



NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE ACT

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The ABLE National Resource Center (ANRC) is a collaborative that brings together the investment, support and resources of some of the country's largest and most influential national disability organizations in an effort to accelerate the design and availability of ABLE accounts to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities and their families. Managed by National Disability Institute (NDI), the Center's goal is to provide consistent, reliable information concerning the benefits of an ABLE account. In addition, the Center aims to educate individuals with disabilities and their families, state government and legislatures, and financial service companies, including financial planners and attorneys who focus on trust and estate planning, about ABLE's potential impact on quality of life experience.

The ABLE National Resource Center provides:

- Educational materials
- Training and technical assistance activities
- Research on ABLE account use and operation of state established ABLE savings programs
- Side by side comparisons of different state programs (future website feature)
- Nationwide dissemination networks
- Analysis of ABLE-related public policy and legislation

FIVE AREAS OF COLLECTIVE IMPACT

The ABLE National Resource Center targets five areas of collective impact:

First, to serve as a facilitator between the disability sector, government, and financial service companies, in an effort to accelerate the design and availability of ABLE accounts to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities and their families.

Second, to educate the disability community about the opportunities available through the establishment of ABLE accounts to allow an individual with a disability to save and plan for a better economic future, and to support individuals with disabilities in making better informed decisions.

Third, to educate and inform financial service companies about the needs and interests of the disability community concerning ABLE account product choices, advise on product

development, marketing and outreach strategies, and to assist in providing consumer feedback on relevant products and services.

Fourth, to educate all levels of government about consumer needs for achieving a better life experience, the management of accounts, and the relationship of ABLE accounts to other public benefits and services.

Fifth, to educate the public and other relevant stakeholders about the positive impact of ABLE accounts on an individual and systems level through the development and dissemination of relevant materials.

NDI, along with our collaborating organizations, is working with multiple federal agencies to help identify issues for further guidance in the regulatory development process and with states to help establish ABLE account programs. The ANRC website, which serves as a clearinghouse for information and a hub for education, training and technical assistance activities, can be found at www.ablenrc.org.

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