

Transcript

[00:00:10.780 – 00:00:14.470] My name is Anthony Arnold. I live in Santa Tan Valley,

[00:00:14.500 – 00:00:18.950] Arizona with my dad in a house that has been adapted for my power wheelchair.

[00:00:19.870 – 00:00:23.960] It's a peaceful community about 45 minutes outside of Phoenix.

[00:00:25.110 – 00:00:25.990] I enjoy living here.

[00:00:26.770 – 00:00:31.500] It's the first time in my life I feel I'm somewhere where I truly belong.

[00:00:34.500 – 00:00:37.660] I have a lot of interests and I also have two jobs.

[00:00:38.300 – 00:00:42.380] I work for the print OMI company providing tech support for a A C devices,

[00:00:43.000 – 00:00:47.180] and I work for the R E R C on a A c preparing educational materials.

[00:00:47.180 – 00:00:48.340] Like this presentation,

[00:00:49.180 – 00:00:52.720] I use an accent 1,400 to communicate,

[00:00:53.180 – 00:00:56.280] so I bring special skills and knowledge to both of these jobs.

[00:00:59.290 – 00:01:01.980] Getting to where I am now was not always easy.

[00:01:02.950 – 00:01:06.510] I had to learn how to communicate effectively with others and how I could

[00:01:06.510 – 00:01:09.550] combine my talents with my interests to have the career of my dreams.

[00:01:10.860 – 00:01:15.340] I like to believe my transition to adulthood independent living and employment

[00:01:15.340 – 00:01:19.500] started to happen on the day my parents learned of my diagnosis of cerebral

[00:01:19.590 – 00:01:20.423] palsy.

[00:01:21.070 – 00:01:25.450] It is important to start the needed educational and rehabilitation activities at

[00:01:25.490 – 00:01:27.690] a very early age to achieve the outcome you want.

[00:01:28.350 – 00:01:30.570] In this presentation,

[00:01:31.210 – 00:01:35.770] I would like to share my journey and talk about the people activities and

[00:01:36.150 – 00:01:39.130] AAC technology that has contributed to where I am today.