

Compassion

We strive to provide services with compassion, dignity and respect. Our compassionate, empathetic staff have the knowledge and experience to help people with disabilities manage benefits successfully for short and long-term goals. Our staff receives continuous financial management training, SSA regulations guidelines, and disability sensitivity training to ensure we provide a comfortable, inviting environment for everyone.



Commitment

In existence since 1989, The Ability Center is a reputable nonprofit organization. We pride ourselves on providing quality life-changing, professional services to people with disabilities.

The Ability Center

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Representative Payee Services

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***Improving the Quality of Life of
Persons with Disabilities by
empowering them with the
attitudes, skills, knowledge, and
practices to live independently in
Society.***

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Organizational Payee Defined

Representative Payee Services, for a small fee determined by SSA, will manage benefits by paying living expenses from a month's budget with benefits from Social Security, Supplemental Security, or social security disability income. Services include 3 steps:

1. **Determining Need:** if you have a disability, an illness and (or) an addiction that are making it difficult to manage your money, you may qualify for services.
2. **Assessing Finances:** TAC will review and monitor finances to develop a plan to meet basic needs and pay bills on time.
3. **Setting Financial Goals:** Together, we will develop short and long-term financial goals.

Organizational Representative Responsibilities

The Ability Center (TAC) is licensed and bonded to provide Payee Services. Our responsibilities include but are not limited to: managing, documenting, and reporting use of funds as payee. In accord with SSA and best practices, we will gather all necessary information and legal documentation necessary to meet the needs of our Consumers. With TAC, Consumer will receive the following:

- Individualized help with budgeting and money management.
- Custom Spending Plan with **reliable** distribution of funds.
- Professional Record-Keeping
- Bill-paying services and other administrative tasks.
- Specialized access to social service resources that can assist with food, shelter, clothing, utilities, medication, and more.

Benefits of Organization Payee Services

- Meet basic needs and avoid homelessness, malnutrition, and other risks associated with disability.
- Provide an alternative way for a loving family to manage a relative's care.
- Encourage Consumer Participation in budgeting and managing bills for a greater sense of empowerment.
- Receive Management services by trained, knowledgeable, professional staff who safeguard information and services.
- Avoid extra fees and life threatening situations by making payments directly and timely to companies and landlords.

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