	COMMUNITY
crafts - make paper for cards	friends house: making milkshakes
making a snack (e.g., fruit smoothies)	helping at pancake breakfast
helping to pure some foods for folks	

Refer in this website to Cameron making dog biscuits using a blender, in the video: **Transition To Adulthood** at <http://www.pisp.ca>