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## **Florida Building Commission Research Topic**

### **Accessibility TAC**

#### **Adult Changing Tables**

There are millions of people who are either non-ambulatory or have self-care issues that can't utilize standard accessible restrooms. Due to their needs, they need a Powered Height Adjustable Adult Changing Table. Without this type of facility, they are forced to be changed on a public restroom floor.

Powered height adjustable adult changing tables not only benefit people with disabilities but also benefit the elderly with incontinence issues, people with colostomies or catheters and parents of toddlers. The tables allow for people to be a true part of their communities. The ADA is all about inclusion but until our public restrooms can be accessible for everyone, they aren't being included.

#### **Scope of Research**

- Study, within Florida, the disability characteristics that benefit from access to Adult Changing Tables.
- Establish size and dimensional standards for Adult Changing Tables for use within Family Restrooms.
- Provide layouts for new and renovated Family Restrooms with Adult Changing Tables.
- Review the ability and cost to meet the need by fixed Changing Table construction with and without hoists.
- Review the availability and cost and maintenance of powered adjustable height Changing Tables.
- What Occupancies should provide Adult Changing Tables and how they would benefit?

#### **Outcome of Research**

Develop an understanding of the Florida need for Adult Changing Tables that would assist in future Code and Legislative implantations.

#### **Budget**

\$15,000

For information on Adult Changing Tables visit [www.universalchangingplaces.com](http://www.universalchangingplaces.com)