

Metamorphosis

Mobile Assessment Unit Design Competition 2012



Autism is complex and completely unique to the individual, as no one has the same exact experience, as the spectrum ranges from the “classic” to the “atypical” and everywhere in between. In the search to better understand the condition that is Autism, researchers try to eliminate distractions and create an environment that focuses the child’s attention to learn some coping skills to deal with the mainstream society that they were born into. Our group has decided to symbolically represent this metamorphosis, with that of a butterfly’s cycle. Like the path of a butterfly’s flight, the path to understanding Autism and its many variations is not a linear one and from an outsider’s point of view, can be confusing and seemingly irrational. On the exterior we have chosen to express the spectrum of Autism with three ribbons that on the right side of the van flow in an organic and almost random manner and as they approach the door on the left side of the van start to straighten and align with each other. These ribbons, still distinct and separated, flow into the van and are carried into the interior space and expressed as seamless bands in the furnishings, wall coverings and lighting elements.

Outdoor Perspectives



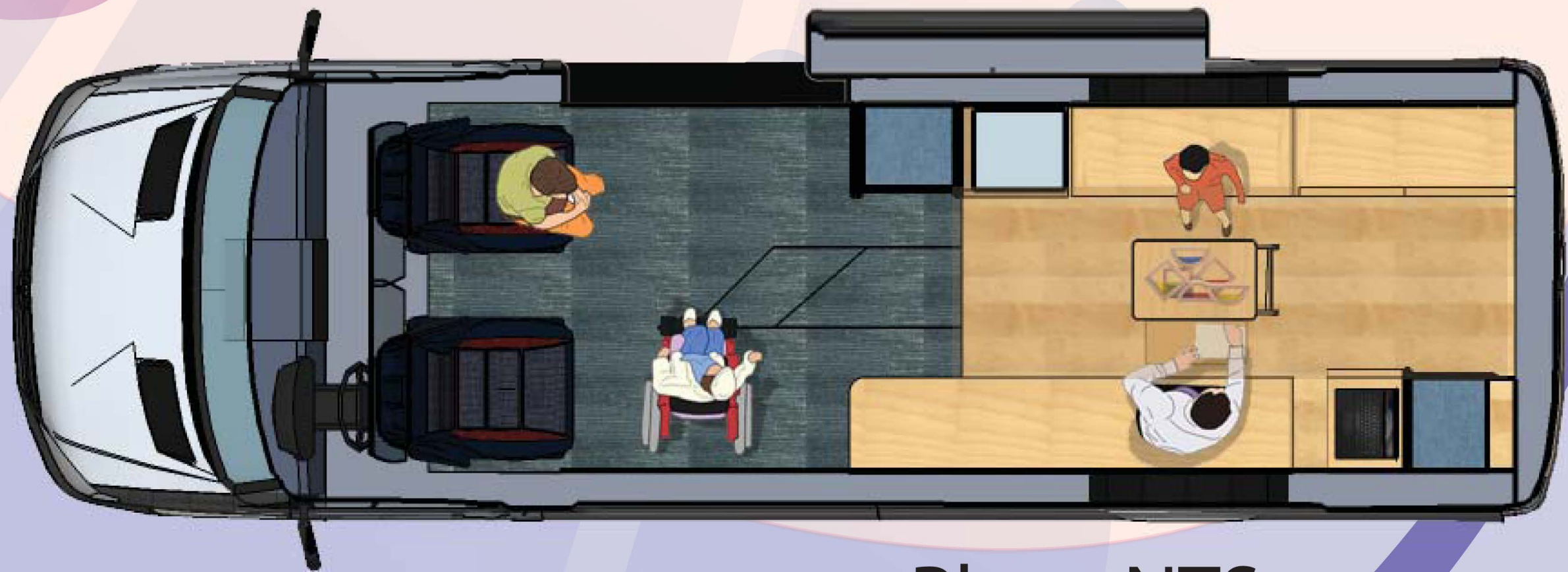


Butterfly





Shade Detail



Plan - NTS

Ribbon





Section B.



Section A.





Section C.



Section D.

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