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BioSketch

David (DJ) Sharp is a Rehab Engineer for the Office of Integrated Health and a Rehab Engineer Consultant for Hiram Davis Medical Center and Central State Hospital. He comes to us with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design from Virginia Tech and has over 16 years' experience as a Rehab Engineer at Southside Virginia Training Center and Hiram Davis Medical Center. His specialties include custom wheelchair seating and mobility, design and fabrication of adaptive equipment, and modification of existing equipment. He is currently working as a member of a team for Mobile Rehab Engineering traveling around the Commonwealth using his skills to assist those in need. DJ says, "The most rewarding aspect of my job is helping others. On one occasion we met with a gentleman who had a new chair but couldn't use it because it was painfully uncomfortable. His supporters tried for months to get help but couldn't find it. We worked with him for 45 minutes, made some adjustments to the seating configuration and he could instantly tell the difference. The wheelchair fit him and was very comfortable. His excitement and gratitude was awesome to experience."



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