



Mobility Opportunities Via Education

M.O.V.E. (Mobility Opportunities Via Education) Program was founded by Australian born Linda Bidabe in 1986 when she was a special education teacher for the Kern County Superintendent of Schools office in Bakersfield, USA. She observed that students with severe disabilities often spent all day on beanbags and had no opportunities to move and enjoy a more full and abundant lifestyle in their homes, schools and communities. She created the M.O.V.E. Program to help/teach disabled person who are non-ambulatory, with an aim to improve their motor skills of sitting, transferring, standing and walking, while participating in functional activities. The therapists, teachers and the disabled person all together thus involve in a lifelong teaching and learning process. Since then there are many successful stories and the program spread to Canada, New Zealand, and 23 other countries around the world.

The M.O.V.E. Program is designed to help families, educators and therapists work together toward goals specific to the student's needs. The M.O.V.E. Program uses a task-oriented approach, and incorporates components from the current motor control and motor learning theories. The M.O.V.E. Program may involve using RIFTON equipment such as Pacer Gait Trainer, Dynamic (mobile prone) Stander, Advancement Chair, Rifton Seating System and Arm Anchor.

The M.O.V.E. Program is now available in Australia. There have been around 100 students that have attended MOVE Basic Provider Training in the past two years. More training seminars (including site trainer, international trainer and M.O.V.E. for adult basic provider training) are planned for 2008 and 2009. Please Express your interest by contacting us. A lot of schools and treatment centres have introduced the MOVE Program. We expect soon there will be model sites and accredited trainers appear in Australia.

To understand more about M.O.V.E.,

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