

able
SOUTH CAROLINA

720 Gracern Rd. | Suite 106
Columbia, SC 29210

able

SOUTH CAROLINA

Equip. Educate. Advocate.

able-sc.org



720 Gracern Rd. | Suite 106
Columbia, SC 29210
800.681.6805
TTY 803.779.0949

135 Edinbrugh Ct. | Suite 101
Greenville, SC 29607
800.681.7715
TTY 864.235.8798

This brochure is accessible in alternative formats.

Able SC is a disability-led organization seeking transformational changes in systems, communities, and individuals. We practice equity, disability justice and representation, and true inclusion through consumer-driven independence and disability pride. We didn't just learn this.

As people with disabilities, our work doesn't end when we leave the office. Disability is part of who we are. We live this every day.

OUR MISSION

We are an organization of people with disabilities leading the charge to:

- **Equip** people with disabilities with tools to foster pride and to direct their own lives;
- **Educate** the community to challenge stereotypes and eliminate barriers; and
- **Advocate** for access, equity, and inclusion at the individual, local, state, and national level.

OUR VISION

A South Carolina that is a national model of equity and inclusion for all people with disabilities.

INDEPENDENT LIVING

We equip people with disabilities with the tools they need to reach their goals through consumer-driven services. Our services increase their independent living skills, confidence level, and overall adaptability skills. Some services we offer include housing search and advocacy, disability pride, healthy relationships, parenting with a disability, and more!

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

We have a wide range of adaptive equipment available for reuse - equipping people with disabilities with free equipment to try that could enhance independence.

INFORMATION + REFERRAL

We collect and maintain invaluable information on all resources for the communities we serve. We can help individuals and their families connect with the right internal and external resources for almost every need.

TRANSITION TO THE COMMUNITY

We assist people with disabilities to navigate a move from any environment, including institutions, to living where they choose and maintaining their independence in the community.

YOUTH TRANSITION SERVICES

We equip students with disabilities of all ages with the skills need succeed in school, access the support they need, and successfully transition to adult life. We give students the specific skills they need to plan for their future. We help youth transition to employment, offer peer support and social opportunities, educate on leadership and self-advocacy, and help youth and their families explore options like Supported Decision Making.

PEER SUPPORT & MENTORING

Peer Supporters serve as role models, as only someone with personal experience with disabilities can do. They share life experiences one-on-one, in small groups, and do regular monthly peer support meetings for those interested - both on-site and online.

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

We offer a variety of employment programs and initiatives to help people with disabilities achieve their employment goals. Our Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) team works with people who receive social security benefits to help them understand how working may impact their benefits and what work incentives may be available to them. Other employment programs include Hire Me SC, Ticket to Work, SNAP2Work, and SC Disability Employment Coalition.

ABLE ACCESS OUTREACH + TRAINING

We educate the community through a variety of technical assistance and training programs to assist businesses with achieving full equity by including disability and fulfilling their legal obligations under disability rights legislation, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, SC Persons with Disabilities Right to Parent Act,

etc. Fees are on a sliding scale and discounted for nonprofit groups. Able Access includes:

- Architectural Accessibility Assessments
- Digital/Website Accessibility Training and Testing
- Customized Professional Trainings and Keynote Speakers
- Policy and Procedure Review to Ensure Inclusiveness
- Individualized technical assistance

ADVOCACY

We're at the forefront of activism and leadership on any and all issues affecting people with disabilities. We work with local, state, and national leaders to bring about change and create opportunities. We do this on the individual, local, state, and national levels.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

We organize the SC Disability Partners in Disaster Planning Coalition to ensure people with disabilities are being included and receiving equitable services throughout the state in all aspects of emergency planning. We also provide individual services to assist people with disabilities to prepare for emergency disasters, get the resources they need before, during and after emergency disasters.

PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES

We provide advocacy and education to ensure that disability is being represented in all areas of public health. We have established state and national partnerships with public health entities to ensure the needs of the disability community are being included in their programs and services. We also offer direct programs to ensure people with disabilities have access to the information and resources they need to lead healthy and active lives.

