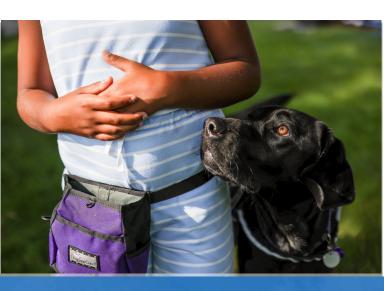# The Ability Center

Empowering Independence with Assistance Dogs

At The Ability Center, our expertly trained service, skilled companion, and school facility dogs provide life-changing support for individuals with and without disabilities. Whether it's picking up dropped items, offering balance support, or providing comfort and companionship, each dog is specially trained to meet the unique needs of their handler. From enhancing daily independence to fostering a sense of community in schools, our dogs are here to help you live life to the fullest.

Are you ready to start your journey to greater independence?

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SERVICE DOGS help people with disabilities live more independently, both at home and in public. Each dog is specifically trained to perform tasks that cater to the unique needs of their handler, ensuring they can provide the most effective support possible.

These tasks include activating access buttons and switches, carrying items, opening doors, cupboards, and refrigerators, and picking up dropped objects. Service dogs also provide balance support while walking, retrieve phones, and assist with tugging off clothing, making daily activities more manageable for their handlers.

SKILLED COMPANION DOGS provide emotional support and companionship for children and adults with developmental disabilities. These specially trained dogs help meet therapeutic goals such as improving speech, coordination, and social skills.

Beyond their role in therapeutic settings, skilled companion dogs offer a sense of security, reduce feelings of isolation, and promote confidence in their handlers. They can assist with daily routines, foster emotional well-being, and even help individuals build stronger connections with family and friends. By offering non-judgmental support and unconditional love, these dogs make a profound difference in the lives of those they serve, encouraging greater independence and personal growth.