



*access*Abilities, Inc.

strengthening independent lives

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Our Vision

Empowering people with unique abilities to live life to its fullest.

Our Mission

To strengthen independent lives by providing individual and family directed services that:

- Develop strong foundations that lead to life-long self sufficiency;
- Create opportunities for people with disabilities to reach their full potential;
- Build communities where all are respected and welcomed to participate.

At *access*Abilities...



**It's about possibilities...
not disabilities.**

Developing Foundations

A young child's life is often measured by a series of firsts, such as their first smile, their first words, and their first steps. But sometimes children need a little extra help to reach those childhood milestones.

The **First Steps Early Intervention Program** at *accessAbilities* can provide children with the support and therapies they need to create a solid foundation for early learning. The team of licensed, highly skilled professionals work with children from the time they are born until they turn three.

Our therapists will work with the child's family to develop an individualized family service plan based upon the family's priorities. First Step Therapies may include:

- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech, Vision, and Hearing Therapies
- Special Instruction which includes Problem Solving and/or Social Skill Development
- Nutrition Therapy
- Nursing, Psychology, or Social Work.

Additional strategies may include infant massage, therapeutic listening techniques, sensory integration, or positive behavioral support plans for children with challenging behaviors.



Kids Klub is a unique opportunity for children ages 18 to 36 months and their families to learn social skills. It's a structured weekly play group that provides opportunities for education, socialization, and family support, led by a knowledgeable early education teacher.



Children who have a developmental delay also may be eligible for services provided by a registered or licensed nurse through the **Elks Home Service Nurses**. This partnership with the Pennsylvania Elks Major Projects includes supports such as advocacy, referrals, liaison services between health care providers, and emotional support to the family.



Creating Opportunities

Empowering People

At *accessAbilities*, we focus on the consumer. We believe that everyone is unique and has unique needs, so we work with consumers and their families to develop individualized service plans.

We offer a host of home- and community-based programs to fit the individual's needs. For adults, these programs include:

- Personal Care and Assistance
- Housekeeping, Laundry, and Food Preparation
- Independent Living/Community Integration Skills
- Home Modifications
- Assistive Technology
- Respite Care
- Homemaker Services for Seniors

The services that we offer facilitate independent living. Among these services are personal care and assistance, including help with daily activities such as bathing, dressing, grooming, eating, and non-medical health care. In addition, individuals can receive specialized therapies, such as physical, occupational, and speech therapy.

accessAbilities will also help consumers to learn basic skills necessary to live independently and to make them feel more comfortable in the community. These skills may include socialization and decision-making skills, basic banking and budgeting, meal preparation, and health and grooming tips.

The Indiana Home Support Program provides assistance to eligible seniors in Indiana County who are age 60 or older. These services can include laundry, house cleaning, or grocery shopping.

As part of our efforts to empower individuals, *accessAbilities* offers consumers two different models of service so that they can select the model that works best for their situation.

Consumers can choose agency-directed services and *accessAbilities* manages their staff and services.

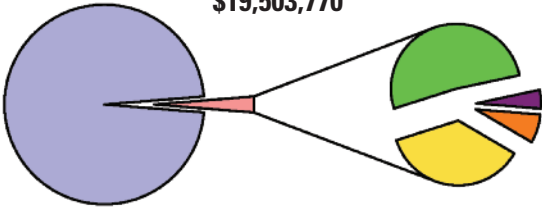
Or if a consumer prefers, we offer a consumer-employer model that enables consumers to serve as the employer. We coach consumers on how to hire and supervise their staff, make them aware of trainings that we offer, and take care of all of the details involved with payroll and taxes.



Building Communities

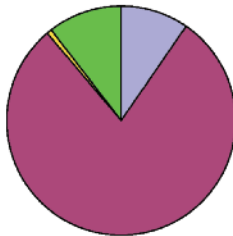
Financial Summary 2007–2008

Total Revenues \$19,503,770



Government Contracts	\$19,050,682
Program Service Fees	\$35,700
Grants and Community Support	\$183,075
Other Miscellaneous Income	\$257,425
Net Assets Added to Restrictions	-\$23,112

Total Expenses \$19,104,970



Services for Children	\$1,835,885
Services for Adults	\$15,132,163
Information, Referral, Support, and Advocacy Services	\$136,868
Fundraising and Administrative Expenses	\$2,000,054

Total Net Assets



Total Net Assets at Beginning of the Year	\$2,894,086
Unrestricted	\$2,864,229
Temporarily Restricted	\$29,857
Total Net Assets at End of the Year	\$3,315,998
Unrestricted	\$3,263,029
Temporarily Restricted	\$52,969

accessAbilities Foundation, Inc.
Aging Services, Inc.
Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging
Armstrong County Community Foundation
Armstrong/Indiana Intermediate Unit
Baierl Family of Dealerships
Boyd M. and Sarah Ann Swank Trust
Department of Public Welfare
DSF Charitable Foundation
FISA Foundation
Gregory Gundrum
Joseph David Cup
Margaret M. Patton Foundation
Margaret Tartal
Medical Assistance
Mental Health/Mental Retardation of
Armstrong/Indiana and Westmoreland Counties
McCullough Machine Company, Inc.
Tri-County Workforce Investment Bureau
United Way of Armstrong County
United Way of Indiana County
United Way of Westmoreland County
Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging
Westmoreland Intermediate Unit
Westmoreland Now & Forever Fund of
The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County

**We also thank all other individuals and businesses
for their generous contributions.**

**Funding Sources, Grantors, and
Major Donors**

Community Served

Early Intervention Services

County	Number of Children
Armstrong County	94
Indiana County	114
Westmoreland County	319

Elks Home Service Nurse Program

County	Number of Children & Adults
Armstrong County	71
Indiana County	92
Westmoreland County	188

Kids Klub Program

County	Number of Children
Armstrong County	37
Westmoreland County	52

Adult Services Program

Program Description	Number of Consumers
Adult Services (Three Counties)	699
Indiana Home Support (Indiana County only)	158



**STANDARDS FOR
EXCELLENCE**

accessAbilities is proud to be one of the first agencies in the state to receive the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations, or PANO, Seal of Excellence. This PANO certification is only earned by organizations that meet the highest benchmarks in organizational excellence, ethics, and accountability.

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Locations

Westmoreland County Offices

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*access*Abilities is a United Way partner agency
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