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Abilities Venti, Inc.



A 501(c)3 organization made up of people with developmental disabilities who make a difference.

Participating in the community
Working together
Educating
Advocating



Mission Statement

The mission of Abilities Venti is to advocate for people with developmental disabilities (DD), provide community inclusion activities, opportunities for employment, and educate the community, people with DD and their families.

Who we are

In 2006, our group of six people with developmental disabilities and our advisors started work to become a not-for-profit organization. We became a 501 (c)3 in January of 2008.

We have presented two voter registrations for people with disabilities and two fundraisers; a garage sale and Macy's Shop for a Cause. We spoke with our legislators about issues concerning people with disabilities.

Abilities Venti is a member of a state-wide organization of self-advocates. Two board members serve on the Board of the Broward Family Care Council (A partnership of families in the local community and Agency for Persons with Disabilities.) AV works with other local clubs of people with disabilities.

Advocacy

With the economy on the downswing, Florida legislators have made deep budget cuts to the funding for people with disabilities. The state no longer

provides enough funding to protect our most vulnerable citizens. Abilities Venti has advocated by writing emails, going to Tallahassee to speak with legislators and visiting them in their home offices.

Education

Abilities Venti presents workshops and trainings at conferences and meetings. Topics include "Tools for Creating you own Self-Advocacy Group" and "Advantages of Including People with Disabilities in the Community." AV presents trainings on how to use the voting machines along with voter registration.

Employment

Abilities Venti provides opportunities for employment through volunteering, networking, presenting workshops, and by being more visible in the community.

Community Inclusion

Abilities Venti is a strong advocate of inclusion. Board meetings are held in public venues, making use of coffee houses, restaurants, and libraries. Membership activities will include movies plays, concerts, museums, sporting events, and dances.

Sponsors

Our sponsors include Labyrinth Café, Pembroke Pines Theater Of Performing Arts, Crispers and R&R Inclusion. A special thanks to Ellen Bukstel of Design Workshop for creating our logo.

