

HOLIDAY HACKING:

MAKING THE HOLIDAYS MORE ACCESSIBLE
FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



Presented by: T/TAC at Virginia Tech in collaboration with Virginia Tech College of Engineering

DATE AND LOCATION: Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at the T/TAC at Virginia Tech office in Kent Square

TIME: 10:00 am–1:00 pm

TARGET AUDIENCE: Families of children with disabilities and school personnel working with students with disabilities.

COST: All of the needed equipment and materials for adapting the toys will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring an off the shelf toy or a gently used toy from your home or classroom.

INFORMATION: For many children with physical disabilities, playing with off the shelf toys is difficult. Making toys switch accessible does not affect the quality of use or the operation; rather, it allows for alternative access for children to be able to play with toys. This workshop will cover how to modify a battery-operated toy with simple operations and how to create your own DIY accessibility switch. Suggested toys include soft/plush push-button toys, basic remote control toys, and other single function toys that talk, move, or play music. Inexpensive toys are often easier to hack! There will also be a wrapping station available for those toys that will be given as a holiday gift.

REGISTRATION: coming soon

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