Mission, Vision and Values

MISSION:
AbilityFirst provides programs and services to help children and adults with physical and developmental disabilities realize their full potential throughout their lives.

VISION:
At AbilityFirst, our vision is of a society that values each individual and provides the opportunity for all people to lead full and productive lives.

VALUES: TRUST  BELONGING  PERSONAL BEST

Locations

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
789 North Fair Oaks Ave
Pasadena, CA 91103

COMMUNITY CENTERS
CLAREMONT CENTER
480 South Indian Hill Boulevard
Claremont, CA 91711
(909) 621.4727
CCL# 19150798

EAST LOS ANGELES CENTER
154 North Gage Avenue
Los Angeles, CA, 90063
(323) 268.8178
CCL # 191871195

GLENDALE CENTER
College View School
1700 East Mountain Street
Glendale, CA 91207
(818) 548.4677
CCL# 198018595

JOAN AND HARRY A. MIER CENTER
8090 Crenshaw Boulevard
Inglewood, CA, 90305
(323) 753.3101
CCL# 191610509, 197400546

LAWRENCE L. FRANK CENTER
201 South Kinneloa Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91107
(626) 440.9090
CCL# 191220419

LONG BEACH CENTER
3770 East Willow Street
Long Beach, CA 90815
(562) 426.6161
CCL# 191600097, 191600444

CAMP PAIVIKA
Camp Paivika
P.O. Box 3367
Crestline, CA 92325
Camp Location:
600 Playground Drive
Crestline, CA 92322
(909) 338.1102

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Serving Greater Los Angeles, Long Beach and Pasadena
C/O Career Transition Center
3447 Atlantic Avenue, 3rd Floor
Long Beach, CA 90807
(562) 570.3667
789 North Fair Oaks Ave
Pasadena, CA 91103

MANUFACTURING
789 North Fair Oaks Ave
Pasadena, CA 91103

HOUSING
CROWN HOUSE
3055 East Del Mar Boulevard
Pasadena, CA 91107
(626) 240.9090
CCL# 191220419

SIERRA ROSE
3053 ½ East Del Mar Boulevard
Pasadena, CA 91107
(626) 578.0118
CCL# 197603944

Looking Beyond Disabilities
Focusing On Capabilities
Expanding Possibilities

PROGRAMS
AbilityFirst provides a variety of programs designed to help people with disabilities achieve their personal best throughout their lives. Our person-centered programs are grounded in individual choice, autonomy, and community participation. They empower individuals with autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and other intellectual/developmental disabilities to discover what is important to them in their lives, and to develop the skills that are important for them to achieve their goals.

ABILITYFIRST AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMS

AbilityFirst after school and summer programs provide a nurturing environment for school-age youth who have developmental disabilities. Our well-trained and caring staff provides opportunities for new experiences that encourage socialization, exploration, and choice. Participants enjoy an enriching program that also provides needed personal care (including feeding, changing, transferring, etc.) while supporting personal growth and discovery.

Locations: Claremont, East Los Angeles, Glendale, Inglewood, Long Beach, and Pasadena

COLLEGE TO CAREER PROGRAM

Offered in partnership with Pasadena City College, AbilityFirst College to Career fosters independence and self-advocacy through a supported academic or career-focused education program. The multi-year program incorporates a self-discovery and community exploration component to empower students to identify and develop a plan to achieve their academic and career goals. Students receive individualized educational and life skills support.

Location: Throughout Los Angeles County

DISCOVERABILITY PROGRAM

The DiscoverAbility program offers focus and direction for an individual’s job search. Opportunities for exploration and self-discovery may include job shadowing, interest assessment, and internship opportunities, leading to expanded community engagement and informed choice. DiscoverAbility is a time-limited program.

Location: Throughout Los Angeles County

EXPLOREABILITY PROGRAM: ADULT DAY AND COMMUNITY INTEGRATION PROGRAMS

The goals of the ExploreAbility program are to help adults explore and identify what is important to them, to develop the skills necessary to achieve their goals, and to be involved in their communities through volunteering and community activities. Individual support and small-group activities promote interaction and learning.

Locations: Inglewood, Long Beach, and Pasadena

MANUFACTURING

The AbilityFirst Manufacturing program services a wide variety of assembly needs, specializing in a wide range of materials and component parts from wood, aluminum, plastic, metal, corrugated and many more.

Location: Pasadena

POSSABILITY PROGRAM

A community integrated program that supports adults with disabilities reach their goals related to independence, personal interests, socialization, and/or employment. Each individual’s needs and interests are supported to help enhance their independence while exploring their local communities to build both professional and social relationships.

Location: Throughout Los Angeles County

SOCIAL RECREATION PROGRAMS

Social Recreation programs encompass a variety of interests while offering a fun atmosphere for adults. Activities include typical weekend activities such as parties and dances, going out to dinner and a show, gardening, swimming, and preparing to participate in the AbilityFirst Stroll & Roll.

Locations: Claremont, Inglewood, Long Beach and Pasadena

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

The AbilityFirst Supported Employment program provides adults with disabilities the level of support they need to find and retain employment in competitive job markets in their communities.

Location: Throughout Los Angeles County

CAMP PAIVIKA

One of the first fully-accessible camps in the United States, Camp Paivika offers overnight summer programs for children and adults with disabilities. These programs provide a traditional camp experience with nurturing support and an emphasis on fun. Camp Paivika, located in the beautiful San Bernardino National Forest, also offers event and retreat rentals January through May.

Serving: Serving Southern California

COMMUNITY AQUATICS

Open to the community, the aquatics program offers warm water exercise classes, ideal for promoting joint flexibility, range of motion, muscle tone; group and private swim lessons, as well as open swim times for the entire community.

Locations: Claremont, Inglewood and Long Beach

ACCESSIBLE HOUSING

AbilityFirst operates residential facilities in Pasadena for adults with developmental disabilities. Each facility features spacious shared and private rooms, kitchen, and large outdoor areas for gardening and recreational activities. Community outings and activities foster independence and inclusion.

Location: Pasadena