



MISSION VISION & VALUES

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE:

The Ability Center of Greater Toledo is a *Center for Independent Living* providing advocacy, independent living skills training, information & referral, community living and peer support services. The Ability Center actively seeks partnerships with community organizations and supports individuals with disabilities and their families to achieve our vision.

OUR VISION:

We believe in and support equitable and inclusive communities for people living with disabilities.

OUR MISSION:

To assist people with disabilities to live, work and socialize within a fully accessible community.

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 are committed 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 on national independent living standards as well as local consumer needs and satisfaction.

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

- ✦ Program participants are expected to establish goals and achieve independent living success.
- ✦ We work to change attitudes so the general public can raise their expectations of persons living with disabilities.

We believe in the power of partnerships and positive public relations

- ✦ Businesses, community organizations and government agencies are important partners as we work to create fully accessible communities.
- ✦ We assist individuals and families to tell their stories to the community as a technique to increase awareness and remove barriers.

✦ **The Ability Center of Greater Toledo**

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