



# The Ability Center

## **OUR MISSION:**

The Ability Center advocates, educates, partners, and provides services supporting people with disabilities to thrive within their community.

## **OUR VISION:**

Together we will work to make our region the most disability-friendly community in the nation.

## **OUR CORE VALUES:**

We believe in consumer control and community inclusion:

- People with disabilities serve in leadership positions at The Ability Center.
- We facilitate collaborative efforts between people with and without disabilities to remove barriers to equal opportunity and community inclusion.

### **We believe in advocacy**

- We have a commitment to changing systems, public policies and attitudes that prevent people with disabilities from living, working and socializing in their communities.

### **We believe in delivering best practice programs**

- We strive to provide the highest quality independent living programs and services based upon national independent living standards as well as local consumer needs and satisfaction.

### **We believe in establishing high expectations for success among people with disabilities**

- The Ability Center expects program participants to establish goals and achieve independent living success.
- We work to change attitudes so the general public can raise their expectations of persons with disabilities.

### **We believe in the power of partnerships and positive public relations**

- Local businesses, as well as community organizations and government agencies are important partners as we work to create fully accessible communities.
- We assist individuals with disabilities and their families to tell their stories in an effort to increase awareness and remove barriers in the community.