



Transition Services Spring 2022

A Walkthrough of Offerings by AccessAbility for Students in Transition in
Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester, Williamsburg and Orangeburg Counties
Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic

OUR MISSION

AccessAbility Offers Individual and group life skills coaching programs for people with disabilities...

Where others see limitations...
We see potential.

Where others feel pity...
We explore capability.

Where others describe special need...
We explore opportunities for greater independence.

Where others focus on differences...
We focus on our common humanity.

OUR CORE SERVICES



INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Valuable community resources and guidance are provided by our helpful training team members



PEER MENTORING SERVICES

Focused on the attainment of the highest level of independent living



TRANSITION

Educational workshops, Divergence (ramp program), Nursing Home move to community-base



INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS TRAINING

Goal oriented, one on one training geared toward skills that promote independent living



ADVOCACY TRAINING

Individual and Systems



ADDITIONAL SERVICES



BUILDING ME WORKSHOP SERIES

Training programs with disabilities to fully develop skills and disabilities that will maximize their individual level of independence



USED DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT



ADA ASSESSMENT

Retail, hospitality and business spaces



SENSITIVITY AND AWARENESS TRAININGS



CareerBOOST Expansion Workshop Series

- ▶ A series of 1 hour workshops held live virtually or in the classroom.
- ▶ Hosted by team of facilitators including our Lead, Jason Torres covering topics such as:
 - ▶ SELF ADVOCACY
 - ▶ WORK READINESS
 - ▶ CAREER EXPLORATION
 - ▶ PRE EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES (PRE ETS)
 - ▶ - “DOORWAYS TO YOUR FUTURE” APP
 - ▶ WORKBASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



Peer Support / One-On-One

Peer Mentoring:

- Identifying obtainable short term goals in preparation for long-term success
- Persevering towards achievement
- Building goals for independent living skills

Post Secondary Counseling:

- Aiding students in building post secondary portfolios
- Teaching students to self-identify academic and functional needs / strengths
- Explore interests and preferences
- Discuss post secondary options



In School Work-based Learning Program

- ▶ The AbilityThrift onsite program provides students with disabilities opportunity to experience and learn transferrable skills for high demand job markets
- ▶ Built around the second hand marketplace, We utilize donations provided by the school and community to process and place for sale on a digital marketplace.
- ▶ This program serves 10-15 participants per session and is scheduled based on the school needs.
- ▶ Contact Veneka Jasper - CareerBOOST Program Manager

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AbilityThrift



LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE TEAM - LIT

▶ PROGRAM MISSION

- ▶ Activating leadership & life skills training through diverse programming and community based content, lead by a team comprised of young adults with disabilities

▶ BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM

- ▶ The Leadership Initiative team was born 4 years ago in an effort to provide services and peer mentoring to young adults in transition. With leadership as a teaching platform, AccessAbility focused of providing practical life skills and social activities for the program's Membership.
- ▶ The Program membership is strong and continues to be an impactful resource for our community.



LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE TEAM - LIT

TOPICS OF FOCUS

- ▶ Self Advocacy
- ▶ Leadership skills
- ▶ Appropriate behavior in the workplace
- ▶ Building lasting friendships with others who have similar perspectives in their lives
- ▶ Empowerment
- ▶ Communication Skills
- ▶ And lets not forget... **HAVING FUN!!**



THE ADVOCATORS - Comic Book Project

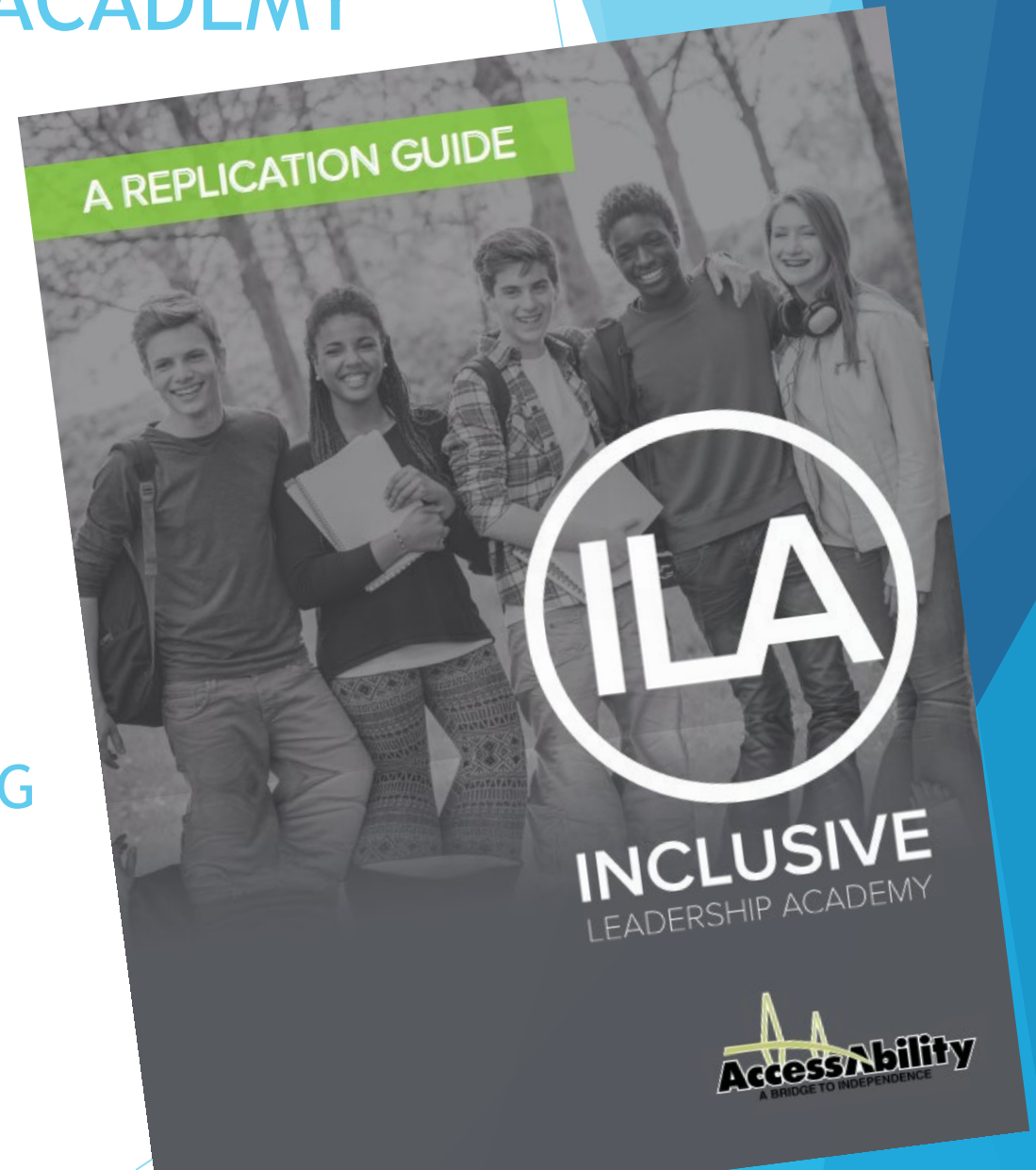


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MATERIALS AND INFO!

ILA - INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

- ▶ 16 LESSON CURRICULUM FOCUSED ON LIFE SKILLS IN THE REALM OF LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK
- ▶ FACILITATOR IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE (VIDEO SERIES)
- ▶ “ILA THE PODCAST” 12 EPISODE FOLLOWALONG SERIES HOSTED BY OUR STUDENT LEADERS
- ▶ FOLLOWALONG WORKSHEETS AND QUIZES

ALL THIS CAN BE FOUND WWW.ABILITYSC.ORG



INDEPENDENT LIVING & PEER MENTORING SERVICES

- ▶ Peer Mentoring Service - Professionals with disabilities working with people with disabilities to promote independence through life skills training, goal setting and mentorship.
- ▶ This is one of the 5 core services AccessAbility Provides. Goal oriented planning is the central strategy for successful mentoring.
- ▶ Transitioning Students can benefit from this free, ongoing service in and after high school as a continued support outside of other partnering services in the community. This service is essential when a student is lacking services due to unforeseen circumstances or qualifying factors. Goal setting to engage and attain services is strategic part of our planning if they are desired by the student.
- ▶ One on One 45 min meetings are setup up by the student in a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly ongoing orientation depending on his or her goals.

INDEPENDENT LIVING & PEER MENTORING SERVICES

Many students do not have an opportunity to receive services once they have finished school. Accessibility is able to provide Peer Mentoring and Independent Living Services before, during and after transition .

A few examples of skills we can work on:

- ▶ -Budgeting and Financial Literacy
- ▶ -Learners Permit/License Training and Car Maintenance
- ▶ -Interview Prep, resume writing and assistance with applications

Through Peer Mentoring we can help the students learn to advocate for themselves as well as empowering themselves and others.

REACH OUT TO US!

- ▶ LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE TEAM AND ILS SERVICES
 - ▶ Liz Blume - EBLUME@ABILITYSC.ORG
- ▶ CAREERBOOST EXPANSION WORKSHOP SERIES
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