

Module: **Developmentally Appropriate Orientation and Mobility**

Session 1: Foundations of Developmentally Appropriate Orientation and Mobility

Handout M: Determining When a Mobility Device Is Appropriate

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The following questions can be useful in determining when a mobility device is appropriate.

- Does the child walk with good stability and are hands held at waist level or lower?
- Does the child show interest in the device?
- Is the family supportive and accepting of the device?
- Does the child understand cause and effect?
- Can the child maintain grasp of the device without assistance for a significant period of time?
- Does the child's ability to detect obstacles and drop-offs visually indicate the need for a mobility device?
- Does the child spend time regularly in a setting appropriate for use of a device, i.e., settings other than the home—school building, mall, department store, supermarket, church building, etc.?