



## FREE, EASY TO ACCESS SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Posting jobs and searching resumes on AbilityLinks.org is **free**
- AbilityLinks.org is **fully accessible** and easy for everyone to use
- Web site **users can save** their favorite jobs, resumes, training programs and searches to "My AbilityLinks"
- Joining the AbilityLinks Consortium is **free**
- Businesses say that AbilityLinks is an **easy way to find qualified job seekers** with disabilities
- AbilityLinks empowers job seekers to **interact directly with employers**
- Staffing Agencies and Service Providers report that AbilityLinks helps them **find new customers** and place them in jobs
- Members of the disability and business communities say AbilityLinks events are terrific **learning and networking opportunities**
- Employers and job seekers say AbilityLinks Information Specialists help them **fill openings and find jobs**
- AbilityLinks.org has **up-to-date tools** for career development, job accommodations, independent living, disability benefits and finding a job training program or mentoring opportunity.

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## JOB SEEKERS

# AbilityLinks<sup>SM</sup>

**Dynamic Networking** Designed to **Connect You with Employers** that **Embrace Diversity**



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## ABILITYLINKS.ORG: CONNECTING YOU TO EMPLOYERS THAT EMBRACE DIVERSITY

Having a disability can make finding a job difficult, even when you have the necessary skills and qualifications and are ready to work. AbilityLinks.org is an easy to use job opportunity website that can help by connecting you to employers **that embrace diversity** and welcome qualified candidates with disabilities.

AbilityLinks will help you learn about effective job search strategies and put you and your skills out in front of employers that view disability as part of diversity. This leading group of employers is ready to capitalize on your strengths, understand your individual differences and **see your abilities.**

AbilityLinks helps connect you to employment opportunities through its newly designed, upgraded award winning website that makes it easier to post a resume, search job opportunities, obtain personalized support, network, and access **innovative educational programming.**



## LOG ON TO WWW.ABILITYLINKS.ORG



The center piece of the AbilityLinks Consortium is the AbilityLinks.org website which provides a **single point of contact** for employers, job seekers, service providers and employed persons with disabilities.

- **Job seekers** post resumes and search jobs
- **Employers** post jobs and search resumes
- **Job Training Programs** and **Staffing Agencies** list their services in an online directory
- **Employed Persons** with disabilities **share success stories**, network with each other and mentor job seekers
- Via **live text chat** and telephone, AbilityLinks Information Specialists support employers and job seekers that use AbilityLinks.org. AbilityLinks also presents **top-level educational programs and networking events** that empower employers to embrace disability as diversity and teach individuals effective job search strategies.

## ABILITYLINKS SUCCESS STORY

Jordan accepted a temporary job at Paychex Inc., a leading payroll, human resources and benefits outsourcing company. The task of compiling W-2 information was tedious, so during her free time at home and during breaks, Jordan devised a spreadsheet program that simplified and sped up the process. Her supervisor was impressed and asked if she was looking for a full-time position.

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*Customer Service Supervisor*

Within weeks, she was hired as a client-service representative and was sent to the company’s headquarters in Rochester, N.Y., for two weeks of specialized training. AbilityLinks made it easy for Paychex

and Jordan to find each other. The company contacted Jordan after seeing her resume on the award winning website and speaking to an AbilityLinks Information Specialist about her qualifications. “From the time Jordan started, I couldn’t have done without her,” says Cathy, her customer services department supervisor.

This story might be considered just another example of a successful temp-to-permanent hire were it not for the fact that Jordan was diagnosed with a brain tumor four and one-half years ago. It changed the way she looked and moved but not her ability to work.

Jordan recalls that when an AbilityLinks Information Specialist told her about the temporary position, she was warned the work was not glamorous, but it would provide her with potentially valuable networking opportunities. “She was right,” says Jordan, “I just didn’t think [getting hired] would be that quick.”

AbilityLinks job seekers like Jordan are unique individuals with a range of disabilities that can affect movement, hearing, speech, vision, learning or mental health. Their skills, talents, education and qualifications range from entry level to administrative, technical, professional, managerial and executive. If this sounds like you, log on to [www.AbilityLinks.org](http://www.AbilityLinks.org) and **post your resume today!**