



Fact Sheet

About AbilityFirst

AbilityFirst is a leading nonprofit organization providing programs and services to children and adults with physical and developmental disabilities including autism, cerebral palsy and Down syndrome. Established in 1926 as the Crippled Children's Society of Southern California, our mission is to help individuals with disabilities realize their full potential throughout their lives.

In 1999, the organization adopted the name AbilityFirst to better reflect our mission, our vision, and our commitment to celebrating the unique abilities of every individual.

AbilityFirst Centers and Programs

With 24 facilities throughout Southern California, including community and work centers, AbilityFirst offers a broad range of programs for children with disabilities, as well as employment, recreational and socialization programs for adults, and an accessible camp for children and adults.

Business Services

AbilityFirst's Business Services division meets many corporate needs including secure document shredding, sorting, packaging, assembly, and mailing. Our Work Centers provide gainful employment to adults with developmental disabilities.

Employment Services

AbilityFirst's Employment Services provides opportunities for individuals with disabilities to learn job skills, and find gainful employment, either at one of our three AbilityFirst Work Centers, or directly with a company.

Accessible Housing

AbilityFirst is a leader in building and operating accessible residential facilities for individuals with physical and developmental disabilities. Our housing program includes 10 apartment complexes, a "family-style" adult residential facility, and a residential home for seniors.

Funding

Most AbilityFirst programs qualify for funding through the state-supported Regional Centers. A nonprofit organization, we also rely heavily on the generous support of hundreds of donors who share our vision.

For more information: www.abilityfirst.org