



Arc of Tuscaloosa, PESE Program

Palk Enterprises Supported Employment (PESE) Program is a place to can contact for help with finding a job, job coaching and supports for working. ADRS can tell you when you need to contact PESE for services.

**Contact: PESE, 711 17th Street, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
Phone: 205-758-1875**



Easter Seals of West Alabama

Easter Seals provides transportation & employment supports for people with disabilities who need it to work or for work-related activities in Tuscaloosa County only.

**Contact: Easter Seals of West Alabama
1110 Edward Hillard Drive
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
Phone: 205-722-1004**



Indian Rivers Mental Health Center (IRMHC)

This agency provides supported employment services to people with mental illness and intellectual disabilities..

**Contact: Indian Rivers Mental Health Center
3701 Loop Road East, Bldg. 39 (VA Medical Ctr.)
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
Phone: 205-562-3700**



Tuscaloosa Career Center

This is an employment agency that provides career services, job help and work placement supports.

**Contact: Tuscaloosa Career Center
202 Skyland Drive
Tuscaloosa, AL 35405
Phone: 205-758-7591**



Tuscaloosa One Place

This is a family resource center that provides four-week career development classes

**Contact: Tuscaloosa One Place
867 Redmond Drive
Tuscaloosa, AL 35405
Phone: 205-462-1000**

Employment Guide of Supports and Services Available in Pickens and Bibb Counties



Guide offered by Ability Alliance of West Alabama, the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services and Vista/AmeriCorps



Inside Employment Guide

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- * Listing of agencies and programs that provide employment supports and services

*For more information, contact:
Ability Alliance of West Alabama at 205-333-1577*

Employment Guide Services and Supports

The purpose of this guide is to provide you with information about the agencies in your area that can help you as you look for a job. Some of the employment supports and services that may be available to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities in Tuscaloosa, Bibb and Pickens counties include:

- help identifying skills, interests, and abilities for job matching
- help creating career goals
- help preparing a resume
- help preparing for a job interview
- planning for transportation
- referrals for counseling about how working will effect Social Security benefits/checks
- a job coach who will help match you with a job and provide one-on-one assistance to help you understand the job duties and expectations

The Importance of Employment

- People First of Alabama

People First of Alabama is an organization that promotes self-advocacy of people with developmental disabilities. We help our members learn to speak up for themselves, to learn about their rights and responsibilities and how to make choices about their own lives. People First of Alabama believe that people with disabilities have a right to choose jobs they want, with support if needed. We also believe that people with disabilities should be paid fair wages and receive benefits for the work we do. We should be treated with respect and equality. We want opportunities for advancement, careers, and self employment.



The following is a listing of agencies and programs that may be able to assist you with employment supports and services. All agencies will tell you how to apply if you meet their rules of eligibility for services.



Ability Alliance of West Alabama (AAWA)

AAWA offers Ability Works, a program promoting employment in Bibb and Pickens Counties. AAWA also determines Medicaid Waiver eligibility for the AL Dept. of Mental Health. Medicaid waiver services also includes workplace supports.

Contact: Ability Alliance of West Alabama

1002 McFarland Boulevard, Ste. K

Northport, AL 35473

Phone: 205-333-1577



Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services is an agency you can contact if you need help for disability services for employment.

Contact: Vocational Rehabilitation Services

1305 37th Street East

Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

Phone: 205-554-1300



Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program (ADAP)

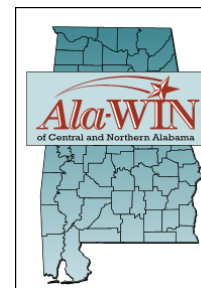
ADAP provides legally-based advocacy services to you to protect, promote and expand your rights.

Contact: ADAP, at The University of Alabama

Box 870395

Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

Phone: 205-348-4928



Ala-WIN

Ala-WIN is a work services program for people with developmental disabilities. They can help provide answers about health insurance, work benefits, and Social Security

Contact: Ala-WIN, 202 Skyland Boulevard, Tuscaloosa, AL
Tuscaloosa/Pickens Counties Phone: 1-866-259-1745

Bibb County

Phone: 1-888-803-0118