



A mentoring initiative to promote employment of people with disabilities.

MentorAbility -Protégé Information

MentorAbility is a project that helps employers, people with disabilities and service provider organizations to improve employment inclusion across Canada. MentorAbility is about a Canada wide network of employment service providers and employers working together to create opportunities for people with disabilities to meet employer-mentors and learn more about the kinds of careers they're interested in. MentorAbility also helps employers to learn how to include people with disabilities in the workplace.

MentorAbility matches employer-mentors to a person with a disability – also called a Protégé – who wants to learn more about that employer's workplace or career. The MentorAbility experience is arranged by an employment service provider and is intended to be a 1 hour to 3 day long experience – depending on what works best for the employer and the protégé.

MentorAbility is a learning experience for Protégés and Mentors. It can help you learn more about jobs you are interested in but it is not a job.

MentorAbility Goals:

-Assist unemployed Canadians with disabilities to become employed utilizing MentorAbility as a way to explore different kinds of jobs.

-Recognize and celebrate mentoring success stories as part of the national effort to promote the employment and full citizenship of Canadians with disabilities. There are five partners in every MentorAbility Canada program:

1. The Employer Mentor
2. The Protégé (job seeker – you)
3. A Local Service Provider in each participating community
4. Provincial Coordinator and Trainer
5. National Team - Coordinator, Marketer, Trainer

MentorAbility Steps

1. Fill out a MentorAbility 'Protégé Sign-up Form and give it to your service provider
2. Talk to a service provider about your interests and career goals as well as any support or workplace accommodations you might need
3. Prepare for the MentorAbility experience – what questions will you ask?
4. Wait for the service provider to try to arrange a MentorAbility experience
5. Go to a MentorAbility experience with support from the service provider
6. Meet an employer-mentor, learn lots and have fun!

MentorAbility is a Canadian Association for Supported Employment (CASE) project, funded by the government of Canada. To learn more about MentorAbility: <https://www.supportedemployment.ca/mentorability/>

For more information:

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PROTÉGÉ SIGN-UP FORM

Protégé Information

Name

Email Address

Address

Phone number

Name of MentorAbility Local Coordinator (Service Provider)

[] Needs Employer Match [] Has Employer Match: _____
Name of business

1st Business Choice: _____ Position or area of interest within business: _____

2nd Business Choice: _____ Position or area of interest within business: _____

Statement of Participation

As a Protégé participating in the MentorAbility project I agree and confirm that:

- I am either a student and/or a job seeker who is genuinely interested in obtaining employment in my community.
- I have completed and submitted the consent for media and/or photography release form.
- I will identify and provide any required accommodations required for me to participate in this program.

Accommodations required: _____

Signature of Protégé

Date

Document Submission



Please submit form to:

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Media and/or Photography Release Form

I, _____, authorize and give my permission to the Local Coordinator Organization - _____, and agents to use, edit, publish or display, in print or electronically, photos, videos and/or news stories of me taken during and/or for the MentorAbility project.

I agree that the photos/videos will become the property of the Local Coordinator Organization and may be published in educational, public awareness and fundraising materials that promote the work of the organization and/or the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities.

I agree not to hold _____ and its employees and agents responsible for any possible liability resulting from the use of the photographs or videos of me. I hereby release my Local Coordinator Organization, and its employees and agents from any claims in connection with the use of these photographs, videos and/or news stories.

Name (please print) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Witness Name (print) _____ Date _____

Witness Signature _____ Date _____

Return to:

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