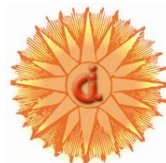


About the Center for Independent Living in Central Florida

For over 30 years, the Center for Independent Living in Central Florida, in partnership with the community, has promoted personal rights and responsibilities among people with all disabilities and continues to eliminate architectural, communication, and attitudinal barriers by providing education, resources, and training to enhance self-determination through informed choice.

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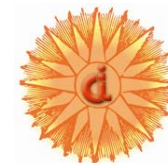


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A lot of people have ideas, but there are few who decide to do something about them now. Not tomorrow. Not next week. But today. The true entrepreneur is a doer, not a dreamer.
- Nolan Bushnell, founder of Atari and Chuck E. Cheese's

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The mission of the Central Florida Disability Chamber is to provide information and education on business creation and growth, specifically designed for the needs of people with disabilities.

Many people with disabilities are interested in the opportunities for income and independence that starting their own business offers. According to the U.S. Census 12% of people with disabilities are interested in self-employment opportunities compared to 8% of people without a disability.

Owning and operating a successful business can be a very satisfying way to earn a living and, at the same time, become financially self-reliant. But before starting, one should take careful measure of some of the factors that can nurture success and minimize failure. People who are successful at operating businesses of their own normally will score high marks on the following attributes:



- Possessing a strong desire to be self-reliant;
- enjoying and gaining satisfaction from operating the business;
- focusing on a specialized service or product that fills an ongoing need;
- possessing previous hands-on experience in the business;
- possessing a basic knowledge of accounting and cash flow control.

There are some important advantages in starting a business on a part-time basis. During the early and uncertain phase of start-up, your existing income can continue to provide support. Perhaps family members, already a built-in organization structure, can help you start the business.

Whatever your reason for wanting to start your own business, the CFDC wants to provide information and assistance to help you succeed.

Some of the **CFDC Seminars** will cover topics such as....

- Explore if a home-based business is right for you.
- Where to find business start-up funding specifically for people with disabilities
- How the SSAs "Ticket to Work" program can help you keep benefits during your business start-up period.
- Learn how to network your way to success by talking to other successful business owners with disabilities.
- Learn how to define the market for your product or service
- Learn the importance of a Business Plan and how to write one.
- And more!

Take advantage of our business case studies, white papers, and other educational resources specifically written for the entrepreneur with disabilities. These publications are chocked full of proven small business start-up facts, tips, and methods.

Do you already have a business?

How would you like to tap into a billion dollar market of consumers for your product or service?

According to a study by Arlington, VA-based Solutions Marketing Group (SMG), people with disabilities in the U.S. have an aggregate income that now exceeds \$1 trillion and boasts \$220 billion in discretionary spending power.

Let the CFDC show you how to best serve this specialized market. Knowing a few important facts about people with disabilities can help open up this market to your business and create a whole new group of loyal, repeat customers.

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