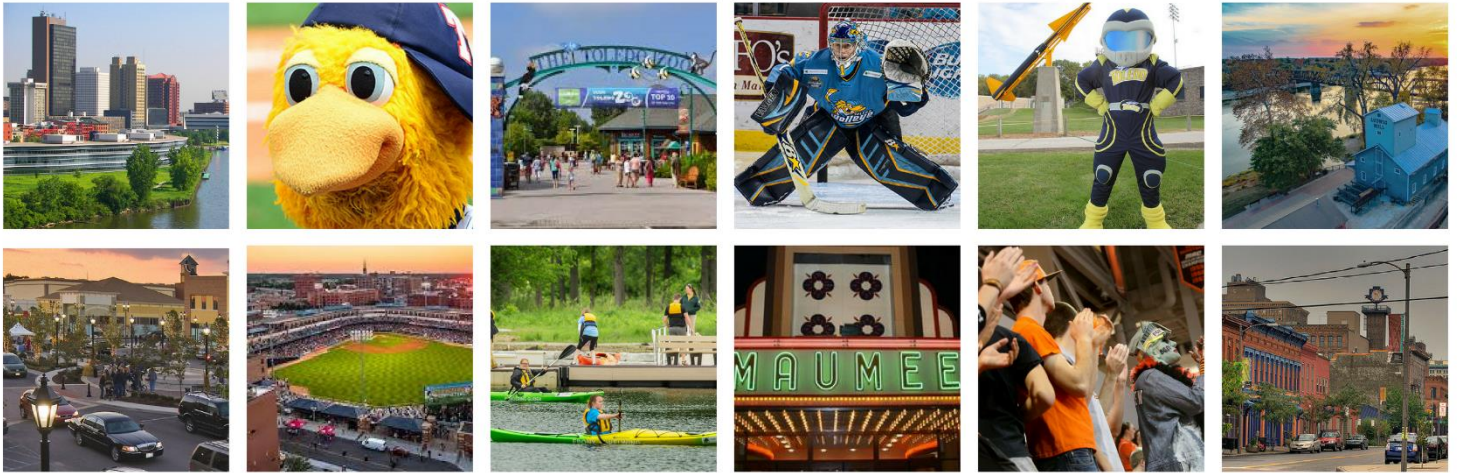




# THE ABILITY CENTER™

MAKING INDEPENDENCE POSSIBLE SINCE 1920



Toledo is quickly becoming the “go-to” city of the Midwest. Nestled along Lake Erie, Toledo is a thriving area for growing families, young entrepreneurs, and those looking for a fresh start in a flourishing city.

You Will Do Better in Toledo – [See](#) why. [VIDEO]

- [Toledo Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Do Toledo](#)
- [City of Toledo](#)

## Disability History in Toledo

The Ability Center prides itself as being the first organization in the area to service individuals living with disabilities in the Toledo area.

The Ability Center began as a Rotarian dream, established in December 1920 as the Toledo Society for Crippled Children. We began raising community funds to build a hospital and rehabilitation facility for children. Our programming has changed with the times, adapting to new technology and societal influences. Our name may have changed, but our commitment to providing consumer-driven services to those living with all types of disabilities has continued through our almost 100-year tradition of service.

Our agency works to create inclusive communities in Toledo and surrounding areas where everyone feels accepted and fully integrated. Our mission is to assist individuals with disabilities to live, work, and socialize within a full accessible community.

Read more about our agency's [history](#).

# A Place to Call Home

Toledo is surrounded by neighborhoods full of rich history and tradition. High performing school districts and close-knit communities can be found at every corner. Toledo is a mid-size city with a big heart and room for more – view the communities in and outside of the Toledo metropolitan area to see which community you could call home.

[Maumee, OH](#)

[Toledo, OH](#)

[Perrysburg, OH](#)

[Waterville, OH](#)

[Sylvania, OH](#)

[Whitehouse, OH](#)



## Make Connections

When arriving to a new city, it is imperative to form an inner circle full of like-minded people. Toledo is full of professional and social organizations that connect individuals with causes in the community or professional development opportunities.

[Toledo Rotary](#)

[Epic Toledo](#)

[Leadership Toledo](#)

[Glass City Young Professionals](#)

[Center for Non-Profit Resources](#)

## The Must Do Zoo

Ranked as one of the best zoos in the nation, the [Toledo Zoo](#) is home to award-winning exhibits, interactive museums, exotic creatures, as well as cultural events throughout the year. With so much to see and do, you will never run out of things to do!

The Toledo Zoo is even transformed into a winter wonderland filled with lights for the Toledo tradition, "Lights Before Christmas."

# Out on the Town

Shops and restaurants are popping up all over the city, including newly developed Hensville in the [Warehouse District](#) space, unique shops at [Fallen Timbers](#) and [Levis Commons](#), and quaint restaurants and stores in downtown Waterville. Score some Toledo swag at Up Town stores, [Jupmode](#) and [Handmade Toledo](#).

[The Renaissance Hotel](#), Toledo's place to see and be seen, is a perfect place to bring out of town guests and family to experience all that Toledo has to offer.

[Docks Downtown](#)

[Up Town](#)

[Downtown Maumee](#)

[Downtown Perrysburg](#)

# Toledo Sports

Toledo is home to the World-Famous [Toledo Mud Hens](#) baseball team with the stadium located in the heart of downtown. Muddy and Muddonna will be sure to welcome you to town with open arms (wings.)

Residents are also treated to family-friendly sports entertainment in the winter from the [Toledo Walleye](#) hockey team playing at The Huntington Center. Each year, The Huntington Center brings in concerts, high production acts, and trade shows to the area.

High school sports are also emphasized in the Toledo area. [BCSN](#) is your eye on local sports; this television network broadcasts high school teams, and interviews up and upcoming athletes. You can catch a replay of your son or daughter's game as you sit around the dinner table.

# Get Outside Yourself

Explore our regions' beautiful scenery and experience nature from each corner of our community. [Metroparks Toledo](#) currently includes fourteen parks, each connecting parks to people and people with nature.

# Just a Road Trip Away

All aboard the Jet Express to [Put In Bay](#), a nearly hour drive from Toledo. Sneak away and start your weekend early at America's roller coast, [Cedar Point](#), only an hour and a half east of Toledo.

Toledo is also just a few exits south of Ann Arbor and Detroit to explore [Pure Michigan](#).

# Jobs for Friends and Family

Once you have made the decision to relocate to the area, bringing friends and family to town is a must to make Toledo your true home. Toledo-based companies such as [The Andersons](#), [ProMedica](#), [Libbey](#) and [Dana](#) own and operate right in here in the Toledo area.

[Why Work in Toledo](#)

# Arts, Music, and Culture

Toledo has small city connections with a big city art scene. The [Toledo Museum of Art](#), one of America's great art museums, reflects decades of art history in the area as well as internationally recognized pieces.

Live music is alive and strong in the area as well.

Step inside the public library and immerse yourself in a good book. View the lists of [Toledo Library](#) in your neck of the woods.

[Toledo Arts Commission](#)

[Toledo Ballet](#)

[Toledo School of the Arts](#)

[Toledo Valentine](#)

[Toledo Symphony](#)

# Education

Hundreds of different programs, majors, and minors – Toledo's educational landscape should meet your academic expectations. The area is filled with public, private, and community colleges with high academic standards and strong athletic programs.

[University of Toledo](#)

The Ability Center collaborated with the University of Toledo to form the first national major in [Disability Studies](#). This innovative program is focused on promoting inclusion, independent living, and community integration.

[University of Findlay](#)

[Lourdes University](#)

[Owens Community College](#)

[Bowling Green State University](#)