



# able

SOUTH CAROLINA

independent  
living for all

**2017 - 2018**  
ANNUAL REPORT

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**YEARS** of challenging stereotypes, breaking down barriers, and empowering independence for individuals with disabilities

# We build confidence.

Individuals with disabilities should not be ashamed. We instill confidence and promote independence. We are an organization of people with disabilities and we understand.

## OUR PROGRAMS

\*The programs below are a sampling of what Able South Carolina offers to individuals with disabilities. For more information go to [able-sc.org](http://able-sc.org).

### ➤ Independent Living Program

Working one-on-one with individuals with disabilities to assist them with reaching their independent living goals

#### HOW THIS PROMOTES INDEPENDENCE

Provides tools and knowledge to secure employment, maintain a budget, utilize public transportation, gain accommodations for education, find affordable housing, advocate for parental rights, and more

### ➤ Work Incentives Training

Offering Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) services to individuals with disabilities

#### HOW THIS PROMOTES INDEPENDENCE

Provides beneficiaries with disabilities accurate information about their benefits to make a successful transition to work

### ➤ EQUIP

Encouraging self-advocacy, disability pride, and development of professional skills

#### HOW THIS PROMOTES INDEPENDENCE

Empowers youth with disabilities to advocate for their personal and professional goals, get involved in their community, and raise their expectations of future achievements

### ➤ Steps to Your Health

Educating individuals with disabilities to take control of their health

#### HOW THIS PROMOTES INDEPENDENCE

Teaches individuals with disabilities adaptive exercises, easy healthy recipes, and tips for managing stress in their daily lives

The key is  
**independence.**

### ➤ South Carolina Supported Decision-Making Project

Teaching professionals and families about options to protect the rights of individuals with disabilities while promoting autonomy

#### HOW THIS PROMOTES INDEPENDENCE

Educates on alternatives to guardianship that promote independence, allowing individuals with disabilities the freedom to make their own decisions



People with disabilities should be afforded every opportunity to work. Hire Me SC aims to shift the landscape in South Carolina to one in which employment for every individual, disability or not, is the norm rather than the exception. [www.hiremesc.org](http://www.hiremesc.org).

"I'm proud to have an employer that values my strengths and sees me as an important part of the team. I want every person with a disability to have this opportunity!"

- Karl

We are resourceful  
with our funding.

**90%**

amount of 2018 funding that directly benefitted the programs and services we provide

# 11,342

Services proudly provided to

**3,027** individuals with disabilities

**1,833** Professionals trained in disability-related topics

Hours spent by Able South Carolina with professionals in local communities **3,866**

**26** Counties in South Carolina in which Able South Carolina has performed trainings

## Strides Made in 2018

Total Professionals Trained by Able South Carolina, by Topic (1,833)



## Real Individual. Real Story of Impact.

Meet Angaliece: A mom who almost had her baby taken away, only because she had a disability



Our executive director Kimberly Tissot with Angaliece

Angaliece is a mom with Down Syndrome and a rape survivor. After her child was born — who also had Down Syndrome — a private action was filed to remove her baby from her custody even though she had the proper supports in place. We advocated for Angaliece through the SC Persons with Disabilities Right to Parent Act. We also worked closely with the Department of Social Services and a Guardian Ad Litem within the court system to reach a settlement. Angaliece and her baby are now reunited.

### Breakdown: Sources of Revenue





# How You Can Help Promote Equality and Independence

You can help change perceptions and promote independence for people with disabilities. Will you commit to a more equitable and accessible future?

By supporting Able SC, you help individuals with disabilities to...

- + Transition from nursing facilities and other institutions to less costly, community-based residences with supports
- + Gain independent living skills to promote independence and self-sufficiency
- + Prepare for competitive and integrated employment and assist them with gaining skills to meet employers needs
- + Gain necessary tools, resources, and advocacy to be a successful parent
- + Remain in their respective communities vs. risk institutionalization
- + Receive public education regarding accessibility needs for individuals with disabilities
- + Complete high school and transition successfully to adult life
- + Mentor to bring new ideas and information to facilitate independence and choice at all stages of life

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We work with **everyone.**

We impact change through a collaborative approach with partners on local, state, and national levels.

We want to hear from **you!**

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