

A ACCESSING SERVICES

To make referrals to Ability Alliance of West Alabama, please contact the Call Center of the Alabama Department of Mental Health, Division of Intellectual Disabilities at 1-800-361-4491. If the referral is an emergency, you may also call the intake coordinator at Ability Alliance, for help. The number is 205-333-1577, ext. 206.

If an individual is only interested in transportation services through *Together We Ride* program, please call the Together We Ride Coordinator at Ability Alliance, 205-333-1577, ext. 213.

How can you make a difference?

Donations are tax-deductible and volunteer efforts may also be used by Ability Alliance to fund emergency and other supports and services to participants if needed.

If you would like to make a difference through a donation or by volunteering please contact us.

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Promoting full inclusion of individuals with intellectual disabilities in Bibb, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa Counties of West Alabama

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History

In the early 1990s, there was an effort by advocates for individuals with intellectual disabilities to improve services in our communities. The Alabama Department of Mental Health authorized by Act 310, formed public, not-for-profit organizations state wide to improve community-based services to individuals with intellectual disabilities. By 1994, AAWA began operations as the Tuscaloosa Mental Retardation Authority and was charged with the responsibilities of planning, coordination and monitoring of community-based services. AAWA expanded their provision of services to include Bibb and Pickens counties by 2003. The agency's name changed to Ability Alliance of West Alabama in 2004 to better reflect our mission, ideals and focus.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to positively affect the quality of life for persons with intellectual disabilities by helping to ensure that appropriate and quality services are available and accessible throughout their life-span.

Services

- Single Point of Entry into the Alabama Department of Mental Health's Division of Intellectual Disabilities.
- Assessment and evaluation for eligibility determination and placement on the State's Waiting List for services from the Intellectual Disabilities Division and Medicaid Home and Community Based services.
- Case Management and follow along services once approved and enrolled for services.
- Personal care services that are directed by individuals and families
- Supported employment services through the Ability Works program for Bibb and Pickens counties.
- Transportation services for employment purposes through the Together We Ride program which is a ride-on-demand service. Stipends are also available for eligible participants for transportation services to and from a job.